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President Bob's April. Message

April! If you haven't already brushed off the dust (and pollen) from your antique vehicles, it's time to get out and get busy! TRAACA has been busy since January, and the rest of the antique automobile hobby is starting to wake up as well. Several local shows are coming up in two weeks, and the Charlotte Auto Fair and AACA Spring Meet will be the week after that! And the final weekend will feature the Spring Tour to Annapolis, which promises to be a terrific event.

However, before we go charging off into yet another great hobby season, I want to take a moment for a few heartfelt "Thanks". First of all, to those of you who have helped us make the transition to electronic publication of the Mud Flap – we saved more than \$300 on the March issue alone, which translates to more than \$3000 for the year. That's \$3000 that we can put to use subsidizing events for members, such as the fabulous Saint Patrick's Day Party put together by Bill Wilcox. He is the next person I want to thank. This club owes much to the dedicated, creative individuals like Bill who go the extra mile to make the hobby fun for us all.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to express my deepest appreciation to Marie Gancel for her seven-year tenure as Call Tree Chairperson. If the Mud Flap is the backbone of the Tidewater Region, the Call Tree is its life blood. These volunteers provide the vital flow of information between membership and activity organizers, and the Call Tree Chairperson serves as the heart. Marie did an amazing job, and took the time to make sure her successor had an easy transition. Hmm. OK, I lied. Lastly, I want to thank Margie Ives for volunteering to take over as Call Tree Chairperson, and all of the wonderful volunteers who make up the call tree.



Announcements

**ODMA Meet Registration is due by April 15th.
REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 17**

**CAR SHOW SEASON IS HEATING UP.
CHECK OUT DOWN THE ROAD!**

CORRECTION

**Jim Elliot won the Eastern Division
Chocolate Town Trophy 2011 for his
1980 Pontiac Trans Am**

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1961 AMC Metropolitan

By Bob Green

The story of this Metropolitan begins in an old, dusty tobacco barn in Winfall, North Carolina. The car had been stored there for 27 years after sitting in the open air at Nags Head, North Carolina for 5 years. I struck a deal with the owner, and the car was trailered to our home in Chesapeake, Virginia. To unload it from the trailer required the use of the hand brake, since the foot brakes were not functional.

I wondered if the engine would run, so I put in a new battery, and after priming the carburetor, it started and sounded OK. So then I thought I would just repair the brakes and drive it around. Well, a major brake job was required; master cylinder and all wheel cylinders were rebuilt, all new brake lines and hoses were installed along with new linings for the front wheels. The rear linings were good. I found it less expensive to rebuild the master cylinder, wheel cylinders and clutch slave cylinder than to purchase new ones, even though they were all available.

So now for a test drive! Less than a quarter mile up the road a rod started knocking. Now what to do? Money was already invested in brakes, fuel pump and carburetor rebuilding and some wiring, so I pulled the engine and rebuilt it.



*Above: Continental spare gives a bit more room in the trunk.
Below: Ample rear seat room for a Chihuahua.*



All parts were readily available, and with the crankshaft re-ground, new bearings, piston rings, a valve job and gaskets, it was again ready to test run. At this point, I decided to continue with the repairs as the test run was successful. The brakes and the transmission worked properly, and the lights all worked.

I then set about stripping the thick mustard yellow paint applied by the previous owner. I used chemical stripper called aircraft paint stripper (which says "do not use on aircraft"), and with two plus applications, it still took a while. Fortunately, the spring of 2011 was warm enough for me to open the garage doors because of the stripper fumes. As the paint came off, I encountered some rust, but none in critical areas. I did find a lot of body filler had been used previously. Some rust was in the floor, and I welded in new metal, and there was some rust in the rocker panels, but with fiberglass and some bondo, it all went away. The rear window was removed to allow rust repair on the body below



There IS a four cylinder engine in there! - Made in England.

the window, and then a new seal was put in as the window was reinstalled. With all the paint removed, the rust repair was relatively easy.

By now I was starting to wonder if the car was worth all that I was going through, but I could see the light at the end of the tunnel, and had yet to see a Metropolitan in our area. I have since heard of another one, but haven't seen it. Continuing on, the steering box was removed to install a new seal and the dash panel was removed for repainting. The seat frame was moved 6 inches back to allow for long legs. All new door seals and window channel were installed.

The carpet for the floor is commercial floor mat found at a flea market and cut to fit. The seats are basically as I found them, but the interior door panels



were made and installed by Jo Ann and me, and she did a lot of the cleaning inside the car. The trim moldings were all reused and were polished with a power wheel loaned to me by TRAACA member and friend Richard Hall. The car came without a radio, but TRAACA member Bob Kinker found a correct one for me on eBay, and he also found new tail light lenses and bezels. Another TRAACA member, John Gancel, tuned and tested the radio. All items were installed by me, and they helped to complete the car.

Another major undertaking was to rebuild the front suspension. I put new bushings in the a-arms, with new trunion pins and king pins also installed. Many other minor items were also attended to as necessary.

Below: Bob looks really tall next to the Metropolitan.



After so much work, I wanted it to be as original as possible. The colors were specified on a plate on the firewall, so they are the colors now on the car – Berkshire green and Frost white. From the beginning, this was to be a reliable driver and not a car for Concours judging. I used all the original parts that were in reasonable condition after refreshing them. The car was completed in time for the August 2011 Khedive Shriners' car show, and it was awarded a sponsors choice trophy. It was entered in the TRAACA fall show, but missed it when the date was shifted to October 15th. We look forward to the driving and show activities in 2012. Without the encouragement of many TRAACA members, I might not have completed the restoration by this time.



Above: Jo Ann and Bob as they prepare to leave the Weenie Roast last fall.





EDITORIAL

By Neil Sugermeyer

We are already into spring and the cold weather is behind us. Time to get your car ready for the season's activities, and there are plenty planned for the coming months, including local, regional and national.

There has already been a successful, but wet, swap meet, Taking the place of our usual Thursday night dinner meeting, Bill Wilcox arranged for a great Sunday afternoon Saint Patrick's Day (after) get-together at Cypress Point Country Club that featured an Irish band, good food, and a daytime start so that we could bring out our cars and make it home before dark. A good turnout resulted, and we were encouraged to dress for the occasion. The secret is out – there is a leprechaun among us! Without question, Ken Talley fit the picture exactly, and I dare him to continue to wear the appropriate clothing in the future. If you missed this fun event – shame on you, but there is more on the calendar, so stay tuned.

On a more serious note, Jeff Locke started a great idea to have members write a short article for the Mud Flap telling about your first car. An accompanying picture or two would help. None of us are so old that we started with a horse and buggy, so there must be some great stories from your earliest experience with a "motor car". So far, two articles have been printed, and we have a few more in the wings, but here is a chance to be an author and appear in print! Send your stuff into the editors while you are thinking about it.

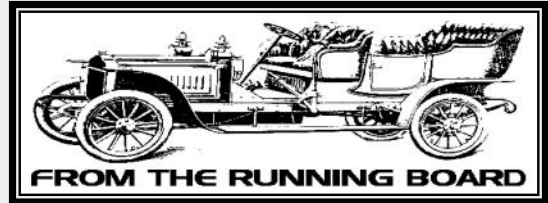
Our new AACA national director Bob Parrish has been assigned as a Director of Regions Development and Support. To keep our hobby growing, and to be able to inform and educate car hobbyists who are not AACA members, as well as the public in general, Bob is getting AACA information brochures and membership applications from national headquarters, and will have them available to the membership at the next club meeting. Every TRAACA member should have a couple of these in not only all of their antiques, but in their modern iron as well. It is a great way to be able to encourage new membership, as the brochure gives a good condensation of the advantages and benefits AACA membership provides. Please get as many as you feel you can use, and if you hand one out, be sure to get a replacement for future use.

The most recent "Antique Automobile" has a number of items that refer to TRAACA. To start with, Jim Elliot's 1980 Pontiac Trans Am is pictured as winner of the Southeastern Division Chocolate Town Trophy (not the James Melton Memorial Cup as reported last month). Bob Stein is pictured as a 2011 Master Web Master, and Marty and I are pictured as 2011 Master Editors. Terry Bond is pictured as a retiring national director after

fifteen years of service, and Bob Parrish is shown as a new incoming national director, as well as Tom Cox is identified as a newly reelected national director. Additionally, a report of the TRAACA fall meet written by Sam Kern appears along side of a report of the Villages Region's first anniversary written by our own John Peters. John and Vicky Peters and Ivan and Marjorie Joslin belong to that Region in Florida where they now live as well as to TRAACA, and we wish their new activity the best. It appears they are off to a great start!

Elsewhere in this issue is the registration form for the Old Dominion Meet 3 – 5 May. This meet is always a great opportunity to show our cars, socialize with folks from all over the state, and hopefully bring back the Old Dominion Trophy for Region participation. It takes a lot of us to show up with our cars to win this award for the next year, and time is running out to get registered. If you haven't done so, please do it now!

The last item is congratulations to Riley Best, who showed his 1903 Cadillac at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, and came home with the Spirit of Amelia Island award. Way to go Riley! Also showing cars at this event were Dick McIninch, who's 1936 Rolls Royce won an Amelia Award, and Bill Thumel who showed a 1964 Austin Healey KNX 757. To be invited to display at this prestigious event is recognition of the quality and detail of the owner's vehicle, and only the best make that cut.



TRAACA Board Meeting February 14, 2012

Anthony Scarpelli, Secretary

Note: These minutes have not been approved by the TRAACA Board and are subject to change.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Directors present were Bob Stein, President; Jim Villers, Treasurer; Tony Scarpelli, Secretary; Linda Pelerin, Past President; and Board member Dick Chipchak. Also present were Bob and Dot Parrish, Scott Davies, and Sue Bond

Jim Villers gave the Treasurer's report and it was submitted for audit. Some members still have not paid annual dues. The January minutes were not read and so the minutes were not approved. They will be sent to the board via E Mail for approval. Bob Stein gave the sunshine report. There are no new members. Bob Parrish mentioned a new member applicant who had not yet joined National.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities:

- Tour to Yorktown for lunch and drive to antique mall in Gloucester. February 25th.
- Swap meet March 3rd. Parking arranged, traffic officers hired, 17 outside spaces, 1/2 of spaces sold inside. Neil Sugermeyer and Terry Bond are handing out fliers.
- Spring Tour to Annapolis (April 27-29). Cost Itinerary and E Mail to come.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jim Villers reported two members asked for print copies of the Mud Flap. Transition to electronic distribution continues.
- March issue will be electronic with a limited printing.
- At the AACA annual meeting in Philadelphia, Bob Stein was again given the Master Webmaster award, Neil and Marty Sugermeyer were again given the Master Editor award, Jim Elliot won the Chocolate Town trophy for his Pontiac Trans Am.
- The president's room cost \$323, to be reimbursed.
- Margie Ives is the new phone tree call person chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob Parrish asked if TRAACA has a special badge for 100 year old cars. National wants a sample.
- St. Patrick's Day party is Sunday March 18th from 2:30-6 PM at the Country Club. This will replace the March dinner meeting. The fee is the standard \$21.
- Scott Davies stated the 2012 roster is ready for distribution. He only needs a cut-off date on additions. He is willing to call prior members who have not paid. There was a discussion on emailing the roster, but it was decided it was a reference document that needed to be in print.
- Software provided by AACA is being discontinued. There are security concerns. Each region will have to buy their Domain name and software. Type of software to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM



IN MEMORY OF

Our thoughts and prayers are with Adam and Sandra Graham at the loss of Adam's father. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

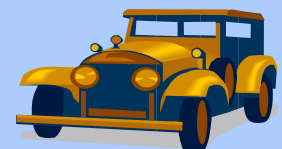
News from National

AACA National Mileage Awards Program

AACA National has instituted a Mileage Award Program to recognize those owners who drive their antique vehicles significantly during the year. Getting antique vehicles on the road helps promote AACA and the auto hobby in general, and increases public awareness of how beautiful our cars are. And just about any mileage counts. Driving on tours, runs, and club activities is obvious, but you can also count that pleasure drive on a Sunday afternoon, and even running to the hardware store to match up a replacement bolt. Any time a vehicle is driven - anywhere for any reason - the mileage counts towards the award level. However, miles where the vehicle is towed (emergency or non-emergency) do not count towards the total driving miles. All mileage is retroactive to January 1, 2012. To participate in the Mileage Award Program, you need to complete the form available from the AACA National web site at [http://www.aaca.org/AACA Mileage Award Program Application.pdf](http://www.aaca.org/AACA_Mileage_Award_Program_Application.pdf) or by contacting Bob Stein. We will also have forms and information at the April 26th Dinner Meeting. You then send the form and \$25 to AACA National. You will receive a Mileage Award Program Badge for your car. You will maintain the log for each registered vehicle. Note that mileage must be accrued by the same specific registered vehicle, but you can register multiple vehicles in the program. When a vehicle is driven 2,000 miles, it is eligible for the first MAP award. The badge has a section where the number of miles is placed, with awards at 2,000 miles, 5,000 miles, and then each 5,000 mile increment. Get your favorite antique registered and start driving!

HPOF Originals

If you have shown vehicles in the HPOF (Historic Preservation of Original Features) in the past, you'll find that there are some changes as you register for shows this year. AACA has created a new HPOF Originals classification that requires much higher levels of originality than the standard HPOF Class. If you currently have a vehicle that has received an HPOF award, you can continue to show it as a repeat HPOF Class participant, or you can choose to have your vehicle evaluated for the new HPOF Originals Class. The HPOF Originals class will help encourage owners to maintain original vehicles as the invaluable and often irreplaceable resources they are.





2012 SWAP MEET

By Neil Sugermeyer

Even though the weather didn't cooperate for our 2012 Swap Meet, there were still about a dozen hard core vendors outside, a full room of vendors inside, and plenty of shoppers to make the day a blast. There are a number of people who contributed to make the swap meet a success, particularly Scott Davies and Holly Forester, along with the kitchen crew who made sure there was plenty to eat during the day. Marie Gancel served as cashier for the food service. Linda Pellerin and her cohorts at the bake sale tables also contributed to the success of the event. Outside, Dick Chipchak, Sam Kern, Jack Pavildis, Tyler Gimbert, Dick Pensyl, Don Hobbs, Mark McAlpine, and John Maragon and the parking crew kept traffic organized in the vendor and parking areas, and we were thankful for the services of the Chesapeake Sherriff's deputies we hired to ensure safety at the highway entrance to the Ruritan Club building. Also, thanks to all who took time on Friday to help with the set-up. We'll do it again next year – mark your calendar for March 2, 2013.



Don Hobbs (right) was ready to be splashed as cars rolled through the puddle at the entrance to the parking area.

Below: A few brave vendors set up in spite of the rain and did well.



John Heimerl was happy with the treasurers he found at the Swap Meet.

Below: The rain let up for a while.



Photo by Bob Stein



Dick Chipchak, Swap Meet Parking Coordinator, and Tyler Gimbert needed umbrellas much of the morning.

Mark McAlpine was determined not to let the weather dampen his spirit.





As you came in the front door, Larry and Jane Cutright were there to greet you with a big smile. Wes Neal is looking over their merchandise.



Jo Ann Green helped out in the kitchen and Scott Davies and Holley Forester planed and prepared the menu available for hungry Swap Meet participants.



Terry Bond is always in the same place with rare and interesting items for sale.



Marie Gancel ran the cash register while visting with Becky Woodall.



Across the isle, Sue Bond held down the fort at the MG table and Jim Villers, another MG fan stopped by to see what is going on with the MG crowd.



In the background, Mickey McChesney is manning the Club Store. Bob Parrish is chatting with one of the Swap Meet buyers and Dan Ciccone is smiling for the camera. GREAT EVENT.

TRAACA'S SHAMROCK SUPPER



By Bill Wilcox

The Sunday after St. Patrick's Day we gathered at the Cypress Point Country Club in Virginia Beach for our St. Paddy's Party. We were a day late but still smilin! Some folks brought out their antiques, spent a bit o' time in the parking lot, then joined over 80 members and guests for music by Celtastrophe (a Celtic group from the Peninsula).



While the daylight held Paul Cho, Richard Hall, and Alfonso Ludovici looked at Alfonso's Lincoln.



Jim Villers was able to park his 1965 yellow Porsche on the patio behind the band. Green beer, Appletinis, Margaritas, and other refreshments soon had us all ready to join in on the chorus of several Irish songs including Courtin in the Kitchen, Paddy Murphy, and Whiskey in the Jar. Linda Pellerin, our quickly developing harmonica player, joined the band for My Wild Irish Rose. During intermission we had a short monthly business meeting.

The Celtastrophe was a big hit with our group, especially Bob and Linda Pellerin and Sandy Hall..



Peter and Claire Catanese' Model A should have won a prize for the best decorated car.

An award of Bailey's Irish Creme for the best dressed women was shared by Claire Catanese and Barbara Talley. The men's costume award of Jameson's Irish Whiskey went to Ken Talley for his Leprechaun costume. He celebrated with a short jig on the dance floor. The most Irish car award went to James Tait for his 1981 DeLorean that was built in Belfast.



Claire Catanese and Barbara Talley accept the joint prize for best dressed lady.

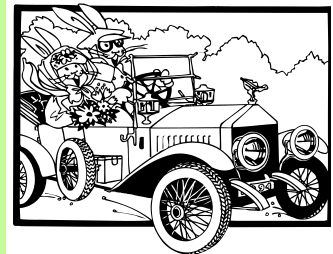
Ken Talley was clearly the best dressed gent in his leprechaun costume.



James Tait sported a T-shirt for his Delorean.

We enjoyed an appetizer, green salad, Sheppard's Pie with Soda Bread, and Irish Red Velvet or Carrot Cake, as well as 4 leaf clover cookies for dessert. Another music session followed and a Celtic tune, The Scotsman, was dedicated to our resident scotch evaluator Jere Avenson. :-). Those attending with Antique cars included in the tire kicking session were my 1932 Packard, Sophie, Peter and Clair Catanese 1931 Ford Model A, Dewey and Maxine Milligan's 1930 Model A Ford, Neil Sugermeier's 1931 Willys-Knight, Bob Woolfitt's 1934 Packard V-12, John and Marie Gancel's 1968 Chevrolet, Bob Stein's 1951 Studebaker, Ken and Barbara Talley's 1956 Buick, Wes Neal's 1963 Jeep Station Wagon, Dana Meadow's 1937 Imperial, Gerald and Mary Lou Olson's 1940 Graham coupe with matching trailer, Mickey McChesney's 1968 Oldsmobile, Tim and Rhonda Russell's 1969 Chevrolet, James Tait's 1981 DeLorean, and several others.

The celebrating continued after dinner with another round of music and song, and folks were able to safely return home well before dark





MY FIRST CAR



My 1951 Ford Victoria

By Bob Parrish

It may be hard to believe that Bowtie Bob's first car was a 1951 Ford Victoria, 2 door hard top. I had saved money from my Virginian-Pilot morning paper route. This purchase occurred while I was a senior at Maury High School in Norfolk. The cars to have in those days were 1949 – 1953 Fords or a 1949 – 1951 Mercury, mainly because of the V8-Engines. I paid \$700.00 for the car from a man that worked at the Virginian Railroad Coal Piers. Months after I bought the car, coal dust still came out of the trim pieces when I washed it. The original color was a non-descript Sea foam Green and equipped with a flat head V-8 and manual transmission.

During this period, many guys would paint their Fords and Mercury's with a dark primer and never get around to applying the finish coat. My dad was driving a beautiful 1953 Olds 98 Holiday coupe with a two-tone blue paint.

I could not stand the un-cool light green paint on this car, so I had it painted the same color combination as dad's Oldsmobile. Other modifications included a 1954 Pontiac grille bar which fit perfectly, fender skirts, spinner hub caps and of course dual exhausts with glasspack mufflers.

While owning my first car, I learned some valuable lifetime lessons that would stay with me even to this day. When you abuse equipment and it fails, the repair costs always comes at the wrong time, when you can least afford it. It could put you to walking again. Speeding and reckless driving could bring fines and increase insurance premiums, which I was paying on my own at the time. When you are 17 – 18 years old and on a very limited income, these un-needed expenses could really affect your life style.

I have owned a total of 5 Fords in my driving years and still have one we drive today, a 1978 Thunderbird just like the one we bought brand new in 1978, same color and everything.



SPOTLIGHTS

WINNERS LISTS

By Bob Parrish

Folks, it is that time of year when it everyone is getting ready to go to car shows, especially this year since it has been warmer than usual. If you go to a car show and win in your class or another type of award, please call Dot & Bob Parrish or email us at Bowtiebobp@aol.com to give us your results. We don't know this unless you let us know.

At the end of the year, your scores are tallied and you just might win one of Tidewater Regions' prestigious awards.

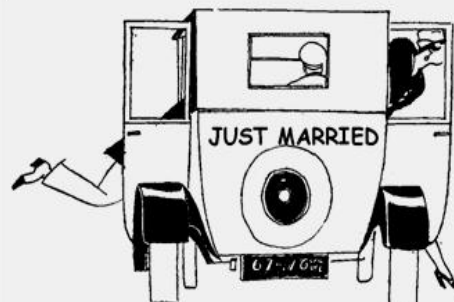


TRAACA MERCHANDISE SALE

Our classic TRAACA Cookbook features many members' favorite recipes. Price reduced to \$3.00 or two for \$5.00. Call Mickey McChesney to reserve your copies.

Wedding Car Requests Hazardous Duty?

TRAACA gets numerous requests from individuals looking for vintage cars to use in weddings and other special celebrations. In the past, I have forwarded them on to the membership. However, I will no longer do so. Anyone who "rents" an antique car needs the proper licensing for both vehicle/owner as well as the right kind of commercial "for hire" insurance. Even in situations where the car is provided as a favor, insurance coverage during such use is iffy. In addition, by acting as an intermediary, TRAACA could become a party involved in something that our region/national AACA insurance doesn't cover! If the club handles the transaction, our AACA policy is not going to provide any protection should we get sued as an involved party in any litigation. Any of you, of course, are free to provide any service you want privately, but be sure you are aware of any restrictions your insurance may have.



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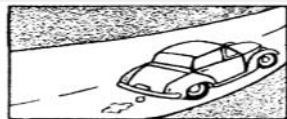
TRAACA Shines in Antique Automobile March Issue

In an article on page 44, Ray Fischer said that the most popular seminar at 2012 Philly was "Women – The Driving Force" by TRAACA's own Linda Pellerin, Sue Bond, and Sandy Hall. Jim Elliott's picture is on page 54 along with his 1980 Pontiac Trans Am. He won the Southeastern Division Chocolate Town Trophy. Bob Stein is centered among the winners of the Master Webmaster Awards on page 69 and Marty and Neil Sugermeier are at the top of page 70 among the Master Editor Award Winners. Terry Bond's picture is on page 71 among three retiring AACA directors. Terry served for fifteen years. Bob Parrish's photo is also on page 71 as a newly elected member of the AACA Board of Directors. Go to the group photo at the bottom of the page and you will see both Terry and Tom Cox who served AACA in 2011. Tom was also named Executive Vice president for 2012, and will follow Herb Oakes as AACA President in 2013. If you continue to page 77, Tidewater Region's Wings and Wheels Meet was featured on half a page that included a picture of Meet Chairman Sam Kern and award winner Tyler Gimbert. Whoopee, we're in the big time!

AMELIA ISLAND WINNERS

The Amelia Island Concours de Elegance for 2012 featured Ferrari, GTO, and custom coachwork Cadillacs. As with most Concours, this is an invitational event, usually for rare cars and mostly those featured that year. So, whether you win an award or not, being part of the show is quite an honor. Three TRAACA members had cars in the Amelia Island Concours this year. Bill Thummel's 1964 Austin Healy KNX 757 was entered in the Concours de Sport.

Dick and Joyce McIninch's 1936 Rolls-Royce Phantom III Drophead Coupe received an Amelia Award. Riley Best's 1903 Cadillac rear entry tonneau took home the Spirit of Amelia Island Award. Larry Printz was on the scene at the 16th annual show. Larry's March 23 article in the Virginian Pilot had a description of riding with Riley as he picked up the award that would leave any antique car enthusiast salivating to be part of the fun. You can see the pictures at www.ameliaconsours.org and see a winners list at https://www.ameliaconcours.org/newsandmedia/winners_ameliaawards.aspx



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LOCAL

April 14 - All Makes and Models Car Show, 9- 3 at Kecoughtan High School (522 Woodland Road, Hampton Va 23669).
karen@leckemby.net, rrouuten@hampton.12.va.us
Web Site: www.khsptsa.weebly.com

April 26 - TRAACA Dinner Meeting, Aberdeen Barn, Va Beach, (shifted a week due to Charlotte Meet)

April 27-29 - TRAACA Spring Tour (Annapolis)

May 12 - TRAACA Square Car Tour

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May 12 - Moyock Ruritan Club presents the 5th Annual All Wheels Show. Contact Eldon Miller (252)435-6116, airdoc78@hotmail.com

June 3 - TRAACA Car Display (Retirement home)

June 7 - TRAACA OpSail Tall Ships Excursion

June 23 - TRAACA Picnic in the Park - Chesapeake

July 14 - TRAACA Ice Cream Social at Talley's

Aug.4 - TRAACA Chrysler Museum / Doumar's Run

Classic Car Cruise In's Every Saturday Night 5pm-9pm

Virginia Beach Farmers Market (757) 385-4395

www.vbgov.com/farmersmarket "VB Farmers Market" FaceBook

REGIONAL

April 29 - 37 Piedmont Region AACA Show, Rt.29 North, Charlottesville,VA Info:434-823-5372, Ruckus@embarqmail.com

May 3 - 5 59th ODMA Meet, Roanoke, VA, aaca.org/odma

May 11-12 54th Apple Blossom Meet by Shenandoah Region, Winchester, VA, www.sraaca.com, 540-869-6668

May 11-12 17th All-Packard Swap Meet & Car Show, American Legion in Frederick, MD Info:301-515-1728 or keithrvail@gmail.com

May 13-20 CCCA CARavan (Williamsburg, VA)

May 26 - 19th Northern Neck Antique Auto Show, Heathsville, VA, 804-443-4478

June 2 - 55th Historic Fredericksburg AACA Show in downtown Fredericksburg, about 200 antique autos 540-372-6896

June 16 - 43rd Richmond Region AACA Swap Meet & Show Virginia National Raceway, www.richmondaaca.com

Aug.3-5 - 49th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA, Sunday Individual Car Club Shows, awkscht.com

NATIONAL

April 19 - 21 - AACA SE Spring Meet (Charlotte, NC)

May 9 - 12 - AACA East. Div. Tour, hosted by So Jersey Region

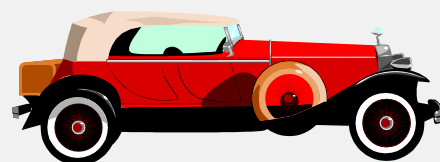
May 17-19 - AACA East. Spring Meet Ontelaunee Region (Wyomissing, PA)

June 3 - 8 - AACA Sentimental Tour - Shenandoah Valley hosted by Waynesboro-Staunton Region

June 14-16 - AACA Grand National /National Dual Meet (Shelbyville, TN) hosted by Celebration City Region

Aug. 13-17 - Founders Tour - Allegheny Mountain Region Altoona, PA

Aug 27-31 Reliability Tour - Richmond Region - Richmond Area



Celebrity Spotlight

WINNER	VEHICLE	AWARD
	CLASS	

Amelia Island Concours de Elegance, March 9-11, Amelia Island FL

Dick McInInch	1936 Rolls Royce Drop Head Coupe	
	European Classic 1936 – 1938	Amelia Award
Riley Best	1903 Cadillac rear entry Tonneau	
	Horseless Carriage 1895-1915	Spirit of Amelia Island Award
Bill Thummel	1964 Austin Helay KNX-757	
	Concours de Sport	Exhibitor

York High School Car Show March 24th, Yorktown, VA

Tony Scarpelli	1956 Chrysler	
	Class 1950's	1st Place
Donna Elliott	1980 Pontiac Firebird	
	Class 1980-1995	2nd Place
Jeff Locke	1985 Cadillac	
	Class 1980-1995	3rd Place
Tony Scarpelli	1956 Chrysler	Best in Show



TRAACA APRIL DINNER MEETING PROGRAM – Tidewater Auto Dealerships

The April Dinner Meeting will take place on the 26th at Aberdeen Barn. After the social hour that begins at 6:00 and dinner that begins at 7:00. We have a great program planned for our April Dinner Meeting on April 26th. William Inge of the Norfolk Public Library will be presenting a history on old automobile dealerships in the Tidewater area, with photos and details on where they were and what has happened since. Please note that our regular third Thursday monthly meeting shifts a week later in order to avoid conflict with the Charlotte Auto Fair and Eastern Division National Meet .



SPRING TOUR TO ANNAPOLIS

April 27, 28, & 29

By Dick Chipchak

Dick Chipchak and Tyler Brown made a trip to Annapolis last weekend to rap up the details for our Spring Trip. We have 21 folks scheduled to enjoy the weekend. Dinner both Friday and Saturday will be at different restaurants at Annapolis City Harbor.

Our Friday night stroll will reveal a lot of the history behind terms we use today and how they originated, such as "My Dogs are Killing Me". Take the tour and discover where the saying came from!

The U.S. Naval Academy was started in 1845, a mere 112 years before Tyler Brown graduated. The Chapel was always my favorite, the blue tinted windows and the tomb of John Paul Jones gives a peaceful feeling.

Remind me to share the story of when I was walking out of Bancroft Hall as a 13 year old ahead of my brother Bob's company of Midshipmen. Come to dinner prepared to ask Tyler about his memorable time at the USNA.

We will not caravan as a "group" from Hampton Roads to Annapolis. The suggested route is via Eastern Shore. I will publish a list of attendees so small groups can caravan. We will gather at the Hotel Lobby at 3PM on Friday to start our tour. See the form at the end of the March Mud Flap for more details on the tour. Both Tyler and I expect you will have a delightful trip and we plan on having you back again.

Dick will be getting everyone an Annapolis Tour and Activities Guide book prior to Friday so you can plan your Sunday activities.

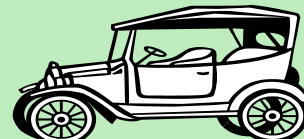
Tyler introduced Dick to a great donut shop, so if you are into soft, fresh, tasty donuts do not forget to get directions from Tyler. Looking forward to more folks signing up. See you soon.

THE REGISTRATION FORM WAS IN THE MARCH MUD FLAP AND IS AVAILABLE IN THAT ISSUE ONLINE.

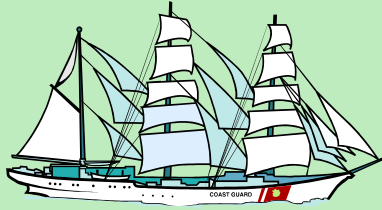
Old Dominion Meet Reminder

By Sandy Hall

The Old Dominion Meet celebrating the "British Motor Car" will be held in Roanoke, Virginia May 3-5, 2012. The cutoff for meet registration and hotel registration is April 15. Hotel reservations are in the name of Roanoke Valley Region. The registration form is on page 17. Visit the website at www.aaca.org/odma or call Richard Hall at 482-2821 for more information.



OPSAIL 2012



By Linda Pellerin

Opsail is returning to Hampton Roads! I know some of you remember the great time we had on the water at Opsail 2000. The International fleet of tall ships will be arriving on Thursday, June 7, 2012. They will anchor in the Chesapeake Bay just north of the John A. Lesner Bridge, waiting to parade into Norfolk the following morning. We have chartered a boat to cruise in and around these magnificent ships on Thursday evening. The boat will leave from behind Dockside restaurant at 6:30pm. We may get lucky and also see some dolphins as they frolic in the water and of course we will view a beautiful sunset as we come back to the dock. The boat holds 100 people. We will assure that all members are accommodated but I think there will be room for guests. The cost of the boat trip will be \$21.00. I will work on a box lunch option as many of you will be coming from work. Mark your calendar for this spectacular event! This is one you don't want to miss!

THE HUMOR SECTION



KIDS PERSPECTIVE

NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved.

She was stark naked!

As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

POLICE

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station.

As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked.

'It sure is,' I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van.

Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

ELDERLY

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds.

She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass.

As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered,

'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

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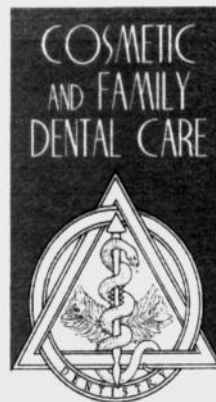
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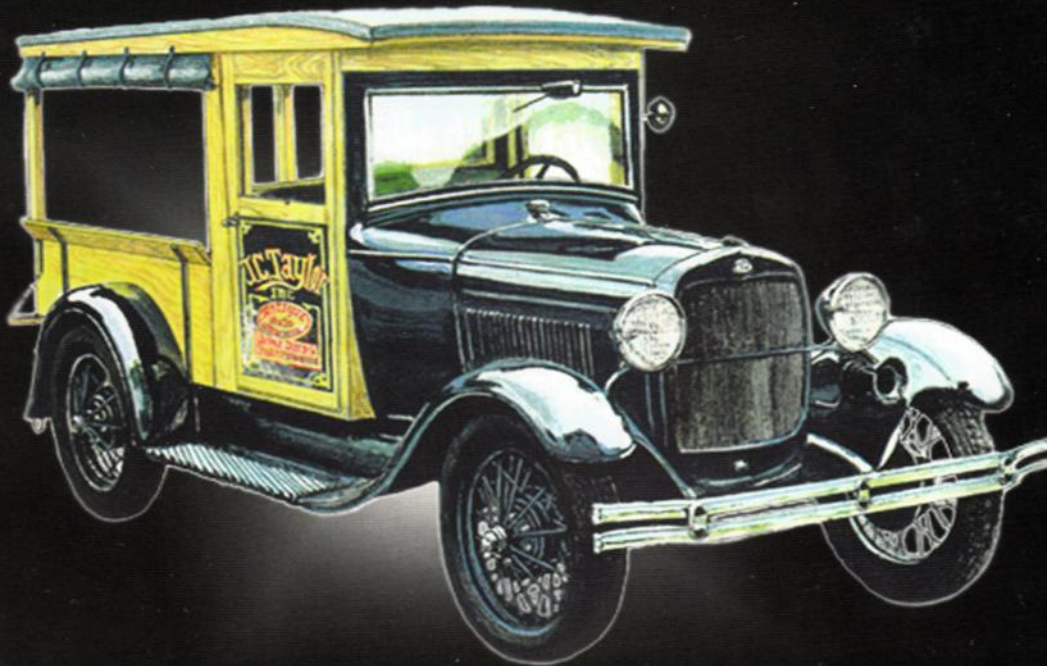
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MAY 3-5, 2012 - ROANOKE, VIRGINIA**

Deadline for postmark of this registration form and funds is April 15, 2012

Name _____ Region _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ AACA # (Required) _____ Email _____

1. Please make sure to indicate the class your vehicle is entered in and circle the award you are seeking. ODMA classes are same as AACA.
2. An ODMA Junior vehicle has never won an ODMA 1st Junior award, regardless of other award wins.
3. An ODMA Senior vehicle has previously won an ODMA 1st Junior award, in any year.
4. An ODMA Preservation vehicle has previously won an ODMA Senior award, in any year
5. HPOF must have been previously certified by AACA
6. ODMA will certify DPC at the show.

Vehicle 1: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Class _____

Circle Award Sought ODMA Junior ODMA Senior ODMA Preservation HPOF DPC Do Not Judge

Has this vehicle ever won an ODMA award? (circle one) Yes / No Highest award won and when: _____

Vehicle 2: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Class _____

Circle Award Sought ODMA Junior ODMA Senior ODMA Preservation HPOF DPC Do Not Judge

Has this vehicle ever won an ODMA award? (circle one) Yes / No Highest award won and when: _____

Please list additional vehicles on a separate sheet of paper using the format above and staple to this sheet

Number of Vehicles Registered _____ @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____

Late Registration (postmarked after April 15 - not judged) _____ @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____

Number of trailer parking spaces required _____ @ no charge

Friday D-Day Memorial Tour _____ @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

Friday Night Ice Cream Social _____ @ \$4.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet _____ @ \$24.50 each = \$ _____

Total of All Above _____ Total Enclosed = \$ _____

All vehicles must be on the show field by 11am and remain until 4pm unless released earlier by the Chief Judge.
All vehicles must have a visible, fully charged UL approved fire extinguisher.

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

**Mail this registration form with your check to Tammy Cox, 1403 High Place Lane, Blue Ridge, VA 24A64.
Checks should be made payable to Roanoke Valley Region MCA.
Envelopes must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2012 to be judged.**

MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.