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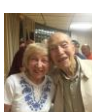
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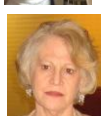
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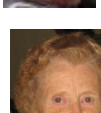
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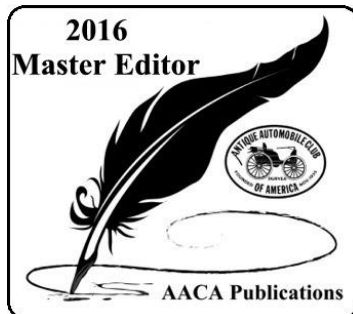


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## **NEXT MEETING**

The January (708<sup>th</sup>) Meeting, Annual Banquet, Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at Zeris Inn, 372 Rt. 46, Mt. Lakes, NJ  
**1 - 5 PM January 7, 2018**



### **New Jersey Region AACA**

#### **Calendar of Events**

*Region events are noted in bold black. National AACA events are noted in bold blue. All events are to*

*be submitted to the Vice President, Capt. Jerry Peck, for clearance.*

### **JANUARY**

**6) NJ Region AACA 708TH Monthly Meeting, Annual Banquet and Awards Presentation and Installation of Officers, 1-5 PM, Zeris Inn, 372 US 46, Mountain Lakes, NJ. Pat Hogan chair**

### **FEBRUARY**

**8-10) AACA Annual Meeting, Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel, 21 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA**

### **MARCH**

**1) NJ Region AACA 710th Monthly Meeting, VFW, Morris Plains**

*4) Ontelanuee Region Swap Meet and Car Corral, Hamburg, PA*

*23-24) AACA Winter Meet, Mobile, AL*

*25) South Jersey Region Swap Meet and Car Corral, Woodstown, NJ*



## APRIL

5) NJ Region AACA 711th Monthly Meeting, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ

*5-7) AACA Southeastern Spring Meet, Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte, NC*

*19-21) AACA Western Spring Meet, Tucson Region, Tucson, AZ*

29) Spring Meet Judging Seminar, Ed Geller chair

## MAY

3) NJ Region AACA 712th Monthly Meeting, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ

6) NJ Region AACA Annual Spring Meet, Mennen Arena, Morristown, NJ, Pete Cullen chair

*11-12) Central Spring Meet, Auburn, IN*

19) Armed Forces Appreciation Day, Central NJ Regional Airport, Hillsboro, NJ, Wayne Tuck chair

*May 31-June 2) AACA Annual Grand National Meet, Western PA Region, Greensburg, PA*

## JUNE

2) Care One at Somerset Valley, Boundbrook, NJ, Noon to 3 PM, Abe Platt chair

7) NJ Region AACA 713th Monthly Meeting, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ

9) Care One at Morris Ass't Living, Parsippany, NJ, Greg Roser Chair **(Donor – Your participation is requested)**

16) Country Arch Care Center, Pittstown, NJ, Noon to 3 PM, Bill Pritchett chair

17) Stein Assisted Living Center, Somerset, NJ, Noon to 3 PM, Bill Pritchett chair

23) Bentley Commons at Paragon Village, Hackettstown, NJ, Noon to 3 PM, Greg Roser chair **(Donor- your participation is requested)**

*25-29) Eastern Divisional Tour, Lock Haven, PA*

30) The Great Phillipsburg Car Show, Phillipsburg, NJ, 8 AM to 3 PM, Ron Peles chair

## JULY

5) NJ Region AACA 714th Monthly Meeting, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ

*11-14) AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Chesapeake Region, Gettysburg, PA*

## AUGUST

*2-5) Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA*

12 or 19) NJ Region AACA 715th Monthly Meeting and Annual Picnic, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ, Pete Cullen chair

15) Brookdale Ass't Living, Florham Park, NJ, Noon to 3 PM, Greg Roser chair **(Donor – your participation is requested)**

*20-24) AACA Reliability Tour, Genessee Valley AACA and Rochester Regional Group ACCA, Geneva, NY*

## SEPTEMBER

6) NJ Region AACA 716th Monthly Meeting, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ

*12-15) AACA Central Divisional Tour, Amarillo Region, Texas Panhandle, TX*

*16-22) Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Twin Falls, ID*

21-23) NJ Region AACA Fall Foilage Tour, Lucans, PA, Pete Cullen; Anthony Cecala chairs



## **OCTOBER**

### **4) NJ Region AACA 717th Monthly Meeting, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ**

*10-13) Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region, Hershey, PA*

### **20<sup>th</sup> Flemington Speedway Historical Car Show, Ringoes, NJ, 9 AM to 3 PM, Wayne Tuck chair**

*21-26<sup>th</sup> Founders Tour, South Illinois Region, Ohio Valley Chapter, Metropolis, IL*

## **NOVEMBER**

### **1<sup>st</sup> NJ Region AACA 718<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ**

*5-9<sup>th</sup> AACA Sentimental Tour, Louisiana Region, Natchez, LA*

## **DECEMBER**

### **6<sup>th</sup> NJ Region AACA 719th Monthly Meeting and Holiday Party, 7:30 PM, VFW, Morris Plains, NJ**



### **N J Region AACA January 2018 Presidents Message**

It has been an honor to serve four years as an officer of the New Jersey Region AACA.

Being one of the oldest and most active regions in the country we have a proud heritage. I consider it a serious responsibility as a leader of this club to assure that our proud tradition continues.

Sometimes during the long history of a club such as ours we have a tendency to fail to make changes that keep us up to date with current trends. Shortly after being sworn in as President, at our board of directors meeting, we identified six areas that we felt needed changes. We needed to establish a permanent mailing address. Our bookkeeping methods

needed to be standardized. Our website needed to be upgraded. We needed to establish more sources of revenue. Most importantly of all, we needed to increase our membership and improve our welcoming procedures to accommodate those unable to make regular meetings.

I'm happy to report that through the hard work of many of our members great progress has been made in all of these areas.

Tim Schimmel established a PO Box in Morris Plains, researched and acquired a laptop computer for the club and with the help of Ed Geller and P.J. Ehmann set up a bookkeeping system that will standardize our methods for the future. For any of our members that do not realize how much work was involved in such an undertaking, let me assure you.....IT IS A LOT OF WORK. Many thanks to Tim, Ed and PJ for such a great step forward.

Leif Mangulson stepped up and offered to relieve Bill Pritchett of some of his load by taking over responsibility for the website. By enlisting the help of Green Technologies we now have what I consider to be the best website of any AACA region. This has been a coordinated effort with our newsletter editor Art Briggs who works with Leif on scheduled updates to the site. Again, this is ....A LOT OF WORK. Many thanks to Leif and Art for their accomplishments in this area.

Increasing revenue is a bit more difficult. The Spring meet, member dues, and the parades were the only sources for the past several years. With bad weather a couple of years in a row it can shrink the treasury quite quickly. Added revenue secures the club and also enables the club to provide more benefits to our members. This is where many of our members asked some of the nursing homes if they were able to provide the club with a





donation for providing entertainment for their residents. Many of them were happy to donate. Many thanks to the many members who solicited donations and the many members who participated in these events. We still need more ideas for ways to increase revenue but we certainly have made a great stride forward in this area. Abe Platt has some great ideas we will try to enact this coming year and I have made a few contacts that may help during 2018.

Increasing membership is a challenge. Both the AACA and the New Jersey Region have a lot to offer. How do we get that message out to the right people? It becomes every members job to seek new members. We held a special board of directors meeting to come up with a strategy. Jerry Peck drew up a suggested plan for success. Eliminating the need to attend two meetings and requiring a sponsor opened up the door for many prospective members. Bette Pritchett re-designed a tri-fold brochure that assembled with the red mustang cutout provided by AACA National to be a very effective tool. In fact, AACA headquarters is designing a similar tri-fold that will be available in bulk quantities nationwide to simply attach their region label. Leif Mangulson and Tim Schimmel set up a paypal system to enable new members to simply join on line through our new and improved website. Jerry Peck designed and acquired an attractive membership booth that has been utilized at every old car event we could attend. Old issues of "Antique Auto Magazine" were collected from members, labeled, and given out as samples at these events. Every effort was made to attend new events. We not only exceeded the new membership goal we set for ourself this year, we are serious contenders to win the coveted I.C. Kirkham National Award for the Region with the largest growth in

membership for 2017! Again, a big thank you to all who participated in the membership drive. Remember, this is not a drive with start and finish date but an ongoing project that needs to continue every day.

With increased membership and the ability to join the region without attending a meeting it was recognized that our old system of welcoming needed an upgrade. Ray and Judy Fischer stepped forward with a great systematic way to immediately get a package out to new members with name badges, club information, by-laws and a warm welcome. Many thanks to Ray and Judy for putting together such a great system for welcoming new members.

All of these accomplishments were made by you, the members. I'm proud to have been a part of such a great team.

A lot has happened in my life during 2017. Being sworn in as president of the New Jersey Region, taking on the VP of Membership position on the AACA National board of Directors, and moving my business to a new location was a challenge. In July I faced an even bigger challenge with my health. Undergoing triple bypass surgery put all of my activities on hold for several weeks. Jerry Peck stepped in and our initiatives continued without a hitch. This is the sign of a truly strong organization. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve as your president. I will continue to do my best for our region and AACA National. As I move on to different responsibilities it's comforting to know that the incoming officers will continue the outstanding traditions this club has enjoyed for 67 years.

God bless you all.

Wayne





**New Jersey Region AACA**  
**Secretary's Minutes**

**707<sup>th</sup> Region Meeting**  
**December 7, 2017**

The 707<sup>th</sup> NJ Region Meeting and Holiday Party was called to order at

precisely 7:31 p.m.

All were asked to rise for recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. As it happened, the date was shared with Pearl Harbor Day. **President Wayne Tuck** asked all veterans to stand to be recognized and spoke briefly of the significance of Pearl Harbor Day.

The following new members were welcomed: **Keith & Brenda Murphy**. **Keith** gave a thumbnail biography of he and his wife.

Secretary's Report: **Bernie Cooney** - There was an error in the minutes of the 706<sup>th</sup> Region Meeting. Lillian Anderson's region number (169) was miss-typed. The secretary deeply regrets that mistake. With this correction, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the 706<sup>th</sup> Region Meeting (As displayed in the Road Map), seconded and approved. The corrected minutes for the previous meeting will stand as displayed in *The Road Map*

Correspondence: was read by **President Wayne Tuck**. A thank you note from the family of Jim Munn was received thanking our region for the donation in **Jim Munn's** name to the AACA Library. A note was received from the Library thanking our region for the donation in **Jim Munn's** memory.

Treasurer's Report: was given by **Tim Schimmel**. A motion to approve Tim's report was unanimously approved.

President's Report: **Wayne Tuck** Briefly made mention of how well the NJ Region was performing in the eyes of the National AACA. Membership is up. Briefly mentioned was also the National's new headquarters building which has been financially welcomed by club members far and wide. Details to follow.

Region activities: VP **Jerry Peck** presented a dissertation of upcoming Region and National events, with input from the various chairs. Of immediate importance is a plea from Banquet Chair, **Pat Hogan**, to send in reservations (AND CHECKS) for the banquet in a timely manner.

For everyone's convenience all Region and National events are printed in *The Road Map*.

Other activities that members would like to announce: **Jerry Peck**- none

Road Map Editor: **Art Briggs** Spoke of computer and snail mail difficulties in delivering *The Road Map*. **Vince DeLisi** has volunteered to help Snail Mail paper copies, printed and distributed the December 2017 Road map hard copies and will be doing so from now on.

Sunshine: **Trudy Unger** is in the hospital. No details are available.

50/50: **Bob Smith** made his farewell presentation to **Ray Fischer & Jan Eyerman**

**President Wayne Tuck** asked for a motion from the floor to dispense with other business so that the holiday party segment of the meeting could start. Motion was made, seconded and approved by all members present.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. Following the meeting was a delicious and extensive array of specialties that our region members tirelessly bring and make a holiday event a little more merry.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bernie Cooney  
Recording Secretary

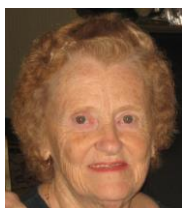
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## CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman

### January Anniversaries



7 <sup>th</sup> )	Don and Joan Ball	60 years
15 <sup>th</sup> )	Ray and Judy Fischer	52 years
31 <sup>st</sup> )	Ron and Nancy Hutchins	58 years

### January Birthdays



1 <sup>st</sup> )	Ron Hutchins
2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Helen Jane Swan
3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Greg Newell
4 <sup>th</sup> )	John Kefalonitis
5 <sup>th</sup> )	Duffy Bell
7 <sup>th</sup> )	Brendan Hogan
8 <sup>th</sup> )	Mary Ann Griffith
9 <sup>th</sup> )	Kirk Judkins
16 <sup>th</sup> )	Mary Reynolds
16 <sup>th</sup> )	Bob Jepson
25 <sup>th</sup> )	Kathy Olexa
27 <sup>th</sup> )	Joan Hagaman
28 <sup>th</sup> )	Joseph Durna
30 <sup>th</sup> )	Aaron Newman
31 <sup>st</sup> )	Gregory Roser

**Interested in having your Birthday  
and/or Anniversary dates  
published?**

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## The Weingart's Annual Christmas Tree trek in their Model A Ford



*Rick & Carol Weingart's Model A with tree*

Each year the Weingart family jump into their Model A Ford and venture out to find a fresh Christmas Tree. Above is a picture of their "catch" for this year. Rick wrote "A great day in Long Valley. So many people were taking pictures, it was awesome!

We put 85 miles on the car and it ran great."

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### A GREAT TIME AT HERB'S

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, nearly 110 of our members, family and friends attended the 706<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting of NJAACA. It wasn't at our traditional location, but in Hillside, NJ, where Herb Singe's museum has been for many years. He invited club members to visit, which allowed us to wander about as we absorbed his enormous collection of antique cars, transportation vehicles and memorabilia, for three enjoyable hours.



The meeting was brief and included Herb's annual recognition of our club's "Old Timers," followed by Ray Fischer's announcement of NJAACA's 2018 officer corps, who'll be Jerry Peck as President, Duane Copley as Vice President, Bernie Cooney as Secretary, Bill Pritchett as Membership Secretary and Tim Schimmel as Treasurer.

An impressive, catered buffet followed our meeting, which featured hot and cold entrees, assorted beverages and desserts. As we devoured our lunch, we were free to continue our exploration of Herb's museum, where each turn, into one of its many small display areas, revealed even more, rare glimpses into our nations' past.

This event couldn't have been possible without Herb's kindness and generosity. Herb II, though not able to be there, was instrumental in the event's organization, planning and catering arrangements. His wife Belinda was always there, in the background, assuring that everything went smoothly. Bob Abbott was everywhere, too, whose invaluable assistance assured that we had everything we needed for a successful event. Special thanks are extended to the many volunteers, who helped set up tables, food, desserts, beverages and, of course, to our cleanup crews and our valuable parking attendants.

The most significant remark I heard came from Herb II, who said, *"We're all invited back next year!"*

*Jerry Peck*



# NJ Region AACA Constitution & By-Laws

## ARTICLE VIII: REGION POLICY

- Section 1. The members shall not, as a group under the Region name, participate in any activity with any commercial or charitable organization.
- Section 2. The members shall not hold any activity that will conflict with those of the National A.A.C.A that are being held within a 100-mile radius of the center of this region area.
- Section 3. All Region and Chapter major event dates shall be cleared through the Region Vice President by March 1st of each year. Region and chapter major events, including rain dates, shall not conflict in any manner unless mutually agreed upon.
- Section 4. (A) Existing NEW JERSEY REGION major events and general dates are:
  - (1) ANNUAL BANQUET, December - January;
  - (2) ANNUAL SPRING SHOW MEET, first Sunday in May;
  - (3) ANNUAL PICNIC, July - August;
  - (4) ANNUAL AUTUMN TOUR, August - September;
  - (5) Such others as may be officially designated from time to time. The existing

Chapter major events and general dates are:

(B) WATCHUNG MOUNTAIN CHAPTER:

- (1) Annual Banquet, January;
- (2) Annual Hill Climb, floating;
- (3) Such others as may be officially designated from time to time.

Section 5. Following an election of Region Officers, their names and the names of all the members shall be sent to the A.A.C.A National Headquarters.

**“TRIVIA TIDBITS”**

*By Gregory Roser*

- 1) What did the NY City Police Dept. use in 1898 to chase speeding motorists?
- 2) What car was used in the 2008 re-make of the Knight Rider TV series?
- 3) The slogan “For economical transportation” was used by what car company?
- 4) The Pontiac GTO slogan “Here comes the judge” originated in what TV series?
- 5) The first automobile insurance policy was issued in what state?
- 6) In the 1977 James Bond film “The Spy who Loved Me”, what car turned into a submarine?
- 7) Where was the first National Automobile Show held?
- 8) The slogan “Life is a journey, enjoy the ride” was used by what car brand?
- 9) The quote “If everything seems under control, you’re just not going fast enough” was said by what race car driver?
- 10) The Chevrolet automobile was named for what person?

The answers can be found elsewhere in this issue

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**Let's Make a New Year's Resolution**

***By: Wayne Tuck, Vice-President, Membership***

How many of you have ever made a New Year's Resolution? Lose weight? Go to the Gym three times a week? Get the house trim painted? Get that old car out and drive it at least once a month? I'm sure many of us have made some type of resolution.

Now how many of you have broken that resolution? We usually have some excuse. Sometimes circumstances just make it impossible to accomplish. Sometimes our resolutions are overly ambitious.

Let me suggest we make a resolution that we can all accomplish if we put in a little effort. Sign up a new AACA member. That doesn't sound too hard does it? The world is full of old car fans. Shouldn't they all be members?

Stacy Zimmerman's recent Speedster article regarding AACA being a “Best kept secret” was a real eye opener. We all know what a great organization it is and all the benefits AACA has to offer. Why aren't we out there spreading the word? Most of us pay a lot more attention to a friend or acquaintance making a referral or





recommendation than we do to paid advertising. Why keep it a secret?

I challenge you to each join me in celebrating the new year with the following resolution:

***I resolve to sign up at least one new AACA member in 2018!***



**Wow! Just *WOW!***

**By: Wayne Burgess  
Vice President, Public  
Relations**

That is what I often think as I score newsletters for the AACA NAAP newsletter awards. It's really educational to score our interesting newsletters. I really enjoy reading some of the articles. Here are some points of interest from some of them that I wish to share:

1. A gentleman dreamed of owning an early Corvette after driving his buddy's back in his high school days. He and his wife finally bought the jewel of their life after the kids had grown up and out on their own.
2. The little church in Florida preparing to celebrate 100 years of its history, but needing an early brass car to duplicate a picture they had of a similar car in front of the church many years ago. 1914 Buick to the rescue. The matching pictures were amazing.
3. The May meeting of another region having an illusionist cut the ring of one of the region's members out of a lemon. The look on her face was priceless.
4. Another member from a southern state that I call a friend who I see is still editor of their region's newsletter after all of my years of newsletter involvement. She's a real trooper,

because I know what it takes to be editor for so many years.

5. I paid close attention to a favorite region of mine out west as I closely read how they handled the devastation of their wildfires. Regardless of where my AACA member friends are from, I still call all of them family and worry about them.

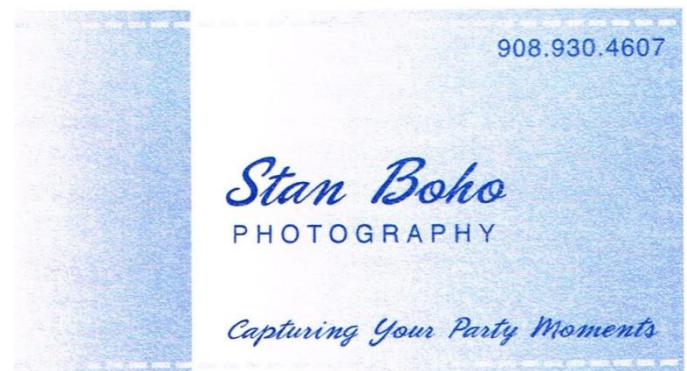
6. Finding new ideas you never thought of like...using solid brass pet tags to put on your many antique car keys. You own an antique car, so I know you just have to own more than one. These tags keep the keys separated.

7. I was very distressed to see two New York Regions were having their last local regional car shows this year.

We must work harder to promote our hobby.

As my scoring task was winding down, I realized that the sharing of each other's newsletters is like the sharing of experiences in life. All of the sharing of little personal stories of life are just the same as the sharing of newsletter articles. They give us new ideas to follow, but also help to prevent us from making the same mistakes in the future.

Have a Happy and prosperous 2018 everyone!





## **From the Editor's Desk**

### **The Road Map**

I received a very good response to my appeal for help with the Road Map. The New Jersey Region AACA is a big region and it is very active, so it requires a sufficient monthly publication. It's just too much work to expect one person to get it done without getting burned out.

Rich Reina will be editing the "Past Events" column, articles, pictures and all. This is a great relief to me as it does take a lot of time.

Anthony Cecala is going to be the Advertising Director. I sure dropped the ball on this last year, not even billing our advertisers, or looking for new advertisers, or following up on the leads I received.

And Vince DeLisi took over printing and distribution of hard copies of the Road Map. He started last month! This is a huge help!

Thanks for your help, guys!

Now I have a few New Year's resolutions of my own I'd like to share with you.

- 1) I have been working on a new layout of the pages that acknowledge committee chairmen. When I took over the Road Map the officers and committee chairmen fit on half a page and you needed a magnifying glass to read it. Within a couple months it was as it is now, with pictures of the individuals and taking up two pages. The new layout will probably take 3 pages, but the pictures of committee chairmen will be much larger and easier to decipher. Expect this new change early this year.
- 2) About a year ago, Bernie Cooney gave me a photo album of an AACA National Meet the NJ Region hosted in 1968 at

the Mennen Arena in Morris Plains. I started to work on restoring the album and computerizing it so that everyone can have a copy. I resolve to finish it this year.

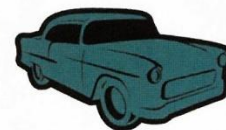
- 3) Just around the time I took on the Road Map, a little over four years ago, I shut down my '75 Corvette, bought about \$6,000 worth of parts to do some repairs and upgrading. Due to the time I spent on the Road Map, none of this work was done. The Corvette still sits. I resolve to change that this year.
- 4) Last but not least, my grandson Max now owns two cars. A 1953 MG TD and a ¼ Midget Race Car. He's the only kid in his kindergarten class with grease under his finger nails, and I resolve to, with his help, get them both running!

This month I included two articles from the latest AACA Rummage Box because they are both relevant, discussing membership in this club. Every time I am asked why should I join AACA, I search my mind for a quick answer. These articles include some of the side effects of joining AACA that we can all remember when we are talking to a prospective member! Please read them!

Respectfully submitted,  
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## EXPLAINING TYPOS

By Bernie Cooney

A few months back I sent some drivel to Art for the Road Map. And he printed it! He does a heck of a job with our not so little newsletter with lots of variety in each issue. I spoke of my Crystal Ball. And of how things happen for the better, even when we don't like them to happen. The example I used was William Durant stealing Ransom Olds' name, car and company from him. Durant did the same to David Buick. Then he added Cadillac to his treasure-trove of automobile companies. Henry Leland's son, Wilfred, actually scored on Durant with a savvy deal while dad, Henry, was in Europe. But that's neither here nor there.

Then I compared that situation with the strife between the AACA (club) and the AACA (museum). How dastardly the Museum was in not letting the Club build their new headquarters on land they owned. After all, the (club) gave birth to the (museum). Fed it, nurtured it, coddled and supported it from infancy. Then, like a spoiled child, the (museum) turned its back on the (club) in its time of need.

You never know what is going to happen. There was no question that the AACA (club) and library had outgrown its present space. All of a sudden there was a great building for sale, in a prime location. It seems as though the AACA (club) will triumph after all. At our last meeting we were more concerned about our Holiday Party. But as details become available, we should hear. Early reports shows the members of the (Club) financially supportive of the new building. It is supposed to be ideal size to accommodate future growth.

But what about Olds, Buick and Leland (Cadillac)? There's a little more to that story as well. David Buick was a tinkerer, not a



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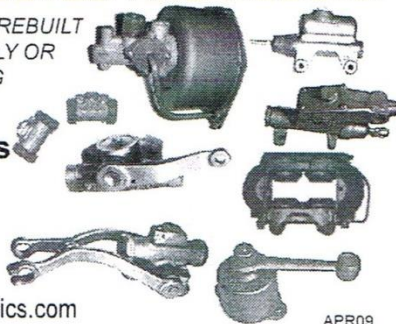
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businessman. Durant was an expert business man. Buick (the car) is still alive today because of Durant. Ransom Olds was also a little short-sighted. Olds' replacement company made cars until 1936, which was a pretty good run. But the Oldsmobile, as part of General Motors lasted much longer.

And the cream of General Motors crop? Cadillac. Well it seems Henry Leland was an engineer. In the "ought's" and "teens" it was important to have a car that was reliable. Many cars in that era were unreliable and fragile to boot. And the primitive roads in some areas of the United States only made the situation worse. Mechanical advancement was much more important than styling. As roads improved, styling became more important. GM's Art and Colour (Harley Earle) department transformed the reliable Cadillac (and LaSalle) in to a stylish Queen. Henry Leland had other quarrels with Durant, so he stepped out on his own and created Lincoln. It was also a reliable car, but not very stylish by 1920's standards. It is interesting to note that Cadillac's birth came out of the ashes of one of Henry Ford's early manufacturing attempts. Something that Henry Ford was not likely to forget. When Henry Leland had financial problems with his new Lincoln, Henry Ford was right there to rescue it. Henry Ford's son, Edsel was all that Henry Ford wasn't. Dad was nuts and bolts, time is money sort of guy. Edsel Ford was an artist. Styling came natural to him. So it became the ideal toy for Edsel to play with. Here it is, modern times and the Ford Motor Company is still churning out Lincolns, competing with the General Motor's Cadillac. Strange how things work out.

But I tend to wander. We were talking about AACA things and buildings and stuff. One can only hope that the tiff between (club) and (museum) will eventually be a thing of the past;

Both great organizations should learn that cooperation is vital in our current global economy. We shall see.

And in Washington? Still a lot to be worried about there. I get nervous when I think about the out-come. But without my old Crystal Ball, I can only worry. The stock market seems to be doing well. New Jersey has elected a Millionaire as its next governor. We've seen how things tend to work out. Not always exactly as we want them to, but maybe in a grander scale, better for all. I'll keep my fingers crossed. (That explains the typos.)

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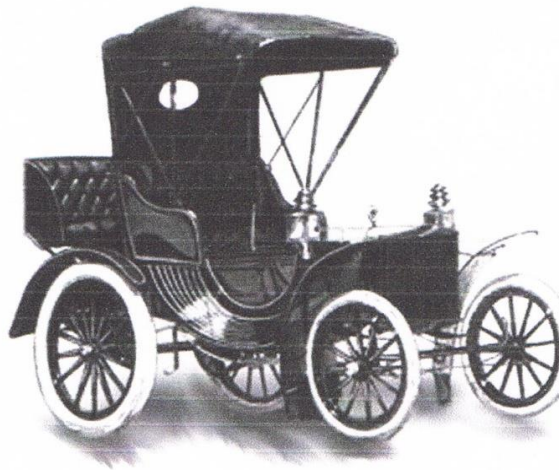
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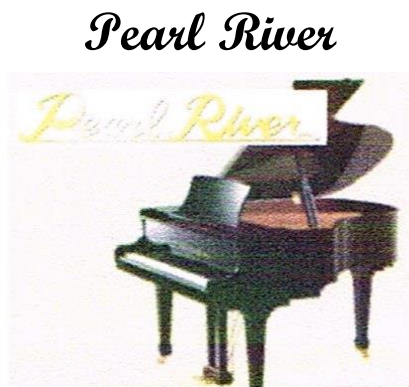
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