

# The Mudflap



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

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**THIS SATURDAY! BAY LAKE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CAR DISPLAY**  
 - Come out to Bay Lake Retirement Community this Saturday (September 7th) for an antique car display from 10 AM until 3 PM. The center is providing lunch for all participants, and the weather looks like it will be clear and sunny, and not too hot. Come out and socialize in a relaxed activity. Please let Wes Neal know if you want to participate ([wes.neal@cox.net](mailto:wes.neal@cox.net)). The center is located at 4225 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

## September 27th

### Come to the Friday Night Social!

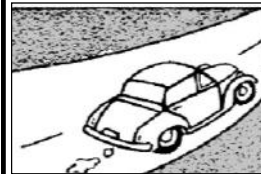
Come out on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 6 PM for our Friday Night Social. This will be celebrating the 40th consecutive year of our TRAACA annual car shows. Can you believe that? 40 years!!!!

The social will be held at the Oaklette United Methodist Church at 520 Oaklette Drive in Chesapeake, VA.

We will have a wonderful meal provided by Reginellas Restaurant. They have been doing our social for several

years with great Italian food. Dessert and soft drinks/water will also be provided (there is no cash bar at this event). You will pay \$20.00 per person at the door for the meal.

When your call person gives you a call, say 'yes' and come out to enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow club members. (There might even be some entertainment) See you Friday night, September 27th at 6:00 PM!!!! (See the map on page 2).



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THE  
ROAD**

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

## September

- 7 Bay Lake Retirement Community Car Display
- 8-13 AACA Revival Glidden Tour (TN)
- 27 TRAACA Friday Night Social (Oaklette Church) (Map Pg 2)
- 28 TRAACA Annual Meet (VB Airport) (Map Pg 2)

## October

- 9-12 Hershey/AACA Eastern Fall Meet (PA)
- 17 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
- 19 Car Display/Show at Westminster-Canterbury
- 25-26 AACA Western Fall Meet (CA)

## November

- 2 TRAACA Chili Cookoff (Dewey and Maxine Milligan's)
- 14 TRAACA Dinner Meeting/Silent Auction

*2013 AACA National Events Calendar is provided on page 3.*

# From the Driver's Seat

Wes Neal  
TRAACA President



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, the lawn mower is broken, and the car is begging for a pleasure drive before the season ends." ~ Unknown

As the season comes to an end and turns into fall, TRAACA shift into Overdrive for the Best of the Best with our Annual Car Show preceded by our Friday Night Social. Our 40th, with special recognition of cars that were part of the 1st TRAACA show in 1973. Congratulations to those members and many thanks for allowing us to highlight these special cars and members at this year's Wing and Wheels Meet on September 28, 2013.

Tony Scarpelli, this year's Meet Chairman, is pulling together his army to manage this function at the fantastic Military Aviation Museum and Airport in Pungo – Virginia Beach, Virginia. The field will be set, the trophies ordered, the vendors lined up, so the stage is set for you to bring out your Pride and Joy.

Our Activity Committee including Tim Russell and Bill Wilcox with support by Dick Chipchak and our special Party Ladies are focused on our annual Meet's Friday Night Social at Oaklette Church off Indian River Road. Thanks to all, I look forward to seeing all of you at these two wonderful events.

The Mud Flap and Mud Speck continue to Communicate and hold our interest of all the good things going on in our Club. Please, support Bob with your car stories so we can all hear them as well.

We are not resting this month with other Activities, with a Car Show at Baylake Retirement Center's "Fair Day" from 10-2 off Shore Drive in Virginia Beach on September 7th.

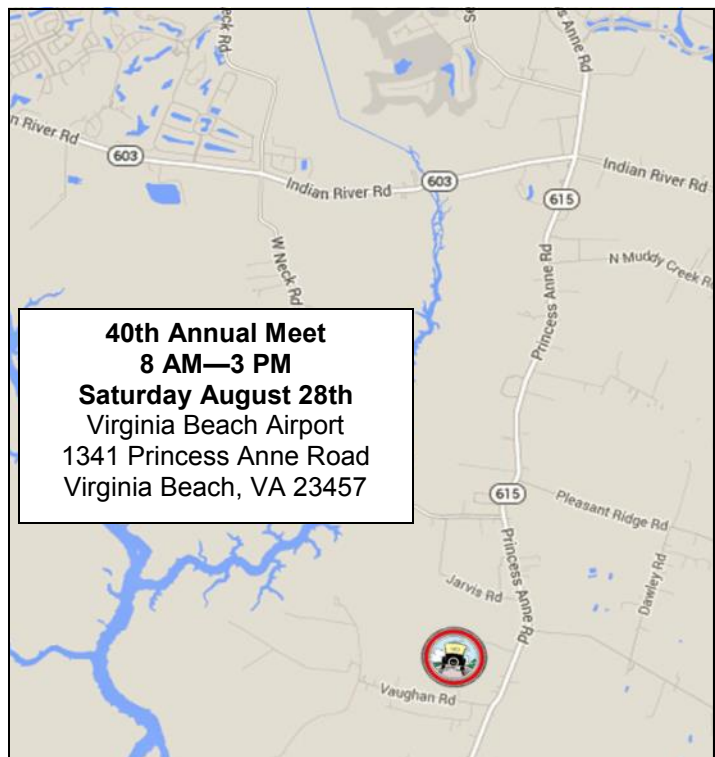
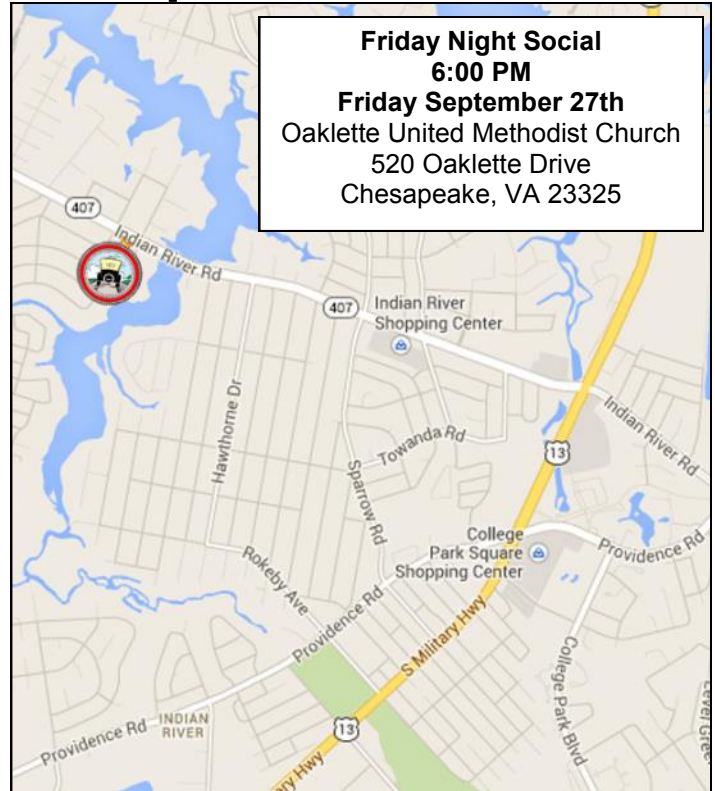
Marion gets to take a short break in her efforts of Managing our Dinners and Speakers at our monthly Restaurant stop at the Holiday Inn - Norfolk Airport with the focus this month on the Friday Night Social.

From a Society perspective, after this year's Meet we start our regroup for next year's Meet Chairman appointee, and like the seasons the planning cycle starts again.

Drive Safe as School's reopen this month!

*Wes Neal*

## Maps for the Month



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## Editor's Corner

The past month has not been a happy one for TRAACA—we lost two long-time members and friends, and several of our members lost close family members.

Linda Pavlidis passed away very unexpectedly in her sleep on August 17th. She was a personal friend for many years, an active member for more than a decade, and former TRAACA Secretary. Her death was a shock, as she had been at the August dinner meeting just two nights before. My deepest sympathies to her husband Jack and daughter Hillary.

Just last week, on August 28th, we lost Joe Wills. Although no longer a member, Joe was active with TRAACA for decades, dropping out in recent years due to poor health. Condolences to his wife Betty, also a former member.

Melanie Kordis lost her mother last month, and Jack Burroughs lost a sister. Again, our condolences.

Tidewater Region is not just a club, it is a 'family' for many of our members. I'd been planning to visit Joe and Betty Wills for months, but never seemed to find the time. It's ironic and sad that we can't spare an afternoon to share with those we care about, but can always make the funerals. Reach out to those you love while you can.

**Bob Stein**



## 22nd Annual Khedive Car Show

August 17, 2013 - Light drizzle and occasional bouts of rain might have kept some folks away from the 22nd Annual Khedive Car and Craft Show at the Khedive Activity Center in Chesapeake, but it did not deter the stalwart cadre of the Tidewater Region!

Participant's included Don and Bonita Whitlow and grandkids (above), who took home a First Place trophy for the 1963 1/2 Falcon Sprint they restored as a family project. The oldest vehicle present was Sam Kern's 1925 Franklin.

For a complete list of award winners, check the Khedive Show listings in the TRAACA Member Spotlight on page 7.

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*Editor's Note—The August Board minutes were not available and will be published when received.*

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED/VOLUNTEERED YET?** - Our 40th Annual Meet is just weeks away! Help our hard-working volunteers by getting your registration sent in now instead of waiting until the last minute. The form is provided on page 11. And we are in need of folks to help out with show field parking, judging, and many other large and small tasks. Please lend a hand for this event—just an hour of your time can make a big difference. Contact Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli to volunteer at (757) 810-1600 or email: [scarp02@aol.com](mailto:scarp02@aol.com).

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# The American Sign Museum

By Terry Bond

A recent visit to Cincinnati Oh to visit family presented an opportunity I'd been waiting for. We were able to include a side-trip to the American Sign Museum.

A lot of us collect signs, specializing of course in automobile related. I've always found it great to know a little history behind the signs themselves, and this place was just that – the story of signs and their history.

It was founded several years ago by an individual deeply involved in the sign industry, as was his entire family. As editor of the trade publication "Signs of the times" Tod Swarmstedt was uniquely positioned to create something unique. Long interested in preservation of early signage, he opened the museum in 2005 in a scruffy artists' co-op near downtown Cincinnati. Recently, he moved into a more appropriate setting – a 100 year old warehouse with plenty of room for some of the larger pieces in the collection.

Tod was never a sign collector, but his contacts within the sign industry itself provided a ready source of material that needed preservation in one central location where it

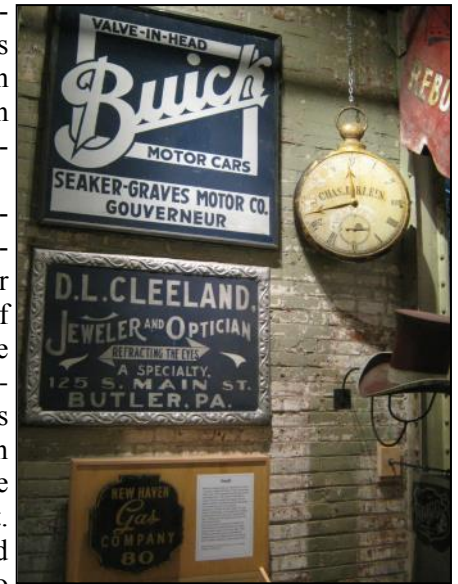
could be displayed properly and enjoyed by the public.

The museum is fabulous! It has been featured on Antiques Roadshow. Inside, there is a downtown street-scene faithfully created that features old building fronts spanning the time line between turn-of-the-century to the present day. Naturally, the storefronts are bedecked with neon, porcelain, tin and even hand painted signage.

We were fortunate to get a personally guided tour from Tod himself who explained the history of sign-making. Countless examples from each period in history are there for enjoyment. We even managed to talk our way into the "back room" where all the yet-to-be-displayed treasures are housed!

It's not just automotive! Although there are some significant automobile related artifacts, you'll see everything from Howard Johnson's and McDonalds, to the complete side of a barn advertising Mail Pouch Tobacco - and believe me, it takes a warehouse to display some of those larger pieces in the collection!

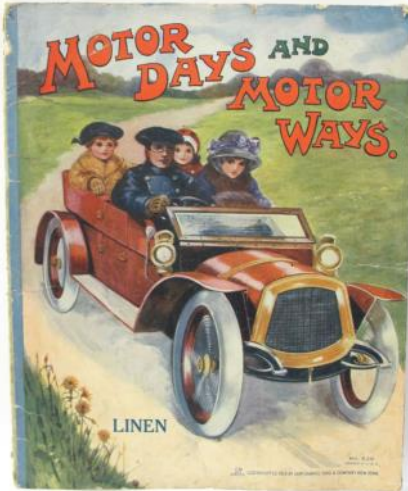
Here is a link to their website - / [www.signmuseum.org](http://www.signmuseum.org) and here are a few pictures to tempt you to make that trip to Cincinnati Ohio for a personal visit. Perhaps this could make an interesting future program?





## Still Collecting Stuff Children's Books!

By Terry Bond



In my last columns you were introduced to the wonderful world of automobilia from a young child's perspective – at the turn of the century. It was a wonderful time as the youth of the day marveled at the latest craze – motoring. I wonder how many youngsters pestered their parents to “buy a motorcar?”

For those who weren't able to actually take motor trips, youngsters could just imagine they were journeying world-wide visiting those sites they could only read about in school books. These wonderfully illustrated children's must have really stimulated the imagination, if not the lust for travel, which was just beginning to become available to their families.



The earliest in my collection actually comes in two versions. It's quite interesting to have an English language version of a book originally published in Europe. In this day, most artists depicted automobiles in an allegorical manner, often drawing from memory, or imagination, as most people had only ever seen an automobile from a distance, roaring past on a dusty road. The resulting representation of the automobile was often quite whimsical. Not so with this book – it quite accurately depicts a circa 1898 Daimler Motorwagon. It's rare and wonderful, and the images inside are small works of art depicting a family traveling through Europe in their new car. I also found a



copy of this book printed in German. Both were printed by the same firm in London.

There are later versions of this book, updated as the car changed in appearance. I've got similar books up into the twenties, and no doubt there are many more covering the years up to the present. But, my interests lie with the earlier material, so my cut-off is post-war (WWI that is). There are many different types of books – the typical “teaching” books intended to help youngsters learn their ABCs. There are also story books about automobile adventures, and still others that depict all types of early transport including not only cars but trains, boats, and yes, even early aircraft.

Condition is everything. They were the property of children, and subject to additional pencil and crayon markings, as well as damage from less than careful handling. Many had images cut from them and used as wall decoration in playrooms or the bedrooms of young children. I like to say those in less than perfect condition have been “enjoyed!”

Values are surprisingly low with the exception of the very earliest items. A copy of the oldest book in my collection has been seen listed for sale on the internet at \$450, what I think to be a rather silly price. I recently added a near mint 1920s children's book to my collection for \$25 and was glad to have the chance. Somewhere in between the two, you can have a lot of fun collecting.

Enjoy these examples and as always, enjoy collecting.

*Terry Bond*

## TRAACA Member Spotlight

### Mustang Club of Tidewater Annual Car Show (July 27, 2013)

Andrew Sitar	1955 Thunderbird	1st Place
Jeff Locke	1985 Cadillac	1st Place

### 22nd Annual Khedive Temple Car Show (August 17, 2013)

Sam Kern	1925 Franklin	1st Place
Donnie & Bonita Whitlow	1963 Falcon	1st Place
Bob & Jane Ward	1955 Thunderbird	1st Place
Tom Wedeking	1941 Dodge PU Truck	1st Place
Bob Stein	1937 Pontiac	Dealer's Choice
Mickey McChesney	1965 Chevy Conv.	1st Place
Adam Graham	2005 Corvette	2nd Place
Al & Laurel Swenson	1974 MG Midget	1st Place
Bob Kinker	1967 VW Beetle	1st Place
Al & Georgiann McVicker	1957 Chevrolet Wagon	1st Place
Tom Bottino	1959 Cadillac	Dealer's Choice & 1st Place



## What is your favorite...?

### “Spot on your on your vehicle?”

Describe what/where is that spot and why you like it, and what you most like to do with/to your favorite spot on your vehicle. A picture would be great but if you can't take a digital picture, let me know and I'll arrange to take one at one of our meetings or other activities.

### AACA NATIONAL EVENTS 2013 CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER

8-13—AACA Revival Glidden Tour (TN)  
19-21—AACA Southeastern Fall Meet (TN)

#### OCTOBER

9-12—Hershey/AACA Eastern Fall Meet (PA)

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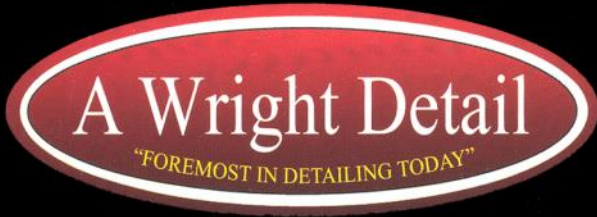
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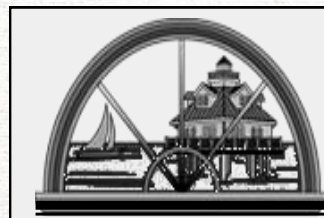


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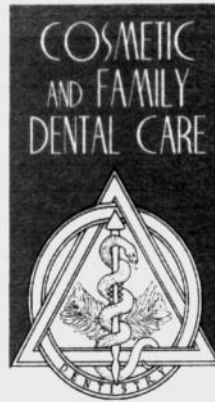
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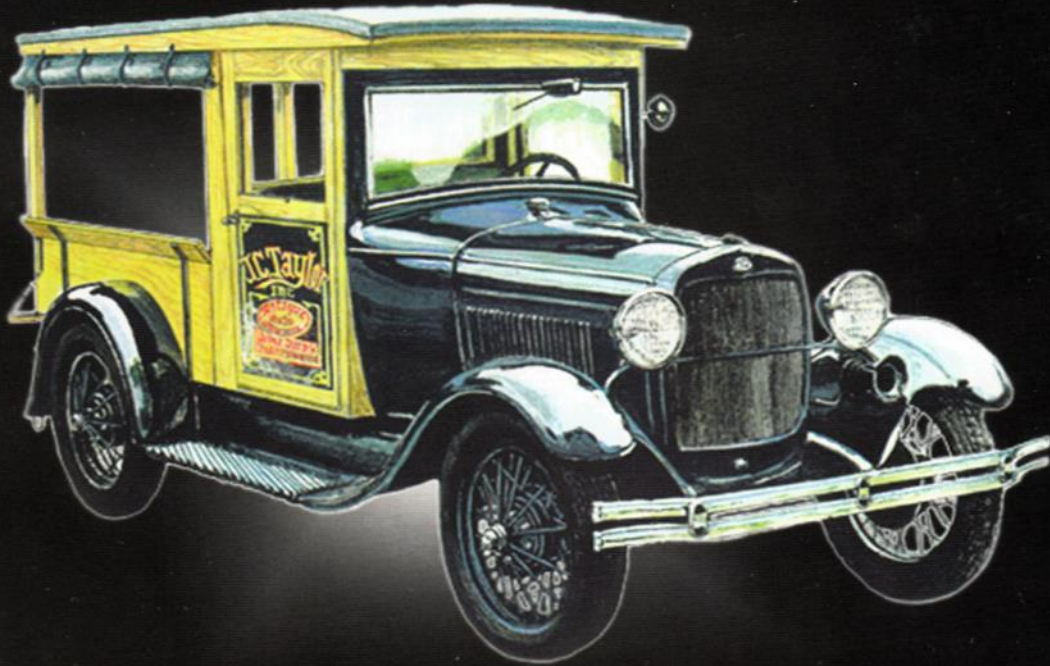
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AACA CLASS (If Known): \_\_\_\_\_ AACA National Award Winner \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total (includes admission to the Military Aviation Museum)**

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