

# The Mudflap

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

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**2024 TRAACA Annual Swap Meet**  
**Saturday March 9, 2024**  
**8 a.m. until 1 p.m.**



**TRAACA  
 CALENDAR**

(Rain or Shine - No Refunds)  
 Nansemond-Suffolk Academy  
 3373 Pruden Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434

For more information, contact:  
 Jerry Adams, Registration Chairman  
 757-673-3240

Bill Treadwell, Swap Meet Chairman  
 757-650-3667

This event is for the sale of antique and collector vehicle parts, equipment, supplies, accessories, or related memorabilia only. It is not a general “flea market” and we do not wish to have crafts, household items, unrelated toys, clothing, equipment, supplies or services displayed. If you have any questions, ask before you arrive. Event organizers reserve the right to refuse admittance to any vendor selling, displaying or offering any items not in keeping with the theme or family-oriented nature of this activity.

**FEBRUARY**

**17 - Tour of Tim Hund's  
 Antique Vehicle  
 Collection and Blacksmith  
 Demonstration**

**MARCH**

**9 - TRAACA Annual Swap  
 Meet - Nansemond-Suffolk  
 Academy - 3373 Pruden  
 Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434**

**21 - TRAACA Monthly  
 Meeting - 6 PM - Holiday Inn  
 Convention Center**

**APRIL**

**24 - Virginia Tattoo  
 Festival ( \$ 40 dollars per  
 person and the club has a  
 block of seats) Available on  
 first come first serve.**

**MAY**

**18 - Old Dominion  
 Meet (Roanoke VA)**

**JUNE**

**8 - TRAACA Wright  
 Brothers Outer Banks Tour  
 and Lunch at Coinjock  
 Marina**



*1904 curved-dash Oldsmobile at the 2023 Oldsmobile Club of America National Meet in Dayton, OH, on 11 August 2023. See more of the car show in the article on Pages 4—9.*



# President's Podium

**Bill Treadwell**  
**TRAACA President**  
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What a great dinner meeting in January! My thanks to those of you who attended and a special thank you to those who made it happen – Tammy Park for all her work with the Holiday Inn, Dot Parrish for preparing the program, the awards committee for preparing the awards, and Bob Parrish for his talent and experience in installing our new Executive Board.

I am sure that many of you would like to know more about Bill. I grew up in southern Maine, graduated from Rensselaer on a Navy ROTC scholarship, and the Navy brought me to Virginia Beach in 1971. I had purchased the Camaro earlier that year, met Linda shortly after, and the rest is history.

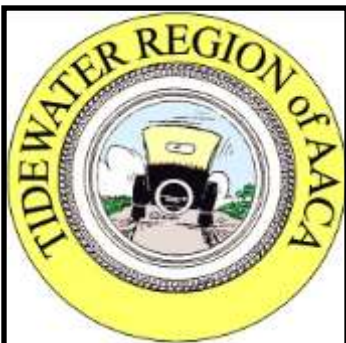
As a 10-year member of Tidewater Region, I have been fairly active as one of our many volunteers who cannot say no. Served two years as Treasurer, took a year off from the board, and two years ago committed to a six-year term volunteering to be Vice President.

One of my priorities as your President will be membership. Already working on getting an accurate roster to our national headquarters, I will be looking for help to get more of our 2023 members to rejoin the flock and all our members to become more active. If you have a question or idea how to improve Tidewater, contact a board member.

Speaking of national, our next big event is the AACA national convention, this year being held in Chantilly, Virginia, February 9 and 10. For those of our members attending, I will see you there. If you haven't planned to attend, you should talk to those who do or have in the past. Interesting seminars, banquets (we are a drive and eat organization), and the membership meeting to learn where AACA is going.

Locally, Tidewater Region is having a garage tour with a modern blacksmith demonstration at Tim Hund's garage on February 17. Next, on March 9th, we have our annual Swap Meet, again this year at Nansmond-Suffolk Academy. I am always looking for experienced as well as new volunteers to make the Swap Meet successful as an excellent opportunity to get out of your garage, meet like-minded folks, and start the year for our automotive hobby.

Enough rambling for now, hope to see many, many members of Tidewater at an event soon!



**Bill Treadwell**  
**TRAACA President**

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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** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. If you are not receiving Skip's e-mails or want to be taken off the list, please contact him at [skippatnode@cox.net](mailto:skippatnode@cox.net) or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

### 2023 TRAACA Officers & Board

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**Treasurer - Charles O'Dea**

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**Board - Paul Fuqua**

**Board - Herbert Mumford**

**Board - Hillary Pavlidis**

**President Emeritus - Tim Hund**

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# From the Running Board

**TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)**

TRAACA Board Meeting December 7, 2023

6:00 pm - Call to order

Board present: Tim Hund, Pres., Bill Treadwell, VP, Harry Park, Fred Cole, Paul Fuqua, Herbert Mumford, Wayne Milligan, Pres Emeritus. Doug Grosz, Sec was absent.

Tim spoke regarding the silent auction and indicated we had very good results.

VP's remarks: "Looking forward to 2024.

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

2024 Activities:

- \* Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers - Jan 20th @6:00 pm-6:30 social hour w/cash bar - Holiday Inn Greenwich Rd, VB - \$35 Buffet - Room is reserved from 6-10.
- \* VA TATTOO - Sun 4/21 @2:30 pm. Motion made and accepted for club to purchase 40 tickets (Not to exceed \$45 ea. Members attending will reimburse club for each purchase.

Motion made and accepted for the following annual awards:

- \* Bartlett Bowl - Jim Elliott
- \* Beaulieu Cup - Harry Park
- \* Century - Allan Thomas - 1923 Buick "45" Touring  
- Briant Capps - 1923 Ford Model T  
- Andy Ott - 1923 Ford Model T Coupe  
- Rad Tillett - 1923 Ford Model T Touring  
- Dwight Schaubach - 1923 Packard Roadster  
- Paul Atkinson - 1923 Rolls Royce Springfield Ghost  
- Tyler Gimbert - 1923 Seagrave 750 Pumper Fire Truck
- \* Century Participation - Reggie Nash
- \* Duryea - Holly Forrester
- \* Hard Luck - Jim Elliott
- \* Ivie Lister - Tim Hund
- \* Lalique - Skip Patnode
- \* Merritt Horne - Rad & Marge Tillett
- \* Mudflap - Terry Bond
- \* Overland - Tony Miller
- \* Tidewater Region President's - Barry Basnight
- \* TRAACA Restoration - Tony Scarpelli  
- Paul Fuqua
- \* Spark Plug. -
- \* Schaubach Award will be awarded at the annual meet.

Fred Cole, Doug Grosz, and Nick Smith will conduct a review of the by-laws prior to the annual meet.

Next board meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024.

Motion made and accepted to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Nick Smith

TRAACA Board Meeting January 11, 2024  
5:58 pm - Call to order

Board present: Tim Hund, Pres., Bill Treadwell, VP, Harry Park Treasurer Doug Grosz, Secretary, Nick Smith, Fred Cole, Paul Fuqua, Herbert Mumford.

Members: Tammy Park, Skip Patnode

President's Remarks: Thank you for your help this year and throughout my presidency. Thank you for all the support from all members.

VP's remarks: looking forward to working with the next board looking at changing the meeting place for the board.

The secretary's report was accepted as written.

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Business:

Discussion about donation to the ACA national office last year we gave \$5000 the motion was made and approved by all board to give \$5000 this year.

It was suggested that the club should look at maybe having another CD to hold in the bank and to consider a scholarship to a local college for an automotive prep program.

Discussion that a scholarship would be a lot of work and a long-term commitment. More information is needed by the board before a decision can be made. Fred said that he has some connections at TCC and he wouldn't look at what would be needed for the automotive program to give us more information for a decision. Bill said we do need to investigate it and see if it is sustainable and something we could continue. Suggestion that TRAACA needs to work with the Richmond region and maybe in North Carolina region in the near future to host a national tour.

Committee reports:

Activities committee we had an event at Great Bridge battlefield site for the weekend following the board meeting. Saturday February 17th at noon there will be a tour at Tim Hund's collection and a blacksmith demonstration.

Dinners:

January Holiday Inn Greenwich for the awards banquet buffets \$35 per person charge to the members the club is picking up an additional cost which covers the taxes and gratuity and the room that we are using discussion about whether we should continue to pick up a subsidy if we continue the meet at the Holiday Inn was discussion about whether the club would get a sponsor for the club meetings they could put up a banner at the dinners and have an advertisement newsletter that option is going to be investigated to see if a business would be willing to sponsor our club dinners. Discussed the contract with the Holiday Inn at Greenwich working on an 8-month contract. A motion was approved to lock down the dinner meeting in February. The February dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn on Greenwich Road on the 15th. Next board will consider a long-term contract for dinner meetings at that location.

New business: Swap meet registration for the swap meet considering other people that would do swap meet registration.

Further discussion people who have not paid for their track of membership for 2024 received a letter saying they can no longer participate in any club events this letter was sent out without the board seeing it beforehand. The Board also discussed issues with membership and files of our membership roster and groups that have been involved in the swap meet all being out of the control of the board and not visible to the board.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM next board meeting was set for Tuesday February 6th because of the national awards banquet which would be on Thursday February 8th the location of our next board meeting was to be determined at that time.





## Oldsmobile Club of America National Meet Dayton, OH Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

AACA Nationals are nice because you get to see antique vehicles from many manufacturers including some that no longer exist (and, in some cases, that you may not have even heard of before). The disadvantage is you usually only get to see a limited number of vehicles from each marque. Attending a specific marque's national car show is nice because you'll see a broad selection of models and years from across the manufacturer's history. Such was the case for the 2023 Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) National Meet held in Dayton, OH, on 9-12 August 2023.

Over 300 vehicles were displayed at the 2023 OCA National Meet, ranging from a 1904 curved-dash Oldsmobile (displayed by its second owners!) to a 2004 Silhouette minivan. Oldsmobiles of any vintage are eligible to participate in OCA National Meets, which means—because Oldsmobile ceased production in 2004—vehicles only 19 years old were able to be shown in 2023. (I have to admit that it was strange to see a curved-dash Olds and a Silhouette minivan on the same show field. Of course, it's strange to see any minivan entered in a classic car show. Then again, it's impressive to see any 20-year-old car in like-new condition.)

For muscle car fans, the 2023 Olds National Meet was a great show. Muscle cars were well-represented on the show field. Oldsmobile was known for high-performance vehicles, most notably its famous Rocket 88 engine in 1949-1953 and then Cutlass 442s and Hurst/Olds of the 1960s and 1970s. By my count, there were over 75 Hurst/Olds, 442s (some from the 1980s) and Cutlass W-31s, W-32s, Rallye 350s, and Ram

Rod 350s on the show field, not mention a number of 1949-1953 Rocket 88s and at least five 1962-1963 F-85 Jetfires equipped with 215-ci turbo-charged V8 engines.

One thing that surprised me was the dearth of pre-war cars on the show field. However, the few pre-war cars that were there were impressive, most notably the unrestored 1930 Oldsmobile Model F30 Super Deluxe Sport Coupe. The 1940 Series 70 Touring Sedan and 1940 Series 90 Sport Coupe were amazing because both had been repainted over 40 years ago (the Series 70 by the owner when he was in high school).

Over half of the cars were from the 1960s and 1970s. While most of these were Cutlasses/F-85s (probably because of the number produced and the availability of reproduction parts), full-size cars were out in force, too, with plenty of Delta 88s (mostly convertibles), Starfires, Toronados, and a few 98s on the field. Each was beautiful in its own way.

One neat event I wish we could've gone to was the Oldsmobile Club National Drag Race held on Thursday, 10 August. Whether you had a fully stock street car or a minorly or majorly modified car, there was a race class for you. It must've been a blast to be transported back in time and see these classic cars racing each other down the drag strip.

So, if you're a fan of a specific automotive marque, track down where the respective national clubs are holding their regional or national meets. Chances are one is being held within a reasonable driving distance of you.



1923 Oldsmobile Model 43A at the 2023 Oldsmobile Club of America (OCA) National Meet in Dayton, OH, on 11 August 2023





*Unrestored 1930 Oldsmobile Model F30 Deluxe Sport Coupe*



*1940 Oldsmobile Series 70 Touring Sedan*



*1940 Oldsmobile Series 90 Club Coupe*



*1941 Oldsmobile Model 78 Dynamic Cruiser*



*1946 Oldsmobile Series 66 Special Club Coupe*





*1953 Oldsmobile Fiesta convertible—one of only 458 made. (Note the wrap-around windshield.)*



*1950 Oldsmobile 88 Holiday Coupe*



*1952 Oldsmobile Super 88 Coupe*



*1953 Oldsmobile Super 88 convertible*



*1955 Oldsmobile Super 88 4-door hardtop*





*1957 Oldsmobile Super 88 Holiday 4-door hardtop sedan*



*1957 Oldsmobile Super 88 convertible*



*1958 Oldsmobile Super 88 Fiesta station wagon*



*1958 Oldsmobile Dynamic 88 2-door sedan*



*1957 Oldsmobile Super 88 Fiesta station wagon*





*1961 Oldsmobile 88 Holiday Club Coupe—in original unrestored condition (WOW!)*



*1959 Oldsmobile 98 Holiday Sport Sedan*



*1959 Oldsmobile Super 88 2-door hardtop*



*1962 Oldsmobile Starfire 2-door hardtop*



*1962 Oldsmobile F-85 Jetfire Sports Convertible*





*1965 Oldsmobile Starfire convertible*



*1966 Oldsmobile Toronado*



*1975 Oldsmobile Hurst/Olds—1 of 2,535 produced*



*1977 Oldsmobile Toronado XS—one of 2,713 produced*



*1969 Oldsmobile Hurst/Olds—1 of only 914 produced*



## HERSHEY - 2023 – Still an automobilia collectors paradise

By Terry Bond



Although this isn't a complete report on the Hershey event, I do want to set the record straight regarding some of the silly rumors that continue to float from individuals who all say they "heard from a reliable source..."

Hershey is here to stay! No, moving it to another location is not under consideration. HERCO owns and manages the property and the relationship between host Hershey Region AACA, the National AACA and HERCO continues to be strong. Events are planned years out. I look forward to the camaraderie that only Hershey can offer, spending time with friends from all over the world..

This year was a bit different. The event was a week earlier. (It's always the first full week in October). That meant one of my pre-Hershey antique hunting expeditions was now the following Saturday.

This year I was without my collecting buddy Neil. I would not have missed the chance to say farewell at his memorial service the Saturday before we departed for Hershey. It was a special occasion. He was greatly missed and will continue to be. We shared so much before, during and after Hershey week. We made memories that will last forever.

So – on Sunday, Susan and I departed for Hershey. There was no time for antique hunting along the way, so we made tracks directly for our destination, maneuvering around Tidewater traffic.

Set-up day is Monday and we were ready for the week to begin. The awning went up, tables were arranged, and some preliminary unpacking took place. But-we were there to hunt, so Sue and I took off in different directions in search of goodies. – the primary objective – find great spark plugs!. I did.



*Assorted rare spark plugs from a collection recently broken up.*

There were a few more things that found their way into my bag that day including these Ford Model T hub caps. They are known as "Tall F" caps. The "F" in the Ford script is visibly taller than in later caps. These were used only between 1913 and 1916. The background is painted black. This cap has never been reproduced. They are NOS and were priced less than current reproductions, Early bird gets the worm!



*Rare "Tall F" model T Ford hubcaps.*

By early afternoon, it was time to continue setting up. Now, it was my turn to be on the other side of the table as early-bird shoppers looking for treasure descended. It was fun visiting and even more fun when I had something they really needed.





***Visiting again with Bob Swanson, former AACA Director and 50 year Hershey vendor – and a fellow spark plug collector.***

By later Monday, I was actually tired from the heat - yes heat! Temps were in the low 80's most of the week. Monday evening is a traditional evening dinner with friends from England. Susan's Cousin Ed had arrived and was at the hotel waiting for us. Ed is a Mustang enthusiast from Macon, Ga. We got him hooked on Hershey a few years ago and he has been a regular since. Our friends from England, Mike and Murray Shears, come over every year in search of rare radiator emblems. Their collection is one of the finest in the world. They visited us in Chesapeake a couple of years ago and a Monday evening dinner at Hershey has become a tradition.



***Enjoying outdoor dining at Hershey with Family and friends.***

Tuesday morning, I rushed off to a vendor to see a few brass items brought for me to consider. I did not get beyond the first item I helped him unpack!



***Framed 1905 Glidden Tour items***

The second Glidden Tour was held in 1905. I'd previously included some aspects of the tour in an AACA Seminar a few years ago at the Annual Convention. This was a large framed collection of memorabilia from that event. Included is an official "Certificate of Completion" for car number 12 – a French-built Decauville. Also mounted is a photograph of the car with driver. Below that is the driver's badge. Also included, is the original banner that was attached to the car. This is real "museum" stuff! Further research will uncover more information and I'm sure a Mudflap article is forthcoming!



***tables full of early automobile relics!***

I spent Tuesday at our vendor spaces completing set-up, visiting with friends and sharing tales of treasures found over the years. It's a collector's reunion. Still, there are occasional opportunities to wander, and always, there are a few goodies just around the corner. This beautiful early automobile club badge was a chance find.



***Beautiful Hartford Automobile Club radiator badge dates from the teens.***

In a small display case I spotted this 2" diameter ladies brooch. The image is well-known. It the French driver Charoon, driving his Panhard to victory in the 1900 Gordon Bennett Cup race from Paris to Lyons. This wonderful piece is likely a post-event souvenir.



***Ladies brooch with image of Charoon in his 1900 Panhard –winner of the Gordon Bennett Cup race that year.***

That evening we enjoyed another outdoor dinner at a newly discovered pub – Copper Kettle. Several brass-car friends from New York joined us for a long evening of great food, cold beer and stories about old cars.

Wednesday was another day for a great discovery. My plan was to spend time wandering in the Chocolate field until around noon. It did not take me

long to find a vendor with a table full of brass who was just unpacking some artwork from his personal collection. I snagged this wonderful piece as quick as I could!

It's known as "the Mad Motorist" and is a watercolor of an early motorist at speed, his fur coat blowing in the breeze as he grips the steering wheel. His eyes are full of the excitement of early motoring. No doubt it at one time graced the wall of a motoring enthusiast who was not timid in showing the daring and excitement the early drivers were recognized for.



***The "Mad Motorist" illustration.***

Not wanting to carry in around, I quickly returned to my spaces. I spent the afternoon showing it off and enjoying the ooohs and ahhs from fellow collectors of motoring artwork.

Wednesday evening was our traditional Italian dinner at Fenicis in Hershey. This wonderful restaurant has been a Hershey landmark for many years. We were with a group from New York and when walking in, stopped to say hi to the rest of the Tidewater Region members who were already there.

After dinner, I added another great item to my collection – this time something actually useful! I've been searching for a good Model T Coil tester for years. They are usually expensive, or in such poor unoriginal condition they are useless.



The unit is quite heavy and consists of a complete Model T Ford flywheel/magneto assembly with a cranking mechanism attached. It includes a large Amp and meter. It can be used to adjust Model T Ford ignition coils and test spark plugs. Because of the weight, transferring it directly from one vehicle to another seemed easier than trying to haul it through the flea market.



***Model T Ford coil and spark plug testing machine.***

Thursday morning was a full day of treasure hunting. The Spark Plug Collectors Club meeting was at 10Am on Thursday so I began walking towards the Red Field past tables covered with great stuff.



1904

***Curved Dash Oldsmobile for sale. Reasonably priced for an unfinished restoration.***



***Plenty to see along the way on a nice day!***



***Early automobile emblems and radiator scripts.***



***Nothing but horns at this vendor's booth.***

Along the way, I continued to find more interesting items – a nice brass dashboard clock, some accessory items for my old auto parts store recreation, and this fantastic silver Buick logo cigarette case. It appears unused.



*Silver Buck cigarette case.*

Still other items found me as I wandered.



*circa 1909 Overland advertising pin.*

I'm always on the lookout for early watch fobs but Hershey only occasionally produces pieces I don't already have in my collection. There are so many fakes and reproductions on automobile advertising pieces (especially watch fobs), beginning collectors have a hard time. They often lack the knowledge necessary to differentiate between clever reproductions and originals. Many vendors don't know either and sometimes inadvertently sell fakes. The price difference can be vast!

This luck find is a genuine antique watch fob advertising the Rayfield carburetor. It was the illusive second version of this. The other one that's been in my collection for years shows a different Rayfield carburetor.



*Rare Rayfield carburetor advertising fob.*

Approximately two dozen members of the Spark Plug Collectors of America gathered for their annual Hershey meeting. There was some business, some updates, some show-and-tell for those who found goodies in the flea market, and then some buying, selling, and trading ensued. A short trip to the stall of one club member gave me the chance to share in the break-up of another large old collection. There were numerous sheets of board with plugs wired to them that had been brought for club members to pick through. I had the chance to add some great lugs to my collection from those boards and from the boxes of loose plugs also included with that collection. Additional items from that Wisconsin hoard will be auctioned off in the near future including early bicycles, gas engines, literature, etc.



*An entire plug collection for sale!*





*Our Spark Plug Collectors Club president had fun adding to his collection.*



*Additions to my collection of plugs.*



*This great spark plug display was w-a-y over priced so stayed where it was. Maybe next year?*

After a brief stop for a BBQ with the Horseless Carriage Club, I continued to hunt, adding more small items to my bag including this great teens accessory

catalog filled with goodies, and a nice watch fob.



*Teens auto accessory catalog (not related to the Hudson automobile).*



*Chalmers Watch fob on original ribbon*

Sue had done well, covering her usual miles during the week. An assortment of MG toys will require

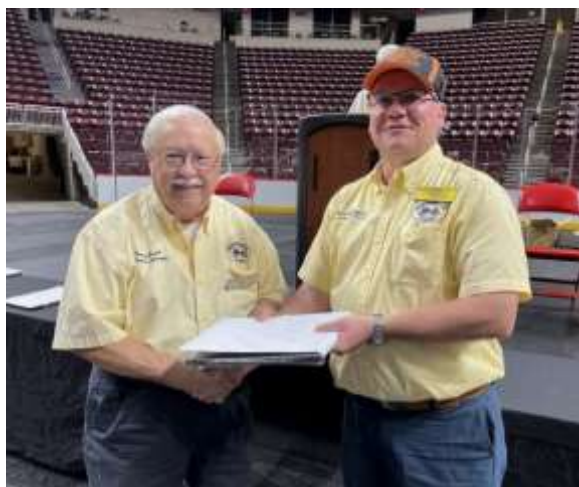
some rearrangement in her office display case of course.



*Sue's MG discoveries from Hershey*

Hard to believe, but the week was near finished. Swap meet vendors were closing and packing as the attention turns to Friday's car show. We were off the field by 6Pm and headed straight to a nice dinner, a shower and a good night's sleep. The Friday judge's breakfast would come early.

At that breakfast, I was thrilled to receive my 275<sup>th</sup> judging credit. VP of Class Judging Stan Kulikowski presented the award. It's quite a milestone, having started judging in 1970.



*275 judging credits! Do I dare add up the cost?*

There are a hundred more photos from the swap meet and Friday's car show on my phone that I could share, but I think you can see, Hershey again was a wonderful event. My good friend Neil would have

enjoyed it.

On Saturday, it was off to Allentown for the paper and advertising show. It was a slow rainy start but thank goodness it was an indoor event.

The traditional variety of goodies was there for discovery including a lot of overpriced early automobile literature. Not as much advertising material was there but I still managed to come away with some great items.



*Christmas 'scrap' nicely embossed.*



*Catalog for Ford removable hard tops.*



*Page from the catalog showing the hard top fitted to a roadster.*

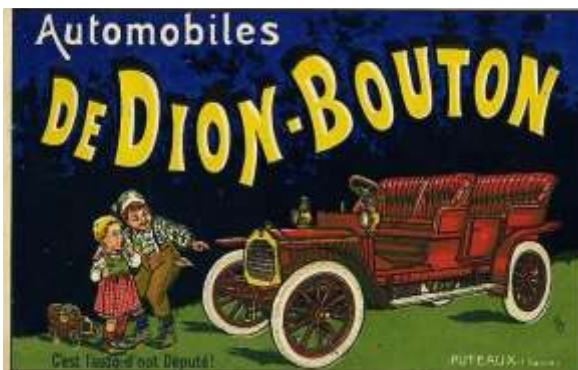


I spent more time than usual looking through the thousands of postcards. There were at least two dozen vendors specializing in them. Great automobile stuff abounds, if you dig deep enough. It's not always filed under the "automobile" category so it necessitates some creative searching sometimes.

This great set of circa 1905 cards was never used. It depicts various European royal families in their early motorcars.

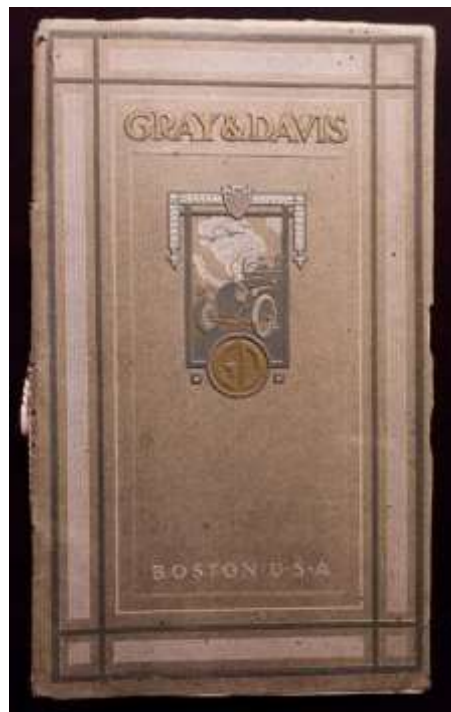


*Rare full set of European postcards.*

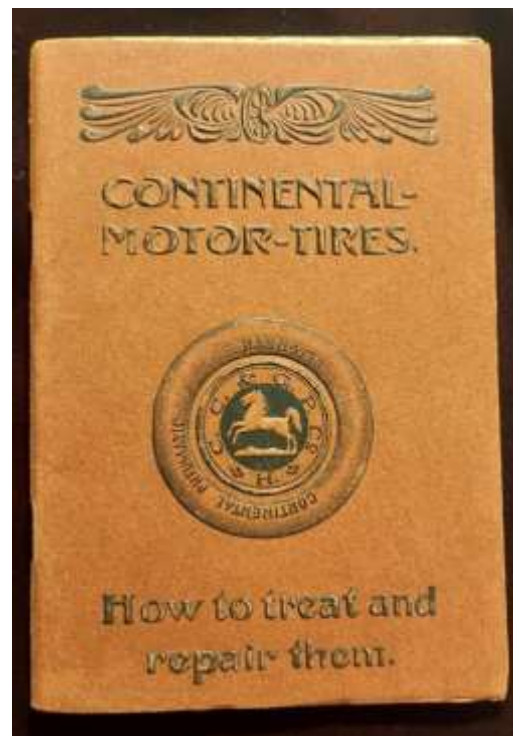


*Advertising postcard for De Dion Bouton, 1906*

Literature always fascinates me. There is always quite a bit of it at Allentown. A number of Hershey vendors usually attend to stock up on bargains. I especially enjoy early automobile accessory catalogs that help to date and identify items for my old store. This great Gray and Davis light catalog is full of information about lamps and other accessories they sold. It dates from 1914.



*1914 Gray and Davis automobile lamp catalog.*



*1908 booklet for Continental Tires.*

But wait – there's more! You just never know what will turn up at this market.

An unexpected find was this wooden ladies handkerchief box. The design work is impressed using a hot die that results in a "wood-burned" appearance. Colored inks further enhanced the image of a pretty

lady driving an automobile. From her appearance, I'd say it dates from the early to mid 1920s. The same image appears on the inside of the lid. It's in fabulous condition and I couldn't resist it.

You never know what will turn up at a "paper show."



*Wood ladies handkerchief box, circa 1920s.*

Hershey 2023 is now in the memory bank. I anxiously await next year's event. Hope to see you there.

Meantime, happy hunting as always.

Terry





## TRAACA Installation and Awards Banquet

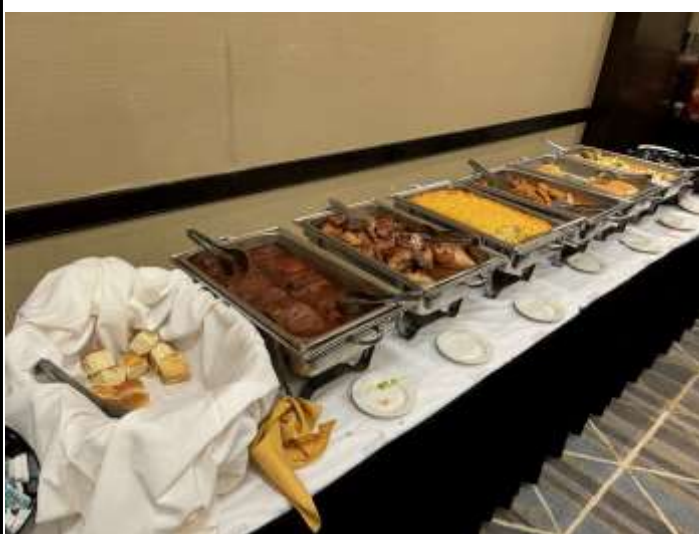
January 20, 2024

Photos and story by Bob Stein



This year's Installation and Awards banquet was held Holiday Inn Convention Center, and as always, was well attended. President Tim Hund started off with introductions, and had Nick Smith provide the benediction. Following the buffet dinner, Tim shared the podium with incoming President Bill Treadwell for the presentation of awards. First off was recognition of 50-year member Bob Ward. The Duryea Award for most contributions to AACA overall was presented to Holly Forrester for her efforts with the Veterans Program. The Century Awards for vehicles more than 100 years old went to Allen Thomas, Brian Capps, Andy Ott, Rad Tillett, Dwight Schaubach, Tyler Gimbert, and Paul Atkinson for owning vehicles made in 1923. The Century Participation Award went to Reggie Nash. The Bill Holmes - Overland Award for a pre-1927 vehicle most active in AACA events went to Tony Miller for his 1924 Model T Ford. The 2023 TRAACA President's Award for greatest contribution to the club went to Barry Basnight. Tony Scarpelli and Paul Fuqua received the Restoration Award, and Terry Bond received the Mud Flap Award for his contributions to the newsletter. The Bartlett Bowl for the most points scored in AACA events went to Jim Elliott, and the Merritt Horne Participation Award went to Rad and Marge Tillett. The Ivie Lister Award for the highest-scoring British Car went to Tim Hund. The LaLique Award for long-term contributions and leadership for the club was given to Skip Patnode, and the Beaulieu Cup for the most points scored with a single vehicle went to Harry Park. That left the Hard Luck trophy, which went to Jim and Donna Elliott for damaging the show car, trailer, and tow vehicle all on the same trip. Bob Parrish then took over for the installation of 2024 TRAACA officers. Before that, however, he took time to present a small trophy to Scott Davies for 'winning' a competition between him and Scott on who could get a specific collector car around the block first. Although he gave Scott credit for winning, Scott then turned around and had a bigger trophy for Bob, saying that Bob's car was actually ready to go first. Bob then

continued with the installation, giving a description of why TRAACA is one of the top ten regions in all of AACA. He talked about board members Herbert Mumford, Hilary Pavlidis, Doug Grosz, and Paul Fuqua and board officers President Bill Treadwell, Vice-President Harry Park, Treasurer Charles O'Dea, and Secretary Nick Smith, and welcomed them all. New President Bill Treadwell closed the evening.









## TRAACA Garage Tour and Blacksmith Demonstration

February 17, 2024

Photos and article by Bob Stein



Mostly sunny skies graced our garage tour to see Tim Hund's amazing collection of vehicles, as well as a blacksmith demonstration at his warehouse location. More than 60 members showed up for the activity which gave most of us our first view of some of Tim's treasures, which started with a 1905 Cadillac and went all the way up to a 2018 Morgan 3-wheeler. Scott Davies had his 1936 Cord Westchester sedan out of its first real run, and Bob Stein drove his 1941 Packard 110. Harry and Tammy Park arrived in their recently purchased 1953 Ford sedan, Bruce Sedel and Jere Avenson arrived in Bruce's 1953 Package Club Sedan, Alfonso and Patrizia Ludovici drove their 1956 DeSoto Fireflight, Chip Woolford and sister Jennifer brought Chip's 1973 MGB-GT, Terry Bond had his 1974 MGB-GT, Bob and Dot Parrish drove their 1978 Corvette Anniversary Edition, Mike and Denise Haag came in their 1979 MGB roadster, Mickey McChesney had his 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88, Nick Smith drove his 1987 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, and James and Becky Woodall had their 1997 Mustang convertible. Tim's cars had signs in each to identify what they were, with a 1921 Simplex and a 1949 Chevrolet Hearse having the additional plus of being former movie and TV cars. Member Joe Gentile left his 1970 AMX at home to provide a great demonstration of blacksmith skills outside, with some pre-made examples and on-the-spot work. Afterwards, the group went to Fuddrucker's Hamburgers off Tidewater Drive for lunch. Many thanks to Tim and Barry Basnight for making this great even possible.









## Editor's Note By Matt Hinson Rummage Box Editor



Welcome to my 31st issue as Editor of the Rummage Box. The other day, I received a “2023 I Got A Member” pin in the mail from AACA. I am not sure how many new AACA members I signed up this year, but it was certainly more than one. This pin is not the first one of these that I have received, and I don’t expect it to be the last. I have never really figured out when or where I should wear these pins, so I tend to put them in a junk drawer or somewhere similar. I inherited my mother’s pack rat tendencies, so I still have a bit of a collection of them. With a quick search, I also found my “I Got A Member” pins from 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2016, and 2013. If I did some more searching, I suspect I could find a few more of them but I just don’t know where I squirreled them away. Signing up new AACA members is easy if you are willing to try and are prepared to sign them up. As I have discussed in my Editor’s Note in a previous Rummage Box, all it takes is driving your antique car to local Cars and Coffee or other area non-AACA car shows and talking with other antique car owners that are also attending those events. If you express an interest in their car, or answer questions about your car, you can easily ask them if they have ever considered joining the Antique Automobile Club of America and your local Chapter and/or Region. If they express an interest, you can easily retrieve a membership packet from your trunk and explain it to them. The packet should have brochures about AACA and your local Chapter and/or Region, along with the required forms. I typically sign up about one new member each month that way. I also make sure that I am nice to any young children who express an interest in my car. While they are probably not going to be ready to join an antique car club for many years, you can certainly plant or nurture the seed of a future car hobbyist and AACA member at that young age. I always offer a youngster who expresses an interest in my car the chance to sit behind the steering wheel and have their parent take a photo of them. I always give the parent information about what the car is and tell them about the club if I can. At this month’s local Cars and Coffee, this young girl told her mother that my car was her favorite car there, so she got a chance for a photo in it.

## AACA Calendar of Events

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

**March 17-23, 2024 –  
Layfayette, Louisiana –  
Founders Tour ‘Touring  
Cajun Country’,  
sponsored by the AACA  
Louisiana Region—open to  
historically correct vehicles  
manufactured between 1932  
and 1999.**

**March 21-24, 2004 –  
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico –  
Special Winter Nationals,  
sponsored by AACA Puerto  
Rico Region**

**April 4-6, 2024 – Charlotte,  
NC – Southeastern Spring  
Nationals and Grand  
National, sponsored by  
AACA Hornets Nest Region**

**June 9-13, 2024 –  
Fredericksburg, Virginia –  
Eastern Divisional Tour –  
sponsored by AACA  
Buzzards Breath Region.  
Open to vehicles up through  
1999.**

**June 20-22, 2024 – Saratoga,  
New York – Eastern Spring  
Nationals, sponsored by  
AACA Saratoga Region.**

**July 10-13, 2024 – Big Horn  
Mountain, Wyoming –  
Western Divisional**



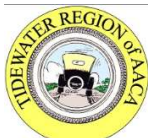
## “America’s Automotive Library” Identifies its Oldest Artifacts

By Steve Rossi VP - Public Relations & Event Planning



The Chris & Kathleen Koch AACA Library & Research Center has identified its oldest antique automotive artifact. It is a copy of *A Handbook for Steam Users Being Rules for Engine Drivers and Boiler Attendants* by M. Powis Bale, from 1890. In addition, a February 14, 1891, issue of *Scientific American* features an analysis of the 3wheeled Butler Petrol-Cycle from Great Britain. According to Library Director Jen Wolfe, “Since automotive history is an inexact science, trying to pinpoint the first piece of automotive material ever published is impossible...though Duryea is credited with producing the first American automobile in series by 1896.” Some believe that Panhard began producing promotional literature... in color... during 1892 (from Panhard & Levassor: *Pioneers in Automobile Excellence*, by David Beare), which the AACA artifacts predate. The Smithsonian’s Smith Hempstone Oliver contended that the first automotive catalog appeared in 1888/1889, from Philadelphia’s Moto-Cycle Manufacturing Company. It featured Lucius D. Copeland-designed steam cycles and steam carriages. (The Bulb Horn, May-June 1966) Either way, as a function of the publication timeline above, “America’s Automotive Library” is at the forefront. The AACA Library & Research Center was established in 1977 and houses over 3 million individual automotive artifacts at its Hershey, PA headquarters. It is the largest and most comprehensive institution of its kind. In addition, the Library also oversees nine single-marque collections within its climate controlled, secure and professionally managed facility, which includes a state of the art fire suppression system. The library is open and free to the public during normal hours of operation. On-site research is free to anyone who visits. AACA Members receive 2 hours of free offsite research per calendar year to be used within the calendar year. Additional research, photocopies, scans and reproductions are available for a fee. Donations such as literature, books, artwork, manuals, periodicals, toys/models, etc. are welcomed and encouraged. Upon receipt of materials, the Library will provide the donor with a letter acknowledging the gift. Visit the library website at <https://aacalibrary.org/> for more information.





# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



**Members celebrating anniversaries in January & February 2024**

**Jerry and Ellen Adams**

**Dan and Chris Ciccone**

**Richard and Sandy Hall**

**Jon and Mollie Hunger**

**Robert and Josie Kinker**

**Henry and Myrna Robson**

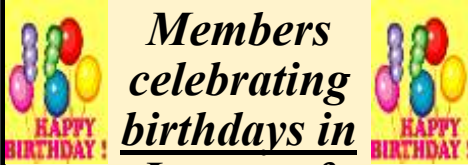
**Gordon and Melinda Spence**



**Sunshine Report**

No member news

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



**Members celebrating birthdays in January & February 2024**

**Jerry Adams**

**Tom Bottoni**

**Holly Chipchak**

**Tyler Gimbert**

**Diane Gresalfi**

**Richard Hall**

**Pamela Hamilton-Bond**

**Phyllis Hund**

**Daniel Matthews**

**Dana Meadows**

**Al Mercer**

**Karen Overbaugh**

**Hillary Pavlidis**

**Linda Pellerin**

**Tom Spina**

**Sue Strang**

**Welcome to Our New Members!**

No new members



**Other Regional and Local Events**

**MARCH 2024**

30 6th Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show Virginia Beach, VA

**APRIL 2024**

4-7 Charlotte AutoFair Concord, NC

6 Daffodil Festival Car Show Gloucester, VA

13 MCT Annual Spring Fling Mustang Birthday Car Show Chesapeake, VA

17-21 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA

19-21 GoodGuys NC Nationals Raleigh, NC

20 Virginia Chevy Lovers 19th Annual Spring Dust Off Virginia Beach, VA

**MAY 2024**

2-4 50th Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally Wheels & Wings Hagerstown, MD

4 24th Annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show Williamsburg, VA

10-11 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet Luray, VA

10-11 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals Carlisle, PA

16-19 Cruisin' Ocean City Ocean City, MD

31 - Carlisle Ford Nationals Jun 2 Carlisle, PA

**JUNE 2024**

6 Highlands Motoring Festival Highlands, NC

21-22 Carlisle GM Nationals Carlisle, PA

**JULY 2024**

12-14 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals Carlisle, PA

**AUGUST 2024**



# EDITOR'S DESK

**Doug Grosz**  
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I want to apologize that many of you did not see the November/December issue of the Mudflap. There was an issue with distribution of the Mudflap and I am working to repair that issue. That is why I have resent the issue to everyone.

Other news, if you have not being to a dinner meeting this year, I hope you can make the next one. The board votes to have our dinner meetings at the Holiday Inn on Greenwich Road in Virginia Beach for the 2024 year. We have had wonderful dinners with plenty of food and great service so join us in March.

March 9th is also our swap meet at Nansemond Suffolk Academy. I hope you can make it to either buy, sell, or just visit and volunteer.

I wanted to thank Mark and Marion McAlpine for their many articles in the Mudflap for the last few years. This month's article is their final article in the Mudflap. They have helped continue the tradition of Master Editor Awards as editors and in providing article to me to continue the tradition of earning Master Editor Awards. My great thanks to their efforts for TRAACA.

This opens an opportunity for other members of the club to help with the creation of articles for the Mudflap. If each member and board member wrote a article about their car or cars and any shows they participate in, then we will have plenty of interesting materials for the members to read. I also plan on reaching out to some of your to restart the *Caught in the Headlights* articles about members and their cars. So please help me keep the Mudflap at this high level of success.

Congratulations to Bob Stein for his award at the AACA National Membership meeting on his 1973 Solex 3800S moped received a National Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) Award . Also congratulations to Harry Park for the inclusion of his 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS in the Zenith Award field at Charlotte NC this spring. I also received the Master Editor Award for 2023. I believe that success is because of each of you that have written articles for me. This is four years of Master Editor Awards since myself, and the first year with Ken Packard as my co-editor.

Looking forward to seeing you at a dinner and an activity.

Doug





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