

# The Mudflap



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

Volume 57, Issue 12

December 2013

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR TRAACA AND AACA MEMBERSHIPS!**

Please fill out and send in your 2014 Membership Renewal Form

## TRAACA Holiday Event - Sunday, Dec. 8th!

The holidays are here and it's time for the TRAACA's annual Holiday Dinner. Please join your friends and fellow car enthusiasts on Sunday, December 8, at the Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport, 1570 N Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502. The social hour begins at 4:00pm, dinner at 5:00pm. Dinner is \$30 each and well worth it--we have

a special menu we know you'll enjoy. (The actual cost is \$45, but the club is subsidizing \$15 of the cost to try to encourage as many members as possible to come out for the event.) The buffet dinner includes honey-marinated ham with apricot glaze, roasted round of beef, field greens tossed salad with oranges & cranber-

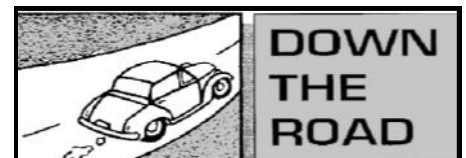
ries (and two dressings), roasted red skin potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetable medley, and a selection of holiday desserts. We're also going to have holiday-themed fun & games and some giveaways. Don't miss out on the TRAACA's biggest and best dinner of the year!

## Holly Chipchak Takes Top Honors in Chili Cookoff!

Nearly 50 TRAACA members gathered at the home of Dewey and Maxine Milligan on Nov. 2nd for our Annual Chili Cookoff. There was plenty of food as usual, and a fine selection of chili ranging from Mild to 'Pass The Fire Extinguisher'! (Continued on page 3)



**ESSEX IN NEED OF WORK** – Andy Ott has a lead on a great restoration project located just outside of Baker, Nevada. It's a little rough, and only has one horsepower. Find out more by checking out the story and additional photos on page 5 (Photo by Sheryl Ott).



Check [local.aaca.org/tidewater](http://local.aaca.org/tidewater) for the latest info on upcoming events!

### December

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting - Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport
- 8 Holiday Event - Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport

# From the Driver's Seat

Wes Neal  
TRAACA President



*"Best Wishes for Peace and Joy this Holiday Season and a New Year of Health, Happiness and Prosperity."* – Unknown

With this being our Holiday Season, I wish you wonderful things for your antiques. This month finds many of our vehicles sung and tight waiting for the warmer weather to begin. I know I have secured my several vehicles with a list of things to do when I can get to them. From a TRAACA Club standpoint; however, we are busy.

From the **Communications** standpoint we find that the Mud Flap and Mud Speck are our most efficient and effective ways to communicate to the club members. With that said please get your 2014 Membership sheets in early.

From an **Activity** standpoint, December can be a slow month with the Holidays schedules, but we do have an opportunity to enjoy Holiday Music together at the Chesapeake Conference Center at 900 Greenbrier Circle, Chesapeake, Virginia on December 19 with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra – Holiday Brass Concert. Just show up for this FREE concert. If weather permits, please bring your Antique Car for Show and Tell at 6 pm. Doors for the Concert open at 6:30 pm for the 7 pm Concert.

Our **Restaurant** schedule starts early in December with the TRAACA Holiday Dinner planned this year on SUNDAY December 8th. Please see the details in this Mud Flap. I am glad to report that the Board is supporting this club event with a generous meal subsidy, so we look forward to a great turnout and grand event.

From the **Society** standpoint, we have several current Board Members cycling off, and three new members cycling on. We want to thank current Secretary Toni Scarpelli for his Board efforts over the last two years. We also thank Dick Chipchak and John Heimerl for their Board support as well. We welcome Melanie Kordis to the Board to fill in as the new Secretary, and Tyler Gimbert and Tim Russell beginning their terms on the board. More next month as we host the Installation of the new board on January 18th, with plans to discuss several new key Club initiatives.

Happy Holidays to All, and Drive Safe.

*Wes Neal*

**2013 TRAACA Officers & Board**  
**President - Wes Neal:** wes.neal@cox.net  
**Vice President - Jim Villers:** 190sljim@cox.net  
**Secretary - Tony Scarpelli**  
**Treasurer - Chris (Kit) Lawrence**  
**Board - Dick Chipchak**  
**Board - John Heimerl**  
**Board - Marion McAlpine**  
**Board —Skip Patnode**  
**President Emeritus—Bob Stein**  
 Visit us on the Internet at: [local.aaca.org/tidewater!](http://local.aaca.org/tidewater/)

## From the Running Board October Board Meeting Minutes

President Wes Neal was out of town, meeting called to order by VP Jim Villers 6:06 pm 10-2-13; Quorum WAS present. Minutes to be taken by John Heimerl

**Agenda:** September Minutes: approved.

**Treasurers report:** Resolving Annual Show facts and figures at this time

**Annual show:** Jim requests clean report on Wings and Wheels

**Show Sponsor report by Dick Chipchak:**

- J. C. Taylor not in, plus others. Bob Stein -Paul Cho got no bill, we need to check with Tony. Bob Parrish. - send \$500 invoice now with explanation to Taylor.
- \$2000 in sponsor invoices are outstanding.

**Other Wings and Wheels:**

- 189 registered, 171 showed. 23 Flea Market, 16 in car corral. Just over 100 rods and mods attended. Bob make 123 pre and post war trophies, plus eligible for sponsor awards.
- Jim - after action Show meeting needed. Tony supports and will schedule.

**Communications:** Telephone committee solved.

**Activities:**

- Chili cook-off discussed.
- Fall tour: James River plantations, November 9 & 10. Hotel not set.
- Westminster-Canterbury Show - needs more support Oct. 19.

**Restaurant/Monthly Dinners:** Monthly report provided by Marion.

- Larry Prinz program next meeting.
- November silent auction, publicity; Bob will cover. Dot provided written guidelines for auction, no individual in charge at this time. Dick volunteered to call Sam and ask him for help, Jim will help also. Dick will also ask for volunteers. Dick has list. Auctioneer for left over items open.
- Future programs for next year. Lincoln Highway program suggested

**Society/Membership:** Bob printed some applications. One new gift membership by maybe national. One inquiry. How about National membership list within our zip codes. Working to market to that group which national could improve.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- November 5th and December 3rd next board meetings
- National is doing some cleanup of websites.

THE MUDFLAP is the newsletter for the Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, published monthly.  
 Editor: Bob Stein  
 7500 Pennington Road Norfolk VA 23505  
 757-588-6200/Email: [posti@aol.com](mailto:posti@aol.com)

**TRAACA Chili Cookoff (Cont. from page 1)**

Vehicles on display ranged from the Milligan's Model A Ford sedan to Tyler Gimbert's 'antique' 1988 Corvette. Although the weather cooperated, the event was set up inside, with plenty of seating for all.

Judging was by secret ballot, with top honors for Best Chili going to Holly Chipchak. Carol Milligan was awarded Second Place for her Chili, and Sam Kern took Third Place honors.

Thanks to our hosts Dewey and Maxine, and to all those who made chili, brought side dishes, or helped with setup to make this a fun event for all!

**C O N T E N T S**

Article	Page
TRAACA Holiday Party . . . . .	1
Chili Cookoff . . . . .	1
From the Driver's Seat . . . . .	2
From the Running Board . . . . .	2
Still Collecting - Something New! . . . . .	4
Visiting the Great Basin . . . . .	5
The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum . . . . .	6



**AND THE WINNERS ARE...** - From left to right are TRAACA Master Chili Chefs Holly Chipchack (First Place), Carol Milligan (Second Place), and Sam Kern (Third Place) (Photos by Maxine Milligan and Dot Parrish).



# Still Collecting Stuff Something New!

By Terry Bond

I never expected to discover yet another wonderful automotive collectible when I walked into a Pennsylvania rare book, advertising and ephemera show while enroute to the Hershey Fall Meet. But, there it was, just waiting to light my fire!

After stuffing my bag with the usual automotive collectibles (brochures, post cards, small advertising trinkets, etc) I wandered through the market for the second time, concentrating on searching through the less obvious.

I thought I'd start looking through some of the Stamp dealers there to see if any early automotive related poster stamps might be on offer.



There in the booth of a stamp dealer, I noticed a binder opened to display a selection of small paper match-box covers, some of which had early auto-

mobiles illustrated on them.

These are very early. Do you remember when matches were made of wood and sold in those little wooden boxes? Well, they all had paper labels on them, and who would have guessed – some of them had an automotive theme.

I'd seen a few of these on the internet and thought they were great, but never saw much variety. But there before me was a really wonderful selection of them that I'd never seen before. There were large ones, small ones, different colors, different cars, all very early 1900s! Most of them seemed to be from foreign countries. I guess there was a thriving match business at the turn of the century and most were imported!



Who would have imagined these little paper labels would have survived? The match boxes themselves were not carefully handled, and of course once empty of their contents, they usually got tossed directly into the fire, or thrown away. Some child must have developed a fascination with them and started this collection many years ago.

I thumbed through the display and for a small sum, purchased five full pages containing a wonderful variety of them. It was an instant collection. I have

no way of knowing how many are available, or how rare mine are. Much research to be done, but for me, that's part of the fun of collecting.



I think it's great that these are all in such fantastic condition. They were mounded years ago using good old fashioned postage stamp hinges so there is no glue or tape damage to them. I'll remount them onto proper acid-free stamp display pages.

So, the search is now on for more, although if I had to quit now, I'd say my instant collection was pretty good as it is.

The lesson here is to keep searching, keep an open mind and don't let your preconceived idea of what constitutes an automotive collectible blind you to all the great possibilities out there.

Maybe you'll find something that "strikes" your fancy!



*Terry Bond*

# So What, and Where on Earth, You Might Reasonably Ask, is the Great Basin?

Story by Andy Ott. (Photos by Andy and Sheryl Ott)

Seeking to answer that essential question, I and my daughter Sheryl recently headed north from Las Vegas, for a “quick” 8-hour drive to Baker, NV. (type “Baker, Nevada” into your GPS). Sheryl suggested this location for your trip because I “was the only person on earth that would be willing to drive all day through nowhere to get to nowhere.”



Baker, Nevada is the closest town to Great Basin National Park, one of the newest (1986), smallest, most remote, and least visited of our National Parks, and damn proud of it! This National Park preserves for posterity a small sliver of the Great Basin, the largest and yet least known geographic feature of the United States.

The Great Basin comprises over 184,000 square miles of the most desolate and most picturesque regions of the Western United States. (By comparison, Virginia is only a mere 42,000 square miles).



The Great Basin dates over 500 million years old and is the largest endorheic area in the US (meaning that all the scant rainwater that falls evaporates or collects in a few lakes (such as the Great Salt Lake in Utah and the Salton Sea in California, and does not travel to the Pacific Ocean, contrary to what our sixth grade teachers told us about the Continental Divide).

It includes most of Nevada, and large sections of Oregon, Idaho, California, Utah and a section of northern Mexico. And who knew? It contains the highest and the lowest points in the continental US (Mt Whitney and Death Valley).

It is both fantastically beautiful and stunningly desolate; no cell service, no internet, three restaurants and one motel at the truck stop on Highway 6 & 50 – named “the loneliest road in America” (no kidding – check your GPS).

During our three days there, we encountered at most ten people, most of them the Park Rangers. At the highest elevations within the park are the oldest living things on earth – Bristlecone Pines over 4000 years old, and still “ticking.” Book your rooms early at the Border Inn truck stop (775 234-7300), and gas up before you leave.

What, you might reasonably ask, does this have to do with antique cars? Good question. So, feast your eyes on this photo! Sitting out literally in the middle of nowhere, I find the remains of an early twenties Essex sedan, just waiting for restoration.



But it’s difficult to seal the deal - the “occupant” turns out to be the skeleton of a horse, complete with skull, legs and hooves, propped up and alert in the driver’s seat! I’ve included a few photos for any member needing a new project. It’s located a few miles west of the NV-UT state line on Highway 6 & 50. Can’t miss it.

# The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

Unless you are from the Detroit area--and maybe not even then--you may not know about the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum in Ypsilanti, Michigan. If that's the case, you've missed something special. Although the museum is small, it houses a collection of classic automobiles, advertising and promotional material, and exhibits on the history of automotive manufacturing in the Ypsilanti area.



The museum is housed in a former Hudson Motor Car Company dealership--Miller Motors. Carl Miller opened his Hudson franchise in 1927 and operated the dealership continuously through the demise of Hudson in 1958. (According to the museum's website, Hudson merged into American Motors in 1955, the last Hudson vehicle was produced in 1957, and the Hudson line was discontinued in 1958.) Miller Motors billed itself as "the last operating Hudson dealer," providing service and parts for Hudson cars until Carl Miller's son Jack collaborated with Paul "Skip" Ungrodt, Jr., and Peter Fletcher to convert the dealership into the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum (YAHM) in 1995.



If you visit the museum, you'll see that it still has a fully stocked Hudson parts department and retains all the dealership's original records going back to 1927 (archived for historical research). Mr. Miller was at the dealership and museum every day, sitting in the manager's chair overseeing everything and greeting visitors, until becoming ill earlier this year.

The YAHM has 30 cars on display, most of them Hudsons, but not all--the other vehicles represent those manufactured in the Ypsilanti area over the years. The "crown jewel" of the museum's collection is the fully restored #92 1952 "Fabulous Hudson Hornet" driven by Herb Thomas when he won his second NASCAR championship in 1953. (The car was immortalized as "Doc Hudson", Paul Newman's character, in the 2006 Pixar Animation Studios movie *Cars*.)

Other vehicles on display include a 1933 Terraplane "K"-series coach, a 1937 Terraplane Model 71, a 1946 Hudson Commodore convertible, a 1953 Lincoln Capri (built with a General Motors Hydra-Matic automatic transmission manufactured in Ypsilanti and originally sold by Sesi Lincoln-Mercury in Ypsilanti), a 1951 Kaiser Traveler (built at the Willow Run Plant in Ypsilanti), a 1951 Kaiser-Frazer Henry J, a 1953 Kaiser Dragon, 1957 Hudson Hornet Hollywood Custom (the last year it was built), and five Chevrolet Corvairs between 1960-1996 (all Corvairs were built at the Chevrolet Willow Run Plant in Ypsilanti).

The YAHM also features an exhibiting honoring Michi-



gan's native son, Preston Tucker. The display includes Tucker Corporation promotional material and memorabilia. There is also a fiberglass movie prop of a Tucker 48 on display, one of three built for the 1988 movie *Tucker: A Man and His Dreams*. (The prop car looks great from 20 feet, but as you approach you can tell even the bumpers are made from fiberglass and notice that it's only a rolling shell with no interior.)

One of the highlights of the museum is its display of GM Hydra-Matic automatic transmissions built at the Willow Run Plant in Ypsilanti between 1953-2010. The

plant first opened in 1941 as Ford's Willow Run plant and built B-24 Liberator bombers during World War II. After the war, Kaiser-Frazer purchased the plant, building Kaiser and Frazer cars at the plant and, during the Korean War, cargo aircraft including the C-119 Flying Boxcar. GM bought the plant in 1953. (According to Wikipedia, GM bought the plant after its Detroit Transmission plant in Livonia burnt down in August 1953, and had the production line at Willow Run running nine weeks later.)

During its 57 years of operations, the plant built over 82 million transmissions for GM and 11 other manufacturers including Rolls-Royce for over forty years. The display includes cutaway models of every major model of transmission built at the plant, including the last Hydra-Matic



4L80 transmission assembled at the plant on 15 December 2010.

A trip to Ypsilanti wouldn't be complete without driving by Preston Tucker's home on nearby Park Street, four blocks from the YAHM. The house is undergoing renovation, but it's still interesting to see where Preston Tucker did most of the design and early prototype work for his famous car.

If you are ever near southeast Michigan, make the time to visit the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. It's open seven days a week, and is a snapshot of classic American automotive manufacturing frozen in time. (Go to the museum's website for more info: <http://ypsiautoheritage.org>.)



## Insurance Appraisals/Pre-Purchase Inspections Accepted by Major Antique Auto Insurers Licensed and Insured

# Dan Ciccone

757-391-9006 (w) 757-576-9228 (c)

[ciconeclassics@cox.net](mailto:ciconeclassics@cox.net)

[www.ciconeclassics.com](http://www.ciconeclassics.com)





757.329.1112  
skwright86@gmail.com

Stephen Wright  
Owner

Vinyl Tops  
Carpets  
Headliners

Rag Tops

Seat Covers  
Door Panels  
Tonneau Covers



Auto Upholstery  
2602 Build America Drive

Owners

KEITH OLSON  
ERNEST OLSON  
MICHAEL OLSON

827-0381  
FAX 827-5359  
E-MAIL: kirksuph@verizon.net

Angie Ciccone  
Independent Beauty Consultant

757-549-7706

aciccone@marykay.com  
http://www.marykay.com/aciccone

Your Way to Beautiful™



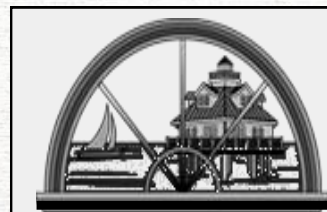
International Vehicle Appraisers Network



Jeff Locke  
Senior Certified Appraiser

(757)421-9028  
Fax:421-4165  
jlocke@i-van.org  
www.i-van.org/locke.htm

900 Taft Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322



SMITHFIELD  
STATION

Restaurant • Hotel • Marina

415 S. Church St. - P.O. Box 486 -Smithfield, Virginia 23431  
Phone (757) 357-7700 - Fax: (757) 357-7638  
www.smithfieldstation.com



JKL AUTOMOTIVE INC. D.B.A.

DR.  
MOTORWORX  
REMANUFACTURED ENGINE INSTALLATION CENTER

TONY SCARPELLI  
Owner

TRADE YOUR ENGINE  
NOT YOUR CAR<sup>SM</sup>

2600 Build America Dr., Hampton, VA 23666  
Phone (757) 838-8723 / Fax (757) 827-3082  
www.virginiaengines.com

Bruce Warren - Owner Light Trucks/Towing

WARREN AUTO REPAIR  
We Repair Antique Cars



Since 1976  
(757) 857-1747  
1553 Azalea Garden Road  
Norfolk VA 23502



# The Schaubach Companies

Dwight C. Schaubach, President

*"We are proud and happy to support TRAACA"*

**Bay Disposal and Recycling – Johns Brothers Heating Oil  
Johns Brothers Security –Suffolk International Truck**

**1384 Ingleside Road, Norfolk, VA 23502 (757) 852-3300**

***www.Schaubachco.com***

ROYAL SILVER

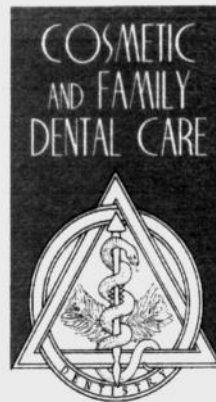
**MANUFACTURING Co. Inc.**

Quality Chrome Plating



Whether it's one part or the entire car... for the finest copper, nickel, chrome, and silver plating or for refinishing of brass, copper, and stainless steel.... come to Royal Silver, where we've been providing quality plating since 1907.

**Royal Silver Manufacturing Co. Inc.**  
3300 Chesapeake Blvd.  
Norfolk, VA 23513  
855-6004



**ROBERT D. PELLERIN, D.D.S., P.C.**

*Excellence Remembered - Trust Inspired*

PARKSIDE PROFESSIONAL CENTER  
351 Edwin Drive • Suite 101  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
757-490-2017

***Custom Home Designs, Inc.***

***Susan E. Bond***  
***PO Box 2537***  
***Chesapeake, VA 23327***

*Certified Professional Building Designer phone 757-557-0904*  
*American Institute of Building Design susanbond@cox.net*

**MAGUIRE**  
*& Sons*

[www.maguireandsons.com](http://www.maguireandsons.com)

Owner / Operator  
**TIM MAGUIRE**  
U.S.N. RETIRED

Cell 757.675.0288  
Pg.757.860.0882

**AUTO BROKERS**

**757.747.2277**

*Toll Free*

**1.888.556.4728**

**FINANCING \* BUY  
SELL \* TRADE**



764 S. Military Hwy Virginia Beach, VA 23461  
**MAGUIRE**  
*& Sons* SINCE 1983  
Auto Brokers

**MAGUIRE & SONS  
AUTO BROKERS**  
**866-840-1021**

- Serving Tidewater's Auto needs Since 1983
- VIADA Quality Dealer of Year Award
- Retired Navy Owned & Operated

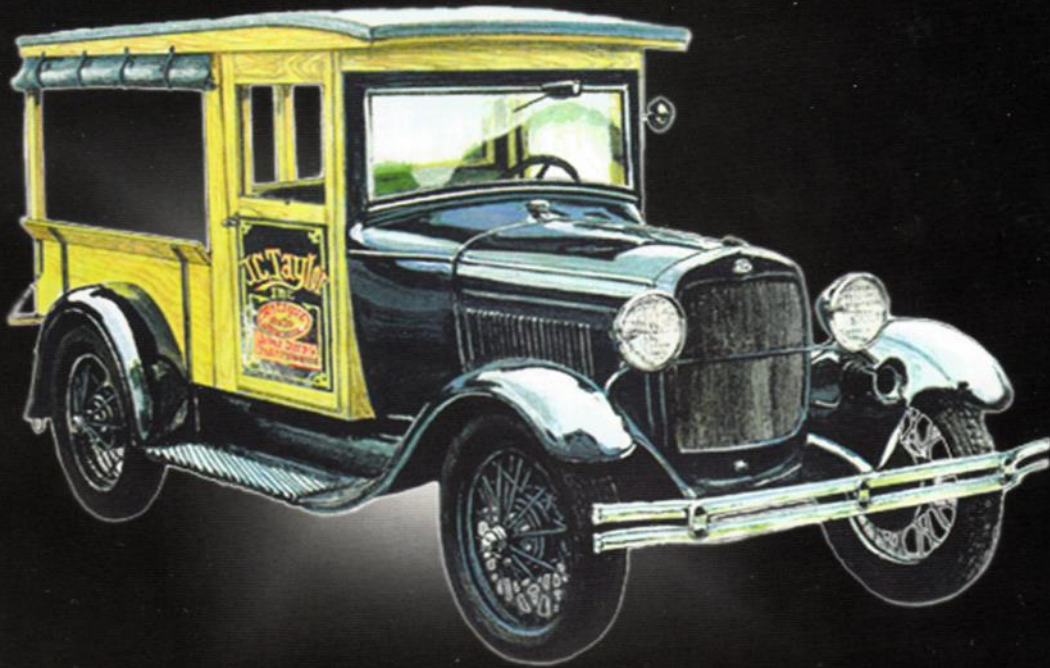
**764 S. Military Hwy. Virginia Beach, VA**

# INSURING YOUR VEHICLES FOR OVER 50 YEARS

UNPARALLELED CLAIMS SERVICE

AGREED VALUE COVERAGE

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS



*DRIVE THROUGH TIME WITH PEACE OF MIND*



JCTAYLOR.COM

1-888-ANTIQUE



**TRAACA Mudflap**  
Bob Stein –Editor  
7500 Pennington Road  
Norfolk VA 23505

**FIRST CLASS**