

The Mudflap

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

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Meet **Tony Miller**, one of our newer members.

You've no doubt seen him driving his Model T Ford to just about every event we have. No

matter what the weather, no matter how far, no matter how thick the traffic, that little Model T scoots right along with the best of them.

As Tony describes his love of old cars, especially the Model T -

A gallon of Gas, a Pint of Oil,
A bundle of wires they call a coil,
A sheet of tin, a piece of board-
Nail 'em together--
You've got a Ford!

A poem from my grandfather's 1915 High School annual.

I was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington. My Grandfather was a major influence in my early years.

He was born in Chicago Illinois in 1896 and worked as an electrical engineer. I spent many hours talking with him about his life in the old days. The first automobile he remembered seeing was a 1903 Cadillac.



TRAACA Calendar

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

November

16 - Square Car Tour, meet at Centerville Turnpike Kroger Parking lot at 11 AM
(see page 5)

21 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting and Silent Auction, 6 PM (RSVP required), Holiday Inn Convention Center, Virginia Beach

December

8 - Holiday Party, (RSVP required), Princess Anne Country Club, Virginia Beach

When I was about 10 years old he showed me a picture of his Model T Ford, a 1918 Touring car. The photo was taken in 1921 or 22.

My Grandmother also told me of her harrowing experience with a Model T. When she was in high school in Overton, Nebraska in about 1924, her parents let her drive the family car to school, picking up other farm kids along the way. One day the car began to smoke and shudder, she shouted Jump! They all jumped out as the car rolled into the ditch and burst into flames. That was such a traumatic experience for my grandma that she never drove another car for the rest of her life.

Some time in the 1980s I was riding home with my folks and spotted a ratty looking Model T pulling into a corner gas station, driven by an older man and I guessed it was his granddaughter... That was the first time I saw a Model T running in the wild.

Growing up in Washington you typically spend plenty of leisure time on the waters of Puget Sound or up in the mountains, I did both.

On one of our many summer boating trips up to the San Juan Islands, we stopped at an island called Sucia Island. While hiking around the trails I spotted a big hunk of concrete with something rusty sticking out of the side. It was an old engine block with FORD USA cast into the side... An early Model T block. I only wished I had a hammer and chisel to break it out and take it home even though it was obviously useless as an engine.

In early 2001 My brother came rushing home to tell me a friend of his knew a guy who had two Model Ts for sale, and we should go look.

We went over and found a 1925 and 1926 roadster. The 25 looked slightly familiar, they had both belonged to the seller's father. We bought them both for \$3000. The seller's daughter was a Notary, so he called her over to notarize our bill of sale right there. When I saw her I knew I recognized the car because she was the little girl I saw riding with her grandfather years earlier.

People ask if I "Got the girl" when I mention that story... Nope, I'd rather just have the Model T, it's been more dependable or at least predictable.

The '25 was in basically complete but pretty worn-out condition when I got it. No upholstery or top and very little paint, but the looks were secondary. The first thing I replaced on it were the kingpins and bushings. I soon had the engine out and with some help from my T Club friends it was rebuilt with new babbitt, re-ground crank and cam, aluminum .030 over pistons, adjustable lifters and an aluminum timing gear. I soon found my rear axle was also falling apart and since there are lots of hills in Washington I searched for a Ruckstall axle to replace it. I soon found a worn but good one from another club member for \$600. I put several hundred more in parts into that including a ring gear and pinion, modern pinion bearing, roller thrust washer, and floating safety hubs. Now I had an old car I could take anywhere and not worry about it falling apart on me.

At some point I put an upholstery and top kit into it. Just in the last few years I finally got around to fixing some of the outside looks with some body work and paint... the part I hate doing the most. I prefer anything involving making parts on my lathe or mill like pins, bushings, threads and other machine parts.

One funny story: At the last meeting of the local Albemarle Model T Club, I had a feeling something fishy was coming. They decided to make me the President of the club. I've never considered myself club president material but driving my Model T about 50 miles to the meeting sealed the deal, I was crazy er -ah dedicated enough to the Model T hobby. Only thing is I think it jinxed me, I had never gotten a ticket for anything while driving my Model T till that day when I was heading home and missed a sign for No Left Turn at a construction site, and the Blue lights came on...

Other projects:

This past week I finished up rebuilding a rear axle for one of the Albemarle Model T Club members.

I'm continuing to work on my 1948 Diamond T 201. A Diamond T truck is another vehicle I've wanted for maybe longer than the Model T. The 201 is a nice heavy but not too huge truck to find. This one was another sort of serendipitous find as I had also seen this truck several years ago and found it again when the owner put it up for sale.

I found two antique boat motors about 6 months ago. One is a United States Motors. Corp. Model OK-1 and uses a Model T Ford Piston and connecting rod. The other is a Lockwood-Ash Model 68, 8Hp. I made contact with a Lockwood Ash expert online and he has new aluminum piston blanks and other parts.

I also added another piece of old Iron to the Model T garage machine shop. A Garvin No.13 horizontal mill 1890s- 1910 vintage - another flat belt thing to drive.

Editor -We're looking forward to seeing that Diamond T on the road soon and are glad to have Tony along for the ride setting the pace with one of the oldest cars attending our events. Get them out and roll!

Ramblings from the President



Yikes! It is almost November, time for fall foliage, fewer car activities, and preparations for a new year.

The Chili Cook-off was a successful and truly enjoyable event this year. Special thanks to Tammy Park, her helpers, and all those members who cooked for us. Thank you and everyone who attended.

As it happened on the 26th, late in the month, I have to take care of business first. The nominating committee for 2025 delivered their proposed slate at the September meeting. Since then, changes have been made. Chris Ciccone has stepped up and accepted a nomination for Treasurer and Rick Seaman, whom the nominating committee considered, has accepted a nomination for board member at large. Please see the article on the final slate for the November election elsewhere in this Mud Flap or in the Mud Speck. (editor: see page 4)

Back to my ramblings, have you been out foliage peeking? Or taken an antique automobile out for a drive for the day? Special pictures of these events could be shared in the next publication. Please send them to Terry Bond, terryaaca@cox.net, or Bob Stein, posti@aol.com. That only hints at the possibility of writing an article for all members to enjoy.

Maybe you did not take a trip recently, but you are planning. Is it the silent auction, November 21st? We each need to find an item or two that might interest other members or at least create space for something new.

Or the annual AACA convention in Charlotte in April? If you have not attended this event, I highly recommend it. The Embassy Suites for this event is a very nice hotel.

Or there is always a national meet or tour, maybe even Hershey next year. Speaking of very nice hotels, I had two stays away from home, in October, one AACA and one not, that both were curiously at hotels of lower stature. Both under renovation, but we have each been there.

I am taking a break now to make reservations for next year.

See you at an event soon.

Bill Treadwell, President

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From Your Editors' Keyboards

Terry and Susan Bond

So much to do – so little time! This has been our moto recently. Or, as the sign on our refrigerator says – “Out of town October.”

The trip to Hershey was wonderful and it was great to see so many club members there. If you stopped by our spaces and found us not there, we were out shopping, attending some meetings, or treasure hunting. Susan worked part of the time at the AACA Library sale. Her cousin Ed joined us again and bought a car! Read more about it all in this issue.

Thanks to all for the positive comments on the Mudflap! We even heard from long-distance West-Coast members John and Marie Gancel. Thanks, and we miss you!

We're going to be featuring club members in each issue and that includes new members, too. We have a lot of catching up to do as that's not been done in a while but, thanks to Bob and Dot Parrish, we should have a steady stream of stories. Don't be surprised if you get a call for one about YOU!

No sooner did we return from Hershey and it was time to pack for our annual MG Club Fall Tour to Havre de Grace, Maryland. The next several days took us to historic sites, great restaurants, and even a limestone quarry! It was a great adventure and a gentle reminder that fall is approaching faster than a GTO at the drag-strip! We saw beautiful fall colors starting to emerge, and felt Autumn's chill in the mornings.

Have you gone somewhere neat with your antique car? Send us a few lines and share the fun with others. Who knows, you might have company with you next trip.

Sorry but we'll have to miss the Square Car Tour this time, but we have an experienced reporter ready to tell everyone what fun they missed.

Reminder – Susan and I volunteered to publish a few issues while the search takes place for a regular Editor or team of Editors. We're having fun with this as we always have, but it needs to

be on a regular schedule, so if you are interested and able, please give us a call – even if you would just enjoy helping in some way, you can join the Mudflap team.

Meantime – as Willie says, “were on the road again.”



Tidewater Region Election for 2025

The Nominating Committee presented their slate at the September meeting. Since then, changes have happened. The Treasurer's position will become vacant in January. Chris Ciccone has accepted a nomination for that office. That created a vacancy for member-at-large, which has been filled by Rick Seaman, a member considered by the committee.

The election will be part of the November dinner meeting on November 21st. The slate of officers proposed for election is:

President	Bill Treadwell (2 nd year)
Vice President	Harry Park (2 nd year)
Secretary	Nick Smith (2 nd year)
Treasurer	Chris Ciccone
Member	Hilary Pavlidis (2 nd year)
Member	Bill Coburn (2 nd year)
Member	Mike Haag
Member	Rick Seaman

Per our by-laws, elections will be conducted by acclamation if there are no challenging candidates.

TRAACA MEMBER'S PAGE

Members celebrating birthdays in November

Paul Atkinson
Bill Blair
Terry Bond
Harry Boone
Scott Davies
Thad Doumar
Lisa Dudley
Charlie Edwards
Paul Fuqua
John Heimerl
Pat Locke
Scott Miller
Harry Park
Michelle Parker
Linda Pellerin
Barbara Stansbury
Mark Strang
Andrew Sturiolo
Jason Sturiolo
Laurel Swenson

Members celebrating anniversaries in November

Lesley & Mary Ann Chapman
John & Mary Beth Clark
David & Faye Curl
Dewey & Maxine Milligan



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 re-requested date and let him know how many people will be coming. (There is no need to respond if you are not coming.) Skip will reply to you once he adds you to his attendance list. **It is critical that you respond** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. If you are not receiving Skip's e-mails or want to be taken off the list, please contact him at skippatnode@cox.net or (757) 672-8495.

Square Car Tour

Our annual Square Car Tour will be held Saturday, November 16th, leaving from the Mt. Pleasant/Centerville Turnpike Kroger parking lot at 11 AM. This year's event covers different territory, with long stretches of Centerville Turnpike and Route 17. We'll stop about halfway during the 55-mile journey at the Dismal Swamp Rest Area in North Carolina for a leg stretch and bathroom break, then come back down Ballahack Road for another stop at the Jackson Grays Memorial on St. Brides Road. There, Bob Parrish will provide a brief background of the Confederate Grays, of which he has an ancestor (A.O. Lee) who was a member. We'll head back to the Kroger parking lot from there, with lunch planned for 1 PM at Little Italy Restaurant. No RSVP required, just show up. Written instructions will be provided, or you can just follow along! Top speed will be set by the oldest vehicle participating, and we only have a few stoplights to contend with. Hope to see you there!



Chili COOKOFF

Aubrey Austin
Junior Editor



Pictured are the winners of the chili cookoff. 1st Place went to Jordan Park, 2nd Place went to Courtney Park, and 3rd Place went to Carroll Williford.

The chili cookoff took place on October 26, 2024 at Khedive Shrine Center, and approximately 60 people showed up. It was an amazing event that the car club held for us. There was a lot of great and yummy food! Thank you for the people that brought food and came to this event.



TRAACA Annual Chili Cookoff

October 26, 2024

Bob Stein

Beautiful weather and a new location marked this year's Chili Cookoff, an annual event that brings out some of our best chefs and some really nice cars as well.



This year's activity was held outdoors at the Khedive Shrine Center's outdoor picnic area at 645 Woodlake Drive in Chesapeake, and featured 9 different examples of chili to sample, as well as hot dogs provided by Dan Ciccone, and many side dishes and desserts.



Antique vehicles on hand included Paul and Cori Fuqua's 1932 Chevrolet Independence AE coupe, Alfonso and Patrizia Ludovici's 1949 Mercury, Dan and Chris Ciccone's 1950 Ford Custom convertible, Harry and Tammy Park's 1953 Ford Customline sedan, Bob Stein's 1956



Ford Thunderbird, Boyd Swartz's 1957 Volvo P544 sedan, Bob and Dot Parrish's 1958 Chevrolet Impala coupe, Hilary Pavlidis' 1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7, Skip Patnode's 1967 Alfa Ro-



meo Duetto convertible, Wayne and Carol Milligan's 1968 Ford LTD sedan, Bill and Linda Treadwell's 1969 Chevrolet Camaro convertible, Scott Davies and Holly Forester's 1969 MGB-GT, Riley Best's 1971 Plymouth Satellite hardtop, Nick Smith's 1976 Thunderbird, Joe and Genny Formato's 1985 Avanti, Joe and Charline Geib's 1986 Chevrolet El Camino, Dalton and Carroll Williford's 1987 Buick Grand National, and Fred Cole's 1988 Toyota Supra.



With 56 members and guests on hand to sample food and admire cars, the afternoon was busy. President Bill Treadwell announced the slate of officers for next year, and approval was given for the club to pursue a dinner meeting contract with the current Holiday Inn Convention Center in Virginia Beach.





Since some of Harry and Tammy Park's kids had brought chili, Travis and Kimberly Berry tallied the votes, which turned out to be a good thing! Top honors went to Jordan Park, second place was awarded to Courtney Park, and Carroll Williford received Third Place. Many thanks to all who set up and managed this great activity!



Winners!





SPECIAL HERSHEY REPORT

Terry Bond

It's always fun to see first time visitors at Hershey. This year, David and Valerie Dillahunt made the journey and volunteered to provide some thoughts and impressions. Although they were a little tired by end of the week, I saw nothing but smiles and wide-open eyes as they experienced the thrill of the hunt there. I know it's on their calendar for next year too. Once you go, you're hooked!



Terry Bond, Valerie and David Dillahunt at Hershey



Hershey Memories - 2024



Hershey!

by Valerie Dillahunt

As I stepped onto the sprawling grounds of the Hershey Park flea market on that crisp October morning in 2024, I couldn't help but feel a mix of excitement and trepidation. My husband, David, was practically bouncing with anticipation, his eyes gleaming like a child on Christmas morning. On the other hand, I felt slightly out of my element among the sea of car enthusiasts.

The sheer size of the event was overwhelming. Rows upon rows of vendors stretched as far as the eye could see, their tents and tables laden with various car parts, memorabilia, and antiques¹. The air buzzed with the chatter of thousands of visitors, all eager to find their next treasure.

A World of Automotive Wonder

As we began our journey through the flea market, I was struck by the passion that radiated from every corner. Vendors proudly displayed gleaming chrome bumpers, vintage steering wheels, and an array of parts I couldn't even identify. David's eyes lit up at each booth, and he eagerly explained the significance of various items to me. "Look at this, honey!" he exclaimed, holding up what appeared to be an old box. "This is for a 1964 Chevy Corvair. Can you believe someone just had this lying around?" I smiled, appreciating his enthusiasm even if I didn't fully understand the technical details. As we continued our walk, I found myself drawn to the vintage signs and memorabilia. The colorful neon signs and retro advertisements transported me to a bygone era of American automotive history.

Unexpected Discoveries

To my surprise, I began to enjoy the hunt for unique items. We stumbled upon a booth selling vintage road maps from all 50 states. The weathered, faded colors told stories of road trips and adventures from decades past. I found myself imagining the journeys these maps had witnessed.

As the day wore on, my feet began to ache from walking in the parking lots, but the energy of the event kept us going. We took a break to enjoy some classic fair food—hot dogs were declared "good Hershey Park Hot Dogs." The simple pleasure of sharing a meal amidst the bustling crowd brought a smile to my face.

Connecting Through Shared Experiences

What struck me most was the sense of community that permeated the event. Everywhere I looked, people were engaged in animated conversations about cars, swapping stories, and sharing their knowledge. Even as a non-car person, I felt welcomed by the friendly atmosphere.

I watched as David struck up conversations with fellow enthusiasts, his face alight with joy as he discussed the finer points of engine restoration. In those moments, I saw a side of my husband that I rarely got to witness in our day-to-day lives. His passion was infectious, and I found myself becoming more interested in the stories behind the objects we encountered.

A Day to Remember

As the sun began to set, casting a golden glow over the flea market, we made our way back to the parking lot. Our wagon was full of small parts and a vintage manual he'd been searching for while I had picked up some beautiful old medicine bottles that would look perfect in our kitchen.

The Hershey flea market had surprised me. What I thought would be a day of simply humoring my husband's hobby had turned into a rich experience of history, community, and shared discovery. I realized that the true value of the day wasn't in the items we purchased, but in the time we spent together, learning and growing as a couple.



HERSHEY MEMORIES – 2024

Terry Bond

Random, disorganized thoughts float through my head when trying to describe what a tremendous event Hershey 2024 turned out to be. Everything about it was simply amazing. It was just what many of us die-hard Hershey veterans were looking forward to – since the last day of last year's event. Yes, many of us mark time by the world's largest antique auto swap meet and display of original and authentically restored vehicles. So – rather than trying to describe the indescribable, and attempting to organizing those “random thoughts” here they are –

Did you enjoy the beautiful sunny days there? Did you deeply inhale the crisp autumn air? Like me, I hope you got the chance to squeeze another day (or more) out of your short pants and T-shirts before packing them away for the winter!

Did you see all that “treasure” on display there? Never before have I seen such great stuff! Parts, pieces and things were everywhere. If you can't find it at Hershey, it's not to be found! Yes, my wallet is empty, but man, did we ever find some cool stuff! Susan brought home a wonderful haul of MG stuff this year too. My spark plug collection grew considerably.

Did you see Reggie Nash driving his 1910 Rambler around in the flea market? How about those young guys who drove a 1915 Peerless touring car down from Canada, just to run it around in the flea market and later, drive it on the infamous Hershey Hangover Tour hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club! They even paused to repair the clutch while crowds gathered around them in the flea market. Thank goodness the flea market provided the necessary parts for them. Where else but Hershey!

Did you see those THREE beautiful Oldsmobile Limiteds in the car show? Only at Hershey! I also counted a couple of Mercer raceabouts and at least two Stutz Bearcats.. At the other end of the spectrum was the oldest VW in this country – a 1944, freshly restored.

The crowd was so thick it was almost impossible to get a good photo of that Tucker in the show Friday.

Did anyone count the Tidewater Region members there? I managed to get photos of a few who stopped by to visit at our spaces, I know there were others there, too, as I saw them at the Friday morning Judges breakfast.

More old friends were there than ever before it seemed. New TRAACA members Roger Gwinn and Gene Turck were there over by the Red Field. You could smell the burgers cooking from all over but my time was spread thin so I didn't have a chance to sit and enjoy time with them.

I could go on but another ten pages would be required. Instead, squint and try to focus on the the random photos included. There are proud moments and happy faces there, including two members receiving judging awards – Susan (175) and Sharon Mercer (25). Don't miss 2025!

WELCOME HOME!

Terry Bond

Welcome home to **Ken Packard!** He popped in to visit at my spaces at Hershey and we had a great time catching up. He is now back in this area on shore-duty so we should see him once again at some of our events. As you may recall, Ken was a co-editor for our Mudflap before being handed the steering wheel (or whatever it's called) of a submarine. Just before he departed for sea-duty he came to our house for a Model T driving lesson. Glad you're home again Ken.



Memory Lane at the York County VA Vintage Market

2 November 2024

As crowds of shoppers entered the Annual York County Vintage Market at the McReynolds Athletic Complex they strolled through Memory Lane, with 13 Vintage automobiles, ranging from late 1920s and 1930s Ford Model A s, post World War 2 cars, a VW Beetle Convertible and Muscle cars. Many memories, stories and smiles were shared with the owners of the cars from the Classic Cruisers Car Club, Yorktown, The Historic Virginia Peninsula Region AACA, and the Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club .

On a beautiful fall day folks patronized almost 60 local vendors and artists who are selling everything from crafts, repurposed items, clothing, toys, collectibles, and wood art. Great Food Trucks and a musician were on site. Special thanks to Greg Smith HVPR for coordinating parking assignments with Village Events and York County Department of Economic and Tourism Development.

News from across the Bridge



Other Local and National Events

November

7-10 ODMA Fall Tour, Ashland VA. For details see <https://odma.aaca.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/ODMA-Fall-2024.pdf>

22-24—Coastal Virginia Automobile Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center

National AACA 2025 Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

6-8, AACA Annual Convention, Charlotte NC, hotel reservations open at <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/aacaannualconvention/>

APRIL

3-5, Southeastern Spring National, Charlotte NC

MAY

1-3, Western Spring National/Grand National, Tucson AZ

JUNE

1-7, Vintage Tour, SE PA

JULY

2-5, Central Spring National, Auburn IN
24-26, Grand National/Zenith, Dayton OH

SEPTEMBER

7-12—Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, Owensboro KY
18-20—Southeastern Fall National, Corydon IN

OCTOBER

7-10—Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey PA
22-25—Central Fall National, Galveston TX



Tidewater Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Show

Dot Parrish

The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America was looking for a show chairman to host a National Show. Bob Parrish finally decided to volunteer and do it. It was held in Virginia Beach on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024. It was a little breezy and cool in the morning, but the sun came out in the afternoon and it was a nice day. It was not a large show by any means, 19 cars, but there were some very nice cars that attended. Several were from our Region that Bob persuaded to come. They included, Paul Fuqua with the 1931 Chevrolet Rumble Seat Coupe, Frank Lense with a 1931 Chevrolet Sedan, Harry Park with his 1970 Chevelle Convertible, Herbert Mumford had a 1963 Split Window Corvette, Bill Treadwell with a 1969 Camaro, Bill Coburn, a 1985 Camaro, and Bob Parrish brought a few Chevys also to increase the numbers for the show.

Dan Ciccone came out to help judge and most of the members with cars also judged. Thanks to all that attended.



Harry Park



Herbert Mumford



Bob Parrish,
Tim Russell

STILL COLLECTING

And Hershey is the best place to do it!

By Terry Bond

This issue puts us back on track with my regular column on collecting “stuff” related to the early automobile. There is no better treasure hunt than the annual AACA Hershey PA Swap Meet.

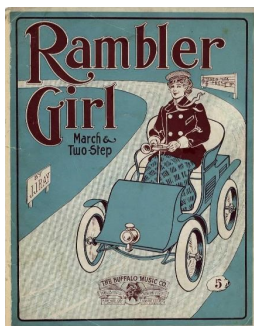
This article will focus on my own discoveries. An additional article will focus on the event itself as compiled by several “guest” contributors including some Hershey first-timers.

My annual pilgrimage to Hershey begins on Friday the weekend before the swap meet. The planned journey North was via back roads to Allentown PA. A good night's rest there would give me a fresh start at the great Allentown Paper Show. But, you know what happens to the best of plans!

All began well but before lunch-time, in a desolate stretch on the Eastern Shore, a brake caliper on my fully loaded truck would not fully release. The pungent odor of brake pads disintegrating followed me a short distance to a handy AAA Service Center. They worked me into their schedule and replaced the faulty caliper. I was back on the road again by 4PM. My carefully planned schedule slipped by 4 hours!

It was tough getting up early the next morning, but I managed to join the growing line of buyers eager to be first in the door at the 9AM opening.

First stop was my favorite sheet music dealer where I quickly snagged one of my most wanted items – a 1902 sheet titled “My Rambler Girl.” Two other great pieces also went into my shopping bag. I also



found some early cigarette cards featuring early automobiles, a couple of small advertising pins, and a great die-cut embossed card dated 1902 that, at one time, was the

top of a calendar. These items come in all sizes and are literally works of art.

Postcard dealers fill the center of one room but I usually save those for later. I looked through boxes of automobile literature, early periodicals, catalogs, and saw some wonderful stuff that I left for the literature dealers who will buy it to restock for Hershey. I did add a great early comic book and a White Bulletin that will end up in Andy Ott's hands. I took a lunch break. There was still one more room to wander through. Silly me even pausing for lunch in the middle of a great antique show! You just never know what's going to turn up at this event. Great advertising is always there, along with rare books, catalogs, pins, buttons, and other small items.

When I resumed my treasure hunt in that second room there, in the second booth right on a table in front of me, was the most wanted item on my wish-list!

Each year, well before Hershey, I dream about finding things and this piece is always one I seem to miss. I find them but wake up before the deal is done. This time it wasn't going to end that way.

This great silver plated desk piece is well known and in demand among serious collectors. They



do however rarely turn up. It was done in 1904 to commemorate Germany's victory in the Gordon Bennett Cup race. That event was won by Camille Jenatzy driving a chain-drive Mercedes. The hood opens to reveal an inkwell and the rear desk lid opens for a postage stamp compartment. It measures 16" x 9" and is just over 6 1/2" in height, so it is a sizeable piece. It's in exquisite condition. Best of all, it was affordable! Never imagined I'd find my most wanted piece at a “paper” show!

Before leaving I added a handful of postcards to my shopping bag.

Several antique malls and shops in the area

were next but, despite my best efforts, nothing of great interest surfaced. Sure, there was plenty of automotive related treasure there but, after my great Allentown discovery, nothing else seemed to excite me. That evening I ventured over to Adamstown and, after a great meal at the Park Place Diner there, called it an early night. I'd need some rest for the antique marathon on Sunday that awaited me.

I watched the sunrise on Sunday through the misty morning at the outdoor Renninger's antique market. On a beautiful weekend, the place was full and it was a buying frenzy as early as 6AM. I immediately snagged a ceramic children's cereal bowl with a motoring scene. A small pen-knife shaped like an early car was quickly purchased for \$15. A few radiator caps at \$10 each, new in their original boxes will look great in my recreated old auto parts store. A beautiful cut-glass automobile flower vase was next.



Renningers indoor shops opened at 7:30 and I was there when things started to be uncovered. I saw a load of great items but was trying to conserve funds by purchasing only what I really wanted for my collection(s). A great early glass candy container was my next purchase. I was tempted by so many other things, but left them to be discovered by the next collector. Before leaving for the next antique malls, I added a small advertising card for Firestone Tires. It's beautiful and in great condition, probably 1910 or so.



Two more large malls awaited me, and at least half a dozen shops were nearby. A few more small items joined my collection but by the time the last shop closed I was tired and hungry.

I checked into our usual hotel at Hershey and

Sue arrived shortly after. Dinner at one of our favorite pubs was on our schedule. We met some friends there and enjoyed a pre-Hershey visit.

Monday was set-up day in the Swap Meet and Susan and I managed to get the awning and tables put up before she had to get busy assisting the AACA Library prepare for their book sale. I continued setting up but, around noon, I just couldn't stand it any longer. I covered up what was already on the tables and began to treasure hunt.

I was quickly rewarded with the discovery of some spark plugs. I also found an amazing pair of NOS nickel plated opera lamps as would have been used on an early 1900s limousine. These beautiful lamps have never been



lit or mounted. One of the beveled glass lens on each is stained a royal blue and has a wheel-cut starburst design on them. A great ribbon with attached automobile pendant was found in a showcase. In another case, a small gold Rochester NY Automobile Club pin was discovered. It

was already a great day – and things were not fully open yet.



Susan's cousin Ed flew into Harrisburg and, before picking him up we had time for our traditional dinner with friends from England, Mike and Murray Shears, who together have one of the finest automobile radiator emblem collections existing. Ed arrived later than expected due to some flight delays but was eager to get into the flea market. He had recently moved from Macon, Georgia to Nevada but wasn't going to miss Hershey! He sold his Mustang before moving and was now in the market for a replacement

car.

Tuesday I continued setting up and even as I was unpacking boxes, crowds gathered. It was great seeing old friends again, and meeting new ones from all over the world. I noted more visitors from Europe this year than in recent times. All were serious buyers. I was impressed by the numbers of younger enthusiasts there, many of them collecting serious early automobilia. Those who I visited with were well educated and sought only the best items. I felt a sense of competition among them – they were shopping while I was glued to the booth.

Wednesday I was determined to get out and about so was actually closed and covered up much of that day. I was not disappointed and it seemed like there was still plenty to be discovered.

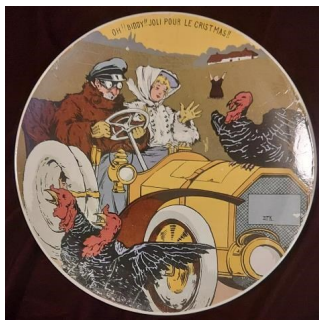


A tremendous brass horn was discovered near my own spaces, and an amazing early watch fob was found in a display case almost hidden by a selection of brass speedometers. I spent time sorting through the spark plug collection of a recently deceased collector whose family brought them to Hershey to re-circulate. A small box of some special plugs had been set aside and I added most of them to my collection.



A long, winding trip to the far corner of the Red Field was next, to look at a rare ceramic plate that wasn't for sale but had been offered for my consideration. I considered it and quickly overpaid to add it to my collection. Sometimes, price is irrelevant.

Later in the afternoon, GCC 5,6 became a meeting place for Tidewater Region members as well as others from all over the country. It was



fun to socialize.

Thursday our Spark Plug Collector's Club meeting was held. After the meeting I purchased a few more plugs, then helped Ed look over a car he was considering. It was a great car, and was being sold by someone we knew very well. We also knew the previous long-time owner. It's a small world indeed, and the comfort of knowing the vehicle's history made the decision easier. The car will soon be in Nevada and Ed was happy his Hershey was a successful trip.

While on the way back to my spaces to open up for a while, I filled another "gap" in my usual Hershey adventure. I always look for brass lamps and, even though I had a nice pair of opera lamps and a beautiful early horn, I was in search of a great headlamp, perhaps even an early self-generating example. Wow, did I score!

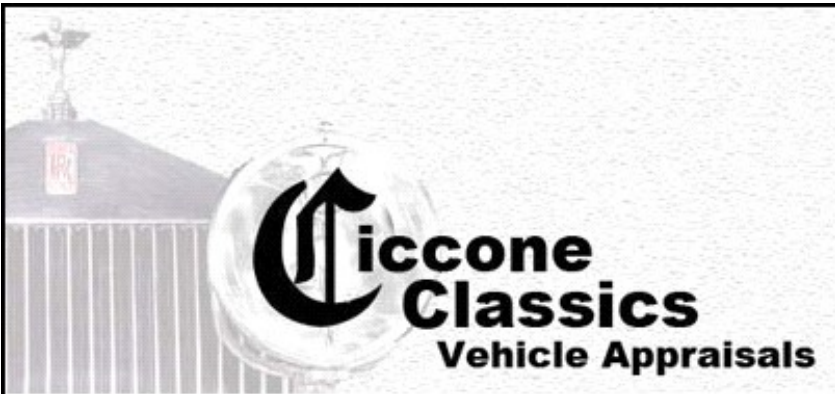
This brass self-generating Neverout carbide headlamp is circa 1899-1902. It was intended for use on a small run-about type of automobile where just a single lamp would be mounted at the front. It is in amazing condition and only needs light polishing to be show-quality. I was familiar with the lamp but never have seen one for sale before, let alone in such beautiful condition. It nicely rounded out my 2024 Hershey treasure hunt!



The weather was perfect, the goodies were there waiting to be discovered, and once again I did my best to give them a good home.

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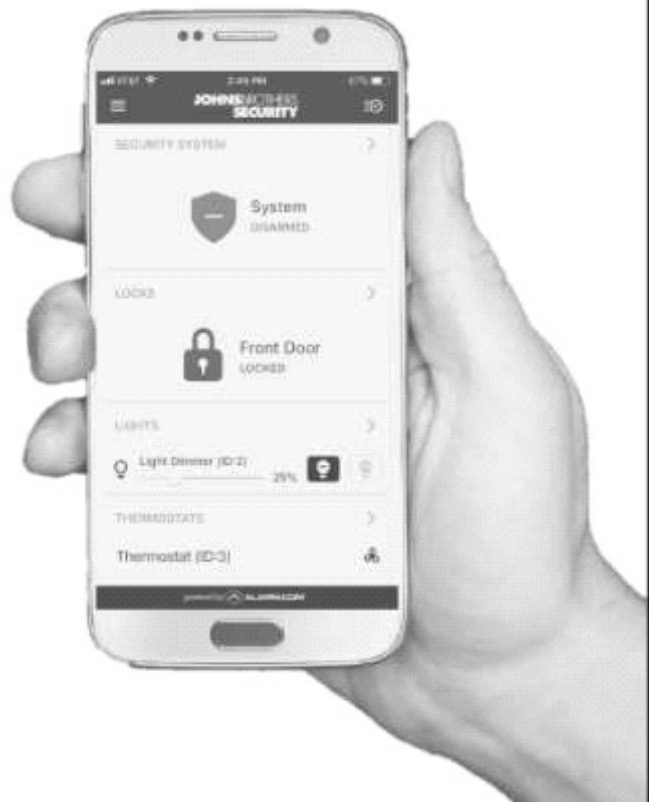
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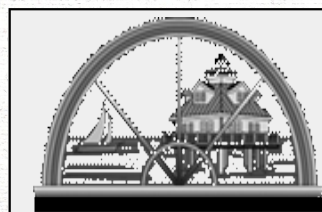
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