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**Dan Ciccone in his  
1969 Ford Good Humor Truck  
at TRAACA 2010 Annual Meet**



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*Bob Stein, Wes Neal, and Scott Davies hang one of the new TRAACA banners at the Aberdeen Barn before our March Dinner Meeting.*

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

### BOB'S BUZZ

March was a busy month – we had a sold-out Swap Meet and a terrific Square Car Tour. The Membership Survey is being compiled – more than 70 of 172 packages have been returned, which is an excellent percentage for this type of mailing. Results will be provided in a consolidated report that will be made available online and will also be available in print form at the April Dinner Meeting.

April looks to be even more active. Charlotte is next weekend, and the Spring Tour is just two weeks after that. Please get your registrations in for the Spring Tour – it looks like a great event! And also get your reservations in for the ODMA Meet in Lynchburg. It's only 3 and half hours from Norfolk, and is being headed up by one of our own: Kathy Kellam. Help us bring back the ODMA trophy. Even if you can't take a car, you can earn points by judging.

Hope to see you all at these great club activities!

**" LIFE IS A DRAWING WITHOUT AN ERASER"**



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## Ding-A-Ling



By Dan Ciccone

I guess most of us in the club remember ice cream trucks rolling through our neighborhoods on hot summer days. Some played nursery rhymes, some cranked out popular tunes – where I grew up we always listened for the ding-a-ling of the Good Humor Man. Good Humor trucks were special – the drivers had crisp white uniforms and fancy hats. And of course, that great ice cream. But the last Good Humor Ice Cream truck rolled off the line 40 years ago, and it has been a long time since I have seen one.



In October 2009, Frank Lagana and I went to Hershey for the annual Swap Meet in October. We left Tidewater on Wednesday, driving my motor home known as “The Box.” It looked like a motor home on the outside but someone gutted it, so it was just a wooden box on the inside. Frank and I made it our little house for Swap Meets. We would load up all of our stuff to sell and live in it after taking our stuff out.

On this trip, it was so windy The Box would change lanes without turning the steering wheel. We made our way through VA, MD, and PA, taking my favorite route through Amish country. In Strasburg, PA, as I turned on to route 222, I happened to look off to the left and got a surprise. There was a Good Humor Ice Cream truck in a muffler shop. If I'd been in a normal car, I'd have turned around on the spot. But in The Box, it was too late to make a turn so we kept on going to Hershey.

After four fun days living in The Box at the swap meet with Frank, Scott my brother, and his friend (Oh, did I mention that we have no shower in The Box), Frank and I left to come back home. The whole time I was in Hershey, I kept thinking about that Good Humor Truck. I have always wanted one. A few years ago I saw one in Hershey, priced at \$55,000.00. A little out of my price range for a toy.

We went back through Strasburg, so I had to check on the truck I'd seen on the way up. I pulled over onto a narrow street (remember, I am driving a 28' motor home) and asked Frank to get out and find a phone number for me to call them. Frank walked all over the lot, but he could not find a phone number.

Sitting in the driver seat of The Box, I saw what I thought might be a phone number on the window, but I couldn't make it out. So being the calm, cool person that I am, I politely asked Frank to get back in the truck and skipped happily over to the building. OK – it wasn't quite like that, but hey! YOU spend four days packed in The Box with a bunch of sweaty guys and no shower! Anyway, I did find the phone number, and called the shop Monday. A guy there gave me the truck owner's phone number, and I called him.

Mike, the owner, told me he had two trucks - a 1966 that they were restoring, and a 1969 Good Humor Truck that he uses every weekend at the train museum in Strasburg to sell ice cream.

As we talked I told him that I always wanted a Good Humor Truck, and also told him that I have a really nice 1928 Ford Model AA Popcorn Truck.

As I was telling him about my Popcorn Truck, I could tell he was getting very excited. He then told me that he would sell the 1969 Good Humor Truck and he might like to buy the Popcorn Truck. However, I never told him that the Popcorn Truck was for sale. We talked about prices and we came to an agreeable deal for both of us.

He lives in Manheim PA. Manheim was my second home for years, going there 3 times a month for the world's largest used car auction every Friday. I definitely know my way around the area. Mike travels a lot with his job, so it wasn't until late November that I was able to go to PA to look at the Ice Cream Truck. When I got there it was full of 71 cases of ice cream because he was going to a big fall festival on Saturday.

The truck has been kept outside all its life. It was plugged in and at 20 below 0. I looked at it from top to bottom. Not bad for an ice cream truck that has worked 41 summers without a break. I took a lot of pictures, stayed the night and drove back the next day. It was February before Mike could come down to VA to see the Popcorn Truck. He finely got to see it and we made the deal.

Lucky me ended up in charge of the shipping of the trucks. If you remember my Popcorn Truck, you know that it is 9' 6" tall. Put it on a roll back and it is over the height limit. I had a 'fun' time getting it from British Columbia where I bought it off of Ebay. (Important lesson learned - when you bid on a car on Ebay, pay attention to where it is. I did not!) It took me four months to get it here from British Columbia, but that's another story. This time, I had to get it to Pennsylvania.

I could not find a shipper that could take a 9' 6" Popcorn Truck and bring back the extra wide Good Humor truck. That meant figuring out a way to move it myself. I called my friend Shawn and located a lowboy trailer. The popcorn truck had a ton of beveled glass which made moving it a scary prospect. I went to Lowe's and bought enough shrink-wrap to cover the whole truck.

Shawn left my shop early Friday morning with the Popcorn Truck all wrapped up like a big present. I did not sleep that night, anxious about the popcorn truck getting there intact and excited about having my Good Humor truck here. Shawn pulled up at my shop in Portsmouth Saturday afternoon. The transfer had been managed without a single broken piece on either truck. I slept much better that night. So that's how I became the proud owner of my very own Good Humor Ice Cream Truck.

I was able to dig up some history on my truck. In 1969 Good Humor ordered the last 80 trucks to be made to their specifications by Hackney Bros. in North Carolina. This truck started its 'career' in Monroe, MI, where it stayed until 1983 when it was sold to a man in New York. He had both trucks that I saw at Mike's, and painted them white with house paint and a brush every summer until 2005, when Mike bought them.

There were twenty-two layers of house paint covering the

truck, including the porcelain freezer box! I sent the truck to the body shop and they sanded all the house paint off and repainted it. Frank Lagana came to my rescue, carefully scraping all of the paint off the porcelain. I was able to locate new decals and stickers, plastic shields, and most importantly – a correct set of Good Humor bells so I can ‘Ding-a-Ling’ just like the good old days.



This is the 91st Anniversary of Good Humor Ice Cream. It started in 1920. Harry Burt created a chocolate coating compatible with ice cream. His daughter was the first to try it. Her verdict was it tasted great, but was too messy to eat. Burt's son suggested freezing the sticks used for their jolly boy suckers into ice cream to make a handle and things took off from there.



Good Humor sold its fleet of vehicles in 1976 to focus on selling in grocery stores. Ice cream distributors purchased some trucks and others were sold to individuals. These trucks sold for one thousand to three thousand each. They are ten times that now. There are about 50 Good Humor Trucks of all years left in America.

I have had a lot of fun with this truck. There is no better feeling than to give a kid an ice cream out of the old truck at antique car shows and displays. Or to pose in my Good Humor uniform with some "older kids" my age who grew up with these trucks. Who knows, some day they might remember the fun he or she had and join the rest of us ‘ding-a-lings’ in the antique car hobby.

Post Script: Dan Recently sold the truck to Barbara Talley's daughter, Donna Park, who plans to continue Good Humor distribution.

Donna Park next to the decal that shows the Good Humor products



Right: Dan in his Good Humor uniform receiving the Merritt Horne Trophy from Sam Kern, the 2010 TRAACA meet chairman.



Below: Dan selling ice cream at the 2010 meet.



How many times did you stand next to this list with money in your hand trying to decide which of the delicious treats to choose?





## Feb. 8, 2011 – TRAACA Board Meeting

By Scott Davies, TRAACA Secretary

The board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Bob Stein, President; Wes Neal, Vice-President; Jim Villers, Treasurer; Scott Davies, Secretary; Linda Pellerin, Past President; Board members Toni McChesney. Tony Scarpelli, Bob Roughton and Barbara Talley. Also present were Sam Kern, Bob and Dot Parrish, Ken Talley, Bill Wilcox, and Neil Sugermeyer

Jim Villers reported on the smooth turnover from former Treasurer John Gancel. He also gave the Treasurer's report and it was submitted for audit. The December minutes were approved as read, the January minutes were approved as corrected. Toni McChesney gave the "Sunshine" report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Upcoming Activities:
  - o 26 February – Antique Run to Williamsburg
  - o 5 March - Swap Meet
  - o 5-7 May – ODMA
  - o Future Activities:
    - o Oak Grove Methodist Church has been reserved for the Friday Night Social in August.
    - o The Spring Tour to Edenton, NC will be April 15-17
    - o The Fall Tour to Petersburg, VA historic sites will be Oct 29-30

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Jim Villers reported that the audit was completed by Dick Pensyl. He commended John Gancel on the smooth turnover of the treasury and John was also commended by the Auditor for a job well done.
- Neil Sugermeyer reported that numbers look good for the Swap Meet. Neil is the chairman for the event and Sam Kern is arranging assistance for traffic control.
- Linda Pellerin is looking for volunteers for the Bake Sale at the Swap Meet. Call tree will be used to encourage donation of baked goods.
- The Membership Survey mailing labels are being printed and will be mailed out in February. Sweatshirts for Philly were available at the meeting and are available for purchase through the club store.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Meet overview briefed by Sam Kern. Kit Lawrence has been named Assistant Meet Chairman.
- Bob Stein reviewed the unrenewed memberships, Call list established to confirm intent.
- Raffle tickets will be used at the Dinner Meeting for the "Free Meal" door prize instead of the stickers on the chair.
- A motion to allocate \$75.00 to Tom Wedeking for his expenses with the mailing labels was seconded and carried. Bill Wilcox led a discussion about alternative Dinner Meeting locations. No changes or decisions were made. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.



## APRIL EDITORIAL

By Neil Sugermeyer

It's the end of March according to the calendar, and it is supposed to be Spring, but looking at the thermometer this morning and watching Marty swipe sleet off the hood of the truck, I'm wondering just when Spring really will spring. We did get a great Square Car Tour in between rain showers and didn't get a drop on the cars, and when more than 60 people and about 27 antique cars participate, we're doing something right.

I was particularly pleased to see some of the Nuts and Bolts chapter members participate with us, and yes, Gordon Womack is taller than Jeff, and most of the rest of us. Katie Moyer and Robert Hiby also represented the Chapter, and all three got to ride in some fancy iron. If you know of a young person who is interested in antique cars, contact Jeff Locke to get them involved with the Chapter. Young people will be the future of the hobby when us older types have gone to the great Franklin in the sky! (Yes, they are there – remember, they are AIR cooled)

While we were "socializing" – read eating donuts and drinking coffee – at the Talley's, most of us had the opportunity to see and hear the progress Ken is making on his '29 Buick. Not only does it run like a watch, it is nearing the cosmetic completion as well. The front fenders are still to go on, the hub caps are en route, and the spectacular job that our own member Paul Cho did on the interior makes the car a real gem. Ken says he has it registered for Old Dominion, so it will be completed by then.

The Buick was not the only attention getter at the square car tour. Bob and Sylvia Roughton christened their latest addition, a 1930 Oakland V-8 on the tour. It is the same model that Dick and Jan Pensyl have, so there are two of the V-8 four door sedans in our club, as well as Bob's V-8 phaeton and Ken and Charlene Roach's '31 V-8 two door sedan, all rare cars.

Also at Talley's is the new club trailer, which still needs a few finishing touches to complete the storage racks. A picture of the trailer is in this issue for those of you who haven't seen the real thing. It will serve the club much better than the shed we have used for the last 20 years or so, and can be moved with everything we need to set up a show.

The Charlotte Auto Fair is only a few days away. Many Tidewater folks make the annual pilgrimage to the Concord Motor Speedway where the event is held. Second only to Hershey, this annual show, swap meet and all around good time is well worth the trip south. If you want parts, they are there in the huge swap meet portion of the show. There is an auto auction held in conjunction with the event, and, of course, the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet car show on Saturday morning. Don't miss it!

There are still a few days left to register for the Old Dominion Meet in Lynchburg. Our Region needs all the help we can get to keep the Old Dominion trophy here for another year. The meet promises to be a blast as always, and is a great opportunity to meet with friends from other Regions throughout the state, as well as enjoy seeing their prized automotive possessions. Lynchburg Region has done a great job in preparing this event, including an early bird trip to the Appomattox surrender site on Friday. So, join in the fun! See you there.

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## TRAACA ANNUAL SWAP MEET

By Neil Sugermeyer

The TRAACA Swap Meet, was held on 5 March in Hickory. We sold out vendors spaces inside and out. Vendors began arriving by 6:30 AM and bargain hunting began shortly after that. There was a steady stream of customers throughout the day.



*Richard Hall manned the membership table. Claire Catanese and Jack Pavlidis stopped by for some info.*

*Howard Horton helped out with parking and pointing folks in the right direction. This is the kind of help that keeps things running smoothly.*



*Outdoors and indoors there was lots of interesting stuff.*

*Right: Tyler Gimbert helped Dan Ciccone with his booth and the club store. Tony Scarpelli brought a book full of pictures.*



This year, we asked the Ruritan Club to handle the food so car people were free to sell, buy or just wander around looking and have a good time. As we did last year, TRAACA had a bake sale table indoors filled with goodies. Thanks to all of our bakers.



*Laura Jordan, Suzanne Horton, JoAnn Green, and Sandy Hall are ready to sell Doug Campbell and Bob Stein some goodies.*

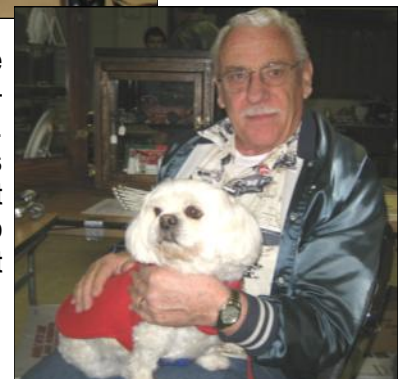


*Left: Sue Bond got some help manning the MG table from club members.*

*Below: Swap Meet Chairman got some help from Johnny.*

As promised by the weather guru, it was a perfect day for the swap meet. A lot of TRAACA folks helped to make this event another success. Thanks to all who pitched in. We'll do it again next year.

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## March Dinner Meeting Wearin' O' the Green

The March Dinner Meeting was a great Saint Patrick's Day party!

*Jim Villers, Neil Sugermeyer, and Bob Parrish all donned green shirts. Neil added a hat.*



The games, quizzes, party favors, and Irish music livened up the evening. Bob Stein brought some gorgeous slides of Ireland that included Irish Step Dancing. Then the Irish trivia quizzes were swapped for grading and the answers put up on the screen. The trivia contest was done by teams. Each team won a prize. The person on each team who's birthday came closest to St. Patrick's Day got to keep the prize. Prizes ranged from flashing 'Irish for a Day' pins to Irish Spring soap and Lucky Charms cereal.



*Terry Bond presented Linda Pellerin with an Extra Mile pin.*

*Tyler Gimbert announced his acquisition of Merritt Horne's Model T.*



Great evening!

## ANTIQUUE RUN

By Marty Sugermeyer

On February 26<sup>th</sup> TRAACA kicked off our 2011 touring activities with an Antique Run to Williamsburg. We met at Greenbrier Mall and toured some back roads to the Cracker Barrel Country Store and Restaurant in Newport News. First things first! Raffle tickets were passed out to each driver with two going to the driver of the oldest vehicle, Dana Meadows with his 1949 Packard woody wagon. Guess it was that extra ticket that won a 29 piece roadside tool kit for Dana when the drawing was held outside the Cracker Barrel.



*Bob Stein holds the tin while Peter Catanese selects the winning ticket.*

*Dana Meadows 1949 Packard woody wagon*



After lunch, we headed for the Williamsburg Antique Mall. Several treasures turned up in this eclectic mixture of antiques and collectibles. Al and Laurice Becker met us there. Dick and Elaine Tarr were also there browsing the over 300 booths. Several members made a day of antiquing by stopping at other shops including the Pottery Factory. Thanks to Mickey and Toni McChesney for giving me a ride to Williamsburg and to Dot and Bob Parrish for a ride home.



*Bob Stein can't believe what Peter Catanese found in the Williamsburg Antique Mall.*





## SQUARE CAR TOUR

By Sandy Hall

As usual in our house, we kept watching the Weather Channel and hoping someone would change the forecast from dreary and downright miserable to at least partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Why not? A couple of weekends in March had been really nice with highs in the 60s, but as the weekend for the Square Car Tour drew near, it was obvious this year it was not to be. The best we could hope for was no rain and our weather guru, Terry Bond, came through for us – well, sort of (Sue spilled the beans and told us that Terry was more concerned about no rain on Friday since they were painting the barn that day – thanks, Terry!). When we left the house at 7:30 to get the donuts, it was raining and at a steady enough pace that the windshield wipers came on. I just knew the day would end up with maybe 10-12 of us sitting in Ken's garage the better part of the day getting sick off 8 dozen donuts.

Because Fentress Airfield Road is closed, getting to Ken's house was a "small" tour in itself for some people, but I only heard of one person that made a wrong turn. When we got to Ken and Barbara's, the garage door was down keeping the wet and cold air out. Even Nirmal (the cat) wanted to have no part in the weather, and his only concern was how to get past Ken and Barbara and into the house while he was still wet. Barbara invited the women into the house where it was warm and dry and where we did what we love to do best - eat and socialize.



*The gathering in the Talley's garage for coffee and donuts soon spilled out onto the patio and then to the back garage where Ken is working on a 1929 Buick.*

When the time came for us to meet the guys outside, I was totally surprised to see (a) the rain had stopped and (b) groups of people not only in the garage but flowing out on to the patio.

After a short driver's meeting, we were on our way. The Tour itself was thankfully uneventful, and we didn't lose anyone. We were taken on the back roads of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, and I was only wishing the weather had been a tad warmer. After a short break at Munden Point Park (the Tour was running early, and we really needed to stretch the time before arriving at our eating destination), we were back on the road for the final lap.

The Tour ended at Angie's Family Restaurant which is a favorite eating place for many of us that live in that area. We did have two hard luck participants that day: Frank Lagana, whose car broke down not far from his home, and Rad and Margie Tillet, whose car broke down around Sligo on the way from their home in the Outer Banks. Frank was able to get his car home and join us at Angie's, but Rad and Margie were not able to – we missed them greatly since I know how much they both look forward to the Square Car Tour each year. Those that participated are: Frank Lagana, Jere Avenson, Tim & Rhonda Russell, David & Fay Curl, Dana and Debbie Meadows with guests Rene, Gene & Daisy, Bill Wilcox, Dick Chipchak, Sam Kern, Doug Campbell, Sarah & Jimmy Milligan, Jim Villers, Terry & Sue Bond, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer, Tony Scarpelli, Vito Serrone, Kenny & Charlene Roach, Skip Patnode, Ken & Barbara Talley, Richard & Sandy Hall, Dewey & Maxine Milligan, James & Becky Woodall, Sylvia & Bob Roughton, Dale & Barbara Craig, Jack & Linda Pavlidis, Dick & Nancy Eberle, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Dan & Angie Ciccone, Bob & Dot Parrish, Dick & Jan Pensyl, Bob & Jane Ward, Jeff Locke, Whit Moore, Bob Stein and Tyler Gimbert. We also had with us members of the Nuts & Bolts Region: Katie Moyer, Robert Hiby and Gordon Womack. The Activities Committee would like to thank Richard Hall and Ken Talley for another great Square Car Tour and Barbara Talley for typing the directions. Each year, I keep thinking maybe this will be the last Square Car Tour, but with 60 people attending and 28 antique cars coming out in really cold and damp weather, I don't think this year will be the last. Besides, while we were eating at Angie's, I heard Ken, Richard and Jimmy Milligan discussing next year's tour somewhere in North Carolina. I would also like to thank the Cape Henry Model A Club for supporting us again this year. Hope to see all of you at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Square Car Tour next year!

*No problem, just a little tire kicking by Tyler Gimbert, Dan Ciccone, Jim Villers, and Robert Hiby.*



## Miles with Meggie

(the MGBGT Terry and Susan Bond travel with)

The 65<sup>th</sup> Revival AAA Glidden Tour  
Escape to Holland, Michigan  
September 19-24, 2010

We flew into Detroit and Lucy found our way thru construction to I-94. Going thru the junction with I-65, we saw a Model A truck on a trailer merging and waved to James and Becky Woodall! We stopped in Battle Creek to have a late lunch and visit with Terry's brother, Dave, and catch up on the family. After checking in at the Doubletree in Holland, we wandered around the car park admiring tour cars and a Moxie car, and climbing up to the



GM Futureliner



Moxie car

driver's seat of a GM Futureliner. The opening banquet introduced us to the organizers, the VMCCA and the AAA, and our roles as Glidden Tour freshmen. In the VMCCA Mid-Atlantic region choir which led us in



VCCA Mid Atlantic Region Choir

patriotic songs were 31 Virginians, including TRAACA members James and Becky Woodall, Rad and Margie Tillett, and John and Doris Stone.

Monday we were on our way to Kalamazoo (home of Susan's alma mater, Western Michigan University) with Ron Lique in his 1930 Model A. After a stop in Otsego for coffee and donuts, we arrived at the Air Zoo and parked in groups according to the year of the cars. The 8 Glidden era cars were awesome. James discovered he had a problem with Luther, one of the fan blades was cracked and ready to depart, so they were out for the day. After a box lunch, we toured the Air Zoo, an aviation museum which



Glidden Era Cars

was very good with lots of airplane scenes which, in addition to airplanes, included a cute green MGTD, a Model T and a motorcycle. We moved on to the back building, also full of airplanes, and saw the personal memorabilia of a Medal of Honor winner. Then we came face-to-face with the owner who talked with the tourists for quite a while, a highlight of the trip. That evening a group adjourned to Curragh Irish Pub in town for good food, beer and conversation.



Terry with Metal of Honor winner

Tuesday was Dutch day and we rode with Tex and Linda Sorrell in their 1932 Franklin. We toured Windmill Island in Holland, and got to climb to the top of a real Dutch windmill which had been moved brick-by-brick



from the Netherlands. The gardens on the island were lovely as were the shops for souvenirs. After lunch there, we drove to the Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven for a tour, and some lucky (actually they were efficient, they sent in their reservations in time) tourists took a ride on the tall ship *Friends Good Will*. We saw a Coast Guard life boat, model ships,



and a Lake Michigan fishing boat and learned a lot about sailing on the lake. We had dinner at the New Holland Brewing Company, more good beer.

Wednesday Terry wanted to ride with Ron Lique again to swap more sea stories, so we signed on as navigators in Hulon McCraw's 1937 Chevrolet Coupe. We stopped in Allegan for some antique shopping before having lunch at Gull Lake Country Club and heading to the Gilmore Car Museum, where our first stop was the new Franklin building modeled after a Franklin dealership – can't believe we beat Neil to it. We toured all the buildings on the always

-growing campus, seeing classic cars, automobilia, motorcycles and a red MGTD keeping company with a Corvette. We had just enough time for dinner across the street at Denny's before the Freshman Ice Cream Social, Freshman Graduation and Award Presentation, with entertainment by the Young Dutch Dancers in colorful costumes who danced in wooden shoes and didn't toss



*Dutch dancers in wooden shoes*

any of them into the audience. Terry and Susan got their diplomas from Pat Swigart, Dean of Freshmen, making them official Glidden tourists.

Thursday we rode with Mark and Linda Hanna in their 1940 Packard. First stop was Fire Engine House #5, built in 1880 in Grand Rapids, and moved to Allendale a hundred years later. The brick work and hose tower were very ornate, and it was full of fire apparatus and memorabilia. There was even a fire pole which a few brave tourists slid down! Then we drove to Coopersville and our hobo lunch on the Coopersville and Marne Railway Company train. The conductor punched our tickets and we were off across the countryside in vintage dining cars.



*Conductor punching tickets*

The Coopersville Museum was in the Inter-Urban station in Coopersville, and also housed the Del Shannon Memorial, a favorite with Terry. It contained a vintage drug store, sawmill, and print shop, and an inter-urban car (sort of like our light rail, but it connected more cities). The Farm Museum, built around a real silo, was hosting a quilting challenge that day. Groups of quilters were feverishly stitching and pressing, trying to beat each other and the clock. Lots of lovely quilts were on display among the tractors and other farm equipment. On the way back to Holland we stopped at the Reenders family collections, lots of shiny cars, truck models, dolls, gas pumps and an MGA. The Buzzard's Breath Touring Region had dinner that night at Skiles Tavern, and its meeting on the sidewalk outside after dinner, the only way we could hear anyone speak.

Terry had looked forward to Friday all week – we were to ride in Chuck and Sharon Hoaglund's 1909 Moline, an original Glidden tour car. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate. Terry dressed for the rain but we begged another ride with Hulon.

They made it to the coffee stop in Fennville in the rain long after we did, then to lunch at the Pie Pantry. We did fine until confronted with a "road closed" sign and met tourists going in all



*Rain on Friday*

directions trying to find the road to Douglas. After a bit of window shopping there, Eric Marsh called and said a group was having lunch at the Saugatuck Brewing Company, so we joined them and the IPA was excellent, but the state was working on the bridge just before the brewery and Hulon's car hit the edge of



*Rad Tillet receives award for Best Ford*

the torn up pavement with a thump, and it squirmed. He got under it when we got back and found a broken spring. He told us later that both of them were broken, but are now replaced. Good thing it was

the last day! The majority of the tourists dressed in vintage clothing for the closing banquet. Rad and Marge Tillett were presented with a lovely delft vase for bringing the best Ford to the tour.



*Rad and Marge Tillett (back) Becky & James Woodall at the Banquet*

Our trip home was uneventful, Detroit to Chicago (airlines don't always take the shortest route) and on to Norfolk.

2296 miles

# Maury High School at 100

Wes Neal

## TRAACA members,

As I briefed you in last Thursday's Dinner meeting, Maury High School in Norfolk, Virginia is planning their 100 year Celebration for the building on May 21 from 2-4 pm. That is 2 months from today. They will have tents in their baseball field for each decade of the school's history.

It will be nice to have the TRAACA participate with our great cars. I can be our Club's POC and coordinate our efforts to the School. Several of you seemed to be interested, and it was nice to see the Good Humor Ice Cream Truck as part of this event.

I would like to get an idea of who would like to participate. If the event is from 2-4, I would think we will need to be there around 1 and stay till about 4:30. Perhaps we could even go by Dumar's after the event for an early dinner.

So anyway, please let me know via email or telephone call by April 15, and I will coordinate with the school on our total participation.

Wes Neal [wes.neal@cox.net](mailto:wes.neal@cox.net) 757-321-6325

## 2011 TRAACA Programs

Wes Neal

There truly is a March Madness, after a cold winter and dusting off the old cars, I figured I had time to work on the Dinner Programs for 2011, but here it is April and I can only stay one to two months in front to this challenging opportunity. The key word here is persistence. With Bob and Linda Pellerin's help and the gracious offer for accommodations for our out of town speakers, we have several leads from the AACA Philly Meeting – thus expanding our reach and quality for good and interesting speakers for our Dinner Programs.

In April we will have a local historian Steven Forrest. You may remember his dad who was in the car club for years, Harrell Forrest. Steve, will provide us a look back to 1812. Yes, it has been 200 years since the War of 1812, so please come and hear about this area's major part in our nation's history in that conflict.

A May speaker is not confirmed as I write this, but in June, Jim Pinkston will come to town from Charlotte. He will give our members the presentation he did in Philly this year on the Ford Family. Even if you are not a Ford fan, you won't want to miss this one.

I'm lucky in my endeavor, as I am receiving a lot of help and since these the Programs are about you, I would welcome anyone that wants to provide more sources for Speakers or Activities for our Monthly Dinners. So my current key Ideas are:

- Other Hobbies - have members display samples/examples of their non-automotive hobbies
- Restoration overview - have a member do a presentation on what they did to restore a vehicle

- Guest speakers of course
  - Key Interesting Events that members have gone to and would like to share with the group
- Interesting talks that our Members can provide to the group  
So, in the upcoming Mud Flaps, I will provide you more information on the upcoming Programs.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Our condolences to Nancy Soccia and Wes Neal. Nancy's dad **Lou Soccia** passed away March 3, 2011 at Atlantic Shores in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

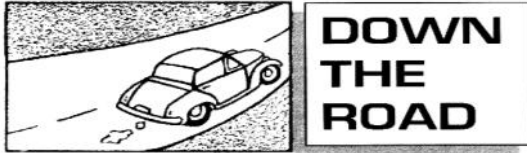
## TECHNICAL CORNER

By Vic Donnell, from the Rummage Box

Ever look inside your radiator? Maybe you really don't want to. You may find this sort of thing. I looked inside this one when I took a thermostat out of it. It left a big enough hole to really see through. Yuk! How do you spell that word anyway? I hope you can see the gummy stuff inside. I sure could. In color, it's the green slime that is sitting on top of every vertical tube that is running down through the radiator. Those tubes are supposed to carry the water through the cooling fins of the radiator. Well, guess what. This radiator wasn't cooling very well. This sort of thing can happen to our older cars when they sit for long periods of time without running.



We also do it to ourselves when we put radiator stop leak into them or when we put too much water pump grease into an old water pump and get the grease into the water. Some of our tired old engines that have leaky head gaskets will draw gas and oil past will draw gas and oil past the head gasket into the water supply and also cause a problem like this. We need to check the radiator from time to time to make sure we have a clean water supply in there. If you are running antifreeze then it should have color but the water should not be murky. Draw out some of the coolant and hold it up to the light to see if it is murky. If it is, then maybe you should have the cooling system drained, flushed, and refilled with a fresh supply of coolant and antifreeze. This could be cheap insurance against an expensive radiator repair job.



**LOCAL**

- April 15 – 17** – TRAACA Spring Tour
- April 21** – TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting (Aberdeen Barn)
- May 5-7** - **Old Dominion Meet - Lynchburg, VA**
- May 19** - TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting (Aberdeen Barn)
- May 30** – 127<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade
- June 4** – TRAACA tour to Knots Island Winery
- June 25** - TRAACA Ice Cream Run
- July 16** - TRAACA Judging School
- August 6** - Virginia Beach Farmer's Market Show n' Shine
- August 26** - Friday Night Social—Oak Grove Methodist Church
- August 27** – **TRAACA Annual Meet (Virginia Beach Airport)**
- Sept. 10** – TRAACA Manifold Picnic

**REGIONAL**

- May 5-7** .. **Old Dominion Meet - Lynchburg, VA**
- May 8** .. 14<sup>th</sup> Triennial Coaching Day featuring Stratford Hall Inaugural Hall Antique Car Show, 10 – 5 at 483 Great House Rd. Stratford, VA, 804-493-8038 or bsharpe@stratfordhall.org
- June 18** - Richmond Region AACA Show and Swap Meet

**NATIONAL**

- April 7-10** – AACA SE Div. Spring Meet - Charlotte (NC)
- May 1-4** - AACA Southeaster Divisional Tour (NC)
- May 19-21** - AACA Eastern Spring Meet (VT)
- July 24-29** – AACA Special Vintage Tour (PA)
- August 11-13** - AACA Southeastern Fall Meet (TN)
- September 18-23** - AACA Glidden Tour (MD)



**THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD**

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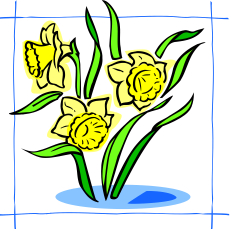
By Jere Avenson, Parade Chairman

I'm in receipt of the registration form for the 127th consecutive Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth. It's the oldest continuous running parade in the country. Parade is Monday the 30th of May and it's a "rain or shine" event. We assemble starting at 9:30 at IC Norcom High School and kick off at 11:00 AM. The path is north up High Street to Crawford Street and we disband at Crawford and Columbia. They'll only allow us to have "not more than" I register for so, I'll need a pretty accurate count. I'll submit the count of cars by the end of April so even if there's work in progress on your car, please let me know and we'll include you in the count. I don't have an email address for Ed Lail but he usually makes contact with the Parade Coordinator himself.

We're invited, and unless TRAACA has something else we've committed to do, I'm filling it out for TRAACA to participate. This year (as in past years) I'd appreciate a boost from the President to get our attendance up. May is one of the best months to drive our cars in the parade. Portsmouth has enthusiastic crowds, the parade moves along well, it's cool and usually there's a breeze off of the river.

**SPRING TOUR**

By Bill Wilcox



**JOIN US!** Our Spring Tour is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 15, 16, 17, 2011 to Edenton, Plymouth, and Elizabeth City, North Carolina by Dick Chipchak, Bill Wilcox, and Richard Hall. We plan to leave from the Wal-Mart off Dominion Blvd., Highway 17 S at 632 Grassfield Parkway on Friday, the 15th, at 8:45 AM for those who can be available that day. We'll tour Edenton and proceed to Plymouth late Friday afternoon. We will stay at the Holiday Inn Express, 840 US Hwy 64 West, Plymouth, NC. 252-793-4700. The rate is \$74.95 plus tax per night including breakfast. A block of rooms has been reserved for us for Friday and Saturday. The block rate will apply until March 20, 2011. **When you call for reservations tell them you are with the Tidewater Antique Car Club.**

Those who can not include Friday will meet Richard and Sandy Hall on Saturday, the 16th, at the same Wal-Mart parking lot, same time, join us at our hotel, then tour Plymouth on Saturday and Elizabeth City on Sunday.

Two good restaurants for dinner have been contacted and other arrangements are being finalized. We hope everyone can bring out the older antiques as this is a relatively close to home tour. Or drive modern. Just get out and enjoy SPRING! We found some country roads you probably have not been on before and of course some Hershey's ice cream in case you've been deprived all winter. Registration forms will be available at the March dinner meeting and in the April Mud Flap. See you then! Dick, Bill, and Richard

The Tourism Director of Plymouth is putting together an even greater variety of Historical and Architectural site visits for us to make our tour an even more memorable one. After our catered lunch and wine tasting you will be able to choose some additional sites or tours that meet your interest. These where not previously listed:

- A Slave underground railroad home.
  - A Civil War Home with noticeable Battle Damage
- A boat trip along the Roanoke River to view sunken ships only recently discovered (Our morning Civil War Museum tour will describe which ships)
- Remember you can sign up for a TWO DAY or THREE DAY SPRING TOUR, by Wednesday, April 6 for hotel and registration please.

## ODMA Meet 2011

By Sandy Hall

The Old Dominion Meet will be held in Lynchburg, Virginia on Saturday, May 7 at the Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center located at 2900 Candler's Mountain Road, Lynchburg, Virginia. There will be a tour of the Appomattox battlegrounds on Friday, May 6. The Hotel's phone number is 434-237-6333 and the website is <http://www.kirkleyhotel.com>.

Rooms are \$109.00 per night including a breakfast. The Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center is located at 2900 Candler's Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502. The Hotel phone number is 434-237-6333. Be sure to tell them you will be there for the ODMA car show. The hotel is an older hotel but has been under renovation for a year. They showed us the guest rooms and both Barbara Talley and I were pleased with the renovations. Hope to see you in Lynchburg in May.

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## THE HUMOR SECTION



A husband walks into Victoria's Secret to purchase a sheer negligee for his wife. He is shown several possibilities that range from \$250 to \$500 in price - the more sheer, the higher the price. He opts for the sheerest item, pays the \$500, and takes it home. He presents it to his wife and asks her to go upstairs, put it on, and model it for him.

Upstairs, the wife thinks (she's no dummy), "I have an idea ... it's so sheer that it might as well be nothing. I won't put it on, I'll do the modeling naked, return it tomorrow, and keep the \$500 refund for myself."

She appears naked on the balcony and strikes a pose. The husband says, "Good Grief! You'd think for \$500, they'd at least iron it!"

He never heard the shot.  
Funeral is on Thursday at Noon.  
The coffin will be closed.

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The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

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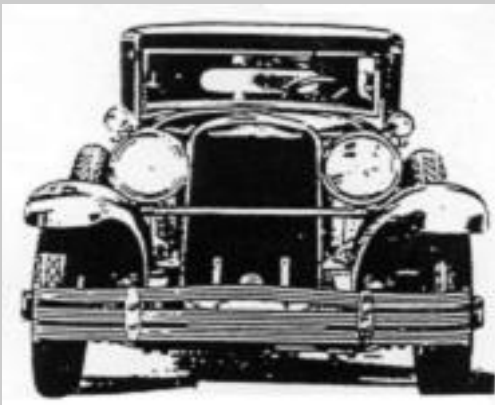
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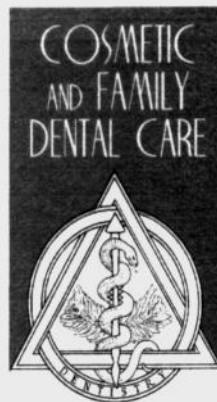
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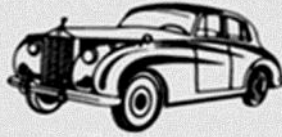
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## **Friday Edenton, NC**

### **Box Lunch**

1/2 sub (Ham, Turkey, Club, or Tuna Salad) (Please circle choices) (Sauces on side)

Or a House Salad with Chicken

\_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$5.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chips and Cookie with each - Bottled water will be provided.

Walking Guided Tour Historic Properties

\_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$10.00 ez \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening Dinner at 309 Bistro (5PM)

\_\_\_\_\_ persons \$ on your own

## **Saturday Plymouth, NC**

Civil War Museum

\_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$4.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch and Wine Tasting

Deli Tray, Fruit Tray, and Assorted Breads

(Purchase assorted other drinks as you wish.)

\_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$14.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lighthouse and Wooden Boat Museum (donation as you wish)

Dinner at Mackey's Crab Bar, 5PM

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## **Sunday Elizabeth City, NC**

Museum of Albemarle and adjacent cemetery

\_\_\_\_\_ persons Free

Lunch and Wine Tasting

(Wine tasting is \$5.00 per person if you participate.)

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We will have a hospitality room at the hotel for socializing each evening. Please bring drinks and snacks for yourself and some to share.

QUESTIONS? Please call Dick Chipchak at 495-0115

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