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Vince DeLisi's 1st 1966 GTO At his Wedding reception. Read all about it in the December Roadmap







## NJ AACA EVENTS

#### **NOVEMBER**

**2**<sup>nd</sup> Road Trip to the David Markel Collection – Part 2, 2019 Bridge Road, Schwenksville, PA, Details to be determined, Abe Platt, Chair

16<sup>th</sup> (Sat) NJ Region AACA 730th Monthly Meeting & Old Timer's Recognition Singe's Museum, 1290 Central Ave., Hillside, NJ

23<sup>rd</sup> Visit to Automotive Restorations, Inc. 1050 Route 22 West, Lebanon, NJ followed by a visit to Steven Babinsky's shop. Meet for Breakfast at the Readington Diner (452 US Highway 22 W, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889) or at the Spinning Wheel Dinner (283 US Highway 22 E, Lebanon, NJ 08833) around 8:00am, leaving at 10:00 AM. Abe Platt, Chair 732-433-5319

#### **DECEMBER**

**5**<sup>th</sup> NJ Region AACA 731st Monthly Meeting and Holiday Party, VFW, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ, 7:30 PM

## **AACA NATIONAL EVENTS**

#### **NOVEMBER**

06-09<sup>th</sup> Western Fall National, Fallbrook, CA



It's remarkable what you can find at the Hershey Swap Meet. Thank you Art Briggs for the Photo

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All events are to be submitted to the Vice President for clearance.



# The Presidents Message for November 2019

his month, I went to both the recent AACA Fall National in Hershey and the Flemington Speedway event in Ringoes, NJ, where over a thousand cars had registered. Both were a real thrill for me and, I'm sure that it was for everyone. I want to share my impressions of them with you.

The enthusiasm of everyone ruled the day as envious onlookers captured the beauty, and subtle details, of the cars they were studying. Unlike the seemingly homogenous cars we see every day, we can enjoy the differences between antique car automotive design, and their technologies, from decades ago. They're all unique from manufacturer to manufacturer, with each brand presenting its own, unique character, which differentiates one brand from all others.

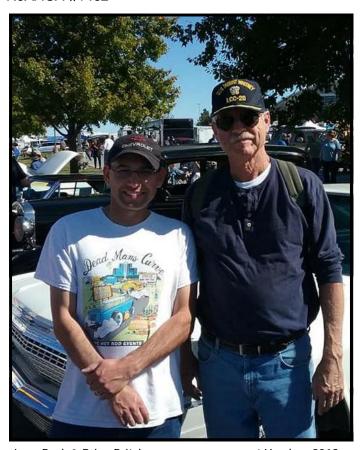
The curves of an antique car body can enhance its sleekness, display another's elegance, or for others, shout their sophistication. For others, a blended mix of these lines will make an antique car look fast, sublime, or simply awesome. Without these carefully crafted, symmetrical lines, cars often look charmingly "boxy". All these variables make up the stuff that attracts us to our great hobby and car show participants as well. Some can appreciate a car's original interior, or a simple, wooden steering wheel. Others may be inspired by a decorative emblem, a hub cap, or even the contours of a shiny, brass headlamp. Antique cars offer endless combinations of small details that inspire, impress and engage even the least enthusiastic, among the crowd.

The car show temperatures were ideal and the warm, bright sunshine only heightened the days' pleasures. The sights and sounds of a typical car show were everywhere. Used car parts could be had and cars were judged. Kids, dogs and laughter and were heard everywhere. Cars were proudly displayed and many were for sale. (Some were even discounted to those with cash-in-hand). How about those moments when you couldn't escape the smell of hot dogs, or popcorn, or the irresistible fragrance of barbequed sausages, on the grill? Oh, and how about the smell of that steaming, hot cup of coffee to ward off that early morning chill? Life couldn't get any better! I remember seeing the many small groups of

people sitting comfortably, within their small circles. They were all having warm and engaging conversation, perhaps about the day's events, family, or maybe about an antique car they sorely wished that they hadn't sold. I joined such a group a few times and recall how tired my legs were after seemingly endless walking and how my sore feet seemed swelled to twice their normal size. I also recall the relief I felt, just sitting there in my comfortable chair, in the warm sunshine, with a bottle of water and a light snack in my hands. All the while, we chatted about the really good stuff that warms the heart, bolsters one's friendships, or incites hopeless laughter.

I just love car shows!

Jerry Peck, President NJAACA #1462



Jerry Peck & Brian Pritchett snap a memory at Hershey 2019

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The November (730th) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at the Herb Singe Museum at 1290 Central Avenue, in Hillside NJ

#### NJ REGION AACA Minutes – Oct 3rd, 2019 #729

he 729th Region Meeting was President Jerry Peck.

All members present were asked to rise for recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. One guest and two new members were introduced.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the September

2019 Region Meeting (as displayed in The Road Map) was made, seconded and approved. The minutes for the New Business: After a special Board of Directors September meeting will stand as reported.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Schimmel reported the monthly income and expenses. A motion to approve the Spring National earnings of \$13,000 were realized. To report was made, seconded and approved by all members present. There was no discussion. The Treasurer's must be earmarked for donations or special and future report will stand as reported.

Correspondence: None

**President's Report:** Jerry Peck – Jerry stated that we purchased a new audio system with two wireless micro-2) phones. Spring National fund disbursement will be discussed under new business.

**Region Activities:** Vice-President Art Briggs presented 3) a detailed listing of all upcoming Regional and National activities for the months of October and November, with 4) input from the various chairs. Abe noted that his Nov. 2 event has corrected times, meeting at 9:30, leaving at 10:00. A minimum of 20 people are required. Reserva- 5) tions are being accepted for the November meeting at the Singe's museum. All Regional and National events are displayed in The Road Map.

**The Road Map Editor:** Jay DeBoey - No report **Roster and By-Laws:** Art Briggs – No report.

**Membership:** Bill Pritchett – Bill reported that we signed up a new member at the Milford event. Membership dues were collected at the meeting.

**Accessories:** Duffy Bell – Several trinkets are for sale.

Welcoming Committee: Ray and Judy Fischer -Members should introduce themselves to the incoming members. All new members have their name badges.

Participation Points: Vince DeLisi – No report

Sunshine: Sarah Pritchett - Ailing members include P.J. Ehmann, Bob Jephson, and Bob Graham.

Refreshments: John Pieczynski - Thank you to the following region members who provided refreshments at tonight's meeting: Gregory Roser, Ann Platt, John Pieczynski, Bernie Cooney, Carole Durna, Marlene Gearhart, Kathi Garfield, Bob Kelly, and Selma Reichert.

Watchung Mountain Chapter: George Ernst – No report

Government Liaison and Safety: Bob Hedderick - No

Nominating Committee: Ray Fischer, Brenda Zim- NJAACA #1398 merman, Brian Pritchett - The following officers were Region Secretary

nominated, Bill Pritchett for Membership Secretary, Gregory Roser for Recording Secretary, Tim Schimmel for Treasurer, Suds Reddy for Vice-President, and Art Briggs for President. All members are urged to vote, as called to order at 8:02PM by we must also select a most honored member for 2019 (not an officer).

> **Archivist:** Matt Verzi – No report **Properties:** Rich Reina – No report

Jacket and Sweatshirt Sales: Roger and Kathy Bag-

ley –The store is closed.

Badge Fines: Herb Singe was not in attendance.

Old Business: None.

meeting, President Jerry reported the following: P.J. Ehmann performed an audit and our finances are good. avoid income tax on excessive earnings, these funds projects or events. The following disbursements were proposed:

- \$5,000.00 donation to the AACA building fund.
- Two new restricted accounts, \$1,000.00 for a future NJ Region Spring Meet and \$3,000.00 for a future AACA Spring National.
- Purchase a new membership display, including a custom tent.
- A \$10.00 per ticket reduction in the dinner price for a future Region Awards Banquet (Approx. \$1,000.00
- Other expenses including a new audio system, a discretionary fund for the President, name tag emblems, key chains, and other promotional items, \$1,500.00.

**Motion 1:** To approve the proposed allocation of funds, seconded and approved.

**Motion 2:** To approve two new restricted accounts, plus a Life Membership account, seconded and approved. By-law updates and changes to allow for such accounts will be presented for votes at the November and December meetings.

Ron Hutchins offered special thanks to Abe Platt for his dedication to the region for running tours and fund raising nursing home events.

Items for Sale or wanted: Brenda reported that three people paid for Spring National Shirts that were never picked up. In addition, two medium shirts are available for \$20.00. Abe told of a 1967 Mercury Cougar for sale. A complete list of items wanted and for sale is listed in The Road Map.

**50/50: Bob Smith** – October bonuses were collected by Judy Fischer and John Pieczynski

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Roser

# NJAACA 730th November, 2018 Monthly Meeting The Herb Singes' Private Museum Saturday, November 16th, 2018 Noon to 3 PM

Chair: Jerry Peck

The New Jersey Region has been invited to return to the Herb Singes' Museum at 1290 Central Avenue, in Hillside, New Jersey, on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to enjoy another memorable experience at their fabulous museum. Our November monthly meeting will be held at that time and will coincide with our traditional, annual "Old Timer's" celebration and our region's annual ballot to determine who'll be our newly elected officer/s.

Doors won't open until 11:30 AM. A catered, hot and cold lunch will be provided by the Singe Family. It'll also include your choice of beverages and mounds of tasty dessert selections that'll be provided by our members. *Members that will be going are encouraged to bring their favorite desserts*.

We need an accurate count of the number of club members, family and friends that will attend. Also, we'd like to identify those of you that'd like to help. It's requested that you complete the registration form below and return it to Jerry Peck, who'll be chairing the event. You can email him that information as well.

#### Directions from Interstate 78 Eastbound:

Take exit 54 (Hillside/Irvington) and follow the ramp toward Hillside. Turn left onto Winans Avenue. Go ¼ mile, then right at the second light, onto Liberty Avenue. Go 5/8 mile, then take a left at the second light, onto Long Avenue (CVS and Popeye's on the corner). Take a right at the stop sign onto Central Avenue, go 1/8 mile and look for a sign on the right building number 1290. A parking attendant will be outside to offer needed assistance. Please do not park on Third Street adjacent to the museum. Those spaces will be reserved for handicap parking.

The Herb Singes' Private Museum Tour and

November 16th, 2019 Monthly Meeting and Old Timer's Recognition

Registration Form

The Herb Singes' Museum Tour and "Old Timer's" Recognition

Your name/s \_\_\_\_\_\_ # of visitors/family who'll attend \_\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer (please specify preference)

Ideally, by November 10<sup>th</sup>, would you please send your registration form to Jerry Peck, 22 Coventry Circle, Flemington, NJ 08822. Or, you can email your registration information to: jerrypecknavy@gmail.com. Thank

you. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

#### **ROAD MAP**

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#### **EDITORIAL**

**Guest Editorial** 

Reprinted from May. 1972 Road Map

On Saturday, March 11th, 1972 I was privileged to attend the sixth annual Judges Training School, sponsored by the AACA. This was held at the Holiday Motor Hotel West, Harrisburg Pennsylvania, with approximately 225 attending as students and 6 instructors, all of whom were either Deputy Judges or Training Directors. Two of these deputy judges, George Liddell and Henry Krusen will address our May meeting on this same topic.

Several of the judges gave talks, each highlighting specific areas of judging, such as Interior, Engine Compartment, Bright work, etc.

There was also an audio visual presentation which pointed out various problems that come up when judging a car. The problems were discussed and solutions suggested.

After that the students were divided into groups of about 20 men, each accompanied by 2 experienced judges. The groups then went into Zimmermans museum where each group was assigned a car which the two judges used as a demonstration of judging, explaining and analyzing each part as they went along. As the demonstration progressed the students were encouraged to ask specific questions which were answered by the judges.

These demonstrations were then followed by a question and answer period back in the meeting room, with answers coming from not only the panel members but also from the audience.

The theme from the session was that the national club is interested in improving the quality of judging at both national and regional meets. It was frequently mentioned that judging is really a matter of common sense. It is always possible, at a national meet, to get an answer to any question a judge may have while judging a specific car. He can go to his team captain who can, in turn, go to a deputy chief judge, or if necessary, to the Chief Judge whose authority is final.

I enjoyed the day and certainly feel that the time was well spent because I learned a great deal. It was nice to see two other members of our region, Tom Gibbs and his father who drove down for the day.

Several women attended the seminar, some of whom are Master Judges, having judged in 12 or more national meets. So, let us look to our laurels, Gentlemen!

Regards, Al Kaercher



#### november ANNIVERSARIES

28....jim & Gloria Edwards ...... 38

#### november BIRTHDAYS

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6 ..... Robert smith

8 ..... Eil een fatzl er

9 ..... Annabelle wil mer

13.... ray rober tozzi

14..... Gregory mCcann

18.... walter smith

24.....leif mangul son

24..... ken swan

28.... her b singe

30.... sandy rein







## Why Is the New Building Important?

#### By Stan Kulikowski Vice President - Regions Eastern Division

y now, I'm sure that everyone has heard about the new building and the capital campaign. As of Hershey, we are about 70% of the way to reaching our goal.

First, we are the largest resource for preserving our automotive history. Our resources do us no good if they are packed away in a dark corner. Our current building and library does not have the space to have all of our materials accessible for research. For some time, I stored some of the materials from the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America in my garage until some space was made available. These materials need to be made available to all of our members to aid in their restoration projects.

Second, we all know that the internet has become a great source of information. But it is also a great source of Misinformation. I have lost count of how many people have claimed to have owned a 1970 or 1971 Monte Carlo SS454 with a factory 4-speed. There are internet articles that claim that these cars exist, but none of the factory literature supports this claim. Anything can be put on the internet. Also, I'm sure that in your restorations the "experts" have told you "urban legends" of how cars were built and what, in their minds was correct. The only way to truly support the claims is with hard research that our library and its vast collection of factory material can support.

So how can you help? The last 30% is critical to us successfully complete this project. Talk to your regions about making a donation from the region. If every member chipped in, we would be able to quickly achieve our goal. This is YOUR resource ... YOUR pride and joy ... YOUR way to give back to the hobby and preserve it for future generations. Don't let the automotive history be subject to revisionist history. Help us document how our cars were truly built. Please do what you can to support the capital campaign.



#### <u>UNDER THE HOOD</u> Notes from the editor



went to Hershey for the second time ever in 2019 and it was much better than my first time in 2018. Why was that? Because the process wasn't new to me. I was on the blacktop Friday morning in plenty of time to wander the swap meet and car coral before Judging school and I was even early for the Judges breakfast. But the best part was

the Show on Saturday as I was not new to judging. I'm finding my legs and have a much better understanding of the process and how to look at the cars in a class objectively and at the same time have empathy for owners feelings as strangers crawl around their baby. Some owners are matter of fact as they have been through the process so many times it's academic. Others are anxious and new to this, and I get it. My car is perfect in my eyes, but it's not in the eyes of people with a score sheet. I even encountered for the first time an owner who captured the judges on video during the process.

My point to all of this is that being "new: to something generally only happens once and every time after that you get wiser, the learning curve flattens and soon enough you'll be a veteran and people will start asking you the questions. Attending shows, going to judges school, and making sure you get into as many CJE classes as possible makes you a more informed and educated Antique Automobile owner. And you'll become even more of an authority if you start to teach. In Scouting, the process is to have the older scouts teach the younger scouts and then as they become the older scouts they assume the teaching roles. By teaching they not only provide good examples, they sharpen their own skills.

You too can sharpen your skills by taking the knowledge you have and sharing it with new members in the club meetings, on the show field or as a CJE presenter and judge. We are all made of fabric that has been woven over the years from many life lessons like mistakes with purchased cars or incredible memories of our passion with antique automobiles.

My pledge for 2020 is to run a tour for the first time and it should be a blast as more than one old timer has shared great ideas with me.

See how that works?

On My honor...... Jay DeBoey (#1540) 908-963-5985 J.deboey@comcast.net





CareOne Assisted Living at Livingston
Activity Report



n Friday, July 19, 2019, which was very hot and humid, members of the NJ Region AACA started to arrive at the CareOne Assisted Living facility in Livingston, NJ to conduct an Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents, only to find that the facility did not have power as a result of a vehicular accident that damaged the local transformer. It was decided to use our "Rain Date" and re-schedule this event. Thanks to Bill Pritchett's email to the Members, on a beautiful sunny and pleasantly warm Friday, July 26, 2019, 17 members of the NJ Region AACA assembled at this facility for our third year conducting this event for the residents. We were warmly welcomed by our hostess, Stacy Rutz, the Executive Director of the facility. The Activities Director left recently without leaving any information behind on what was expected from the facil-

ity and what was expected from our members. Fortunately, parking spaces were cordoned off for our vehicles and we proceed in a make-shift fashion to have a very enjoyable afternoon socializing and presenting our antique vehicles. The turn-out included 13 vehicles for every decade from the 1930s through the 1990s, except for the 1970s, which was very surprising as we always have 1970s vehicles at our events.

NJ Region members included: Dick Biddle with his 1930 Ford Model A roadster, LeRoy and Marlene Gearhart with their 1936 Ford Fordor touring sedan; Peter Cullen with his 1941 Chevrolet Master Deluxe coupe; Brendan and Pat Hogan with their 1950 Buick Special sedan; Bob Smith with his 1950 Ford Custom; Walt Terry with his 1953 Mercury Monterey; Jan Eyerman with his 1962 Hillman 1600; Suds Reddy with his 1967 Mercury Cougar DGS; Cliff Stern with his 1974 Triumph TR6 convertible; Bernie Cooney with his 1985 Cadillac Seville; Chet Przybylko with his 1987 Ford Thunderbird; Abe and Ann Platt



with Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar Special Edition; and Ray and Judy Fischer with their 1993 Buick Roadmaster.



CareOne Assisted Living Activity Report (cont.)

After finishing their lunches, residents with the facility's staff assisting, wandered outside to look at our beautiful antique automobiles. The CareOne staff members that assisted the residents came back out to let us know how much the residents appreciate us being there. Since they were not prepared to provide us with a hot lunch, the kitchen staff contacted a local caterer who suppled a large tray of a variety of very good sandwiches for our lunch. Cold beverages were provided to quench our thirst and cool us off. Again, this year, a highlight for some of our long-time members was the opportunity to reminisce with Ruth Connin, a former member of the NJ Region, who is a resident of this CareOne facility.

ecutive Director was not aware that prizes were to be presented. Third place was a tie between Brendan and Pat's 1950 Buick and Cliff's 1974 Triumph. In second place was LeRoy and Marlene's 1936 Ford. And, in first place prize was Bob Smith's 1950 Ford.

The CareOne in Livingston presented the NJ Region with a donation check prior to the event as a thank you for our participation. I told Ms. Rutz that we enjoyed the hospitality extended to us and that I



would be in touch with her to work out a schedule for additional events in the future. A very BIG THANK YOU goes out to the NJ Region members that attended this slightly confused but enjoyable event. Please go to the News & Photos section of the NJ Region's website to see additional pictures of this event <a href="https://njregionaaca.com/news-photos/">https://njregionaaca.com/news-photos/</a>.

Strong participation by our membership in these and similar events enhances our recognition



As the residents, family members, and staff enjoyed our antique vehicles, they were asked to select their favorite cars, and the three cars that received the most votes were congratulated as the Exand reputation to the outside community as well as with members of other car clubs.

Respectfully submitted by, Abraham Platt, Event Chair



#### OWNED BY JOSEPH J. DURNA

he Mercury Eight is an automobile that was marketed by the Mercury division of Ford between 1939 and 1951. The debut model

line of the Mercury division, Ford slotted the full-size Mercury Eight between the Ford Deluxe (later Custom) model lines and the Lincoln. In total, Ford assembled three generations of the Eight (before and after World War II).

During its production, the Eight offered a full range of body styles, including coupes, sedans, convertibles, and station wagons.

Although Mercury's prewar history was short, the Mercury Eight had

already earned for itself the image of being a fine performer in mph as well as mpg. The Mercury

during this period. A new grille was the most noticeable debut model able difference between the 1942 and 1946 Mercurys. It also had thin

Eight was strongly identified as an upmarket Ford

rys. It also had thin vertical bars surrounded by a trim piece painted the same color as the car. An "Eight" script now appeared down its center. Mercury Eight sales totaled 86,603.

This Mercury Eight belongs to Joseph Durna of Hackettstown, New Jersey. Joe had a Mercury when he was in high school and he was truly sorry he had ever sold. So much so that later in life he tried to buy one that was fully restored only to come to

restored only to come to the conclusion that it was prices far outside his capabilities at the time.



The 1946 Dash was a work of art then as it is today.

Dimensions		
Wheelbase	118 in	
Length	201.6 in	
Width	70.9 in	

Powertrain		
Engine	239 C.I. Flathead V8 100 bhp	
Transmission	3 Spd Manual	

Overview				
Manufacturer	Mercury			
Production	1946 86,603 cars			
Assembly	Detroit Michigan			



Fast forward to 2007 and Joe was able to loanother cate one through a fellow member in the NJ Region AACA. When Joe went to take a look he discovered it to be a 1946 Mercury 4 door sedan in need

of repair. How much repair he would later discover. Joe was smitten and purchased the car and along with a friend and a trailer he headed out to pick it up.

After getting the car home Joe started the long process of restoration. Mice had made a mess of most everything inside the car, leaving evidence of their stay everywhere. The engine had seized and took every once of energy to finally get it started and running. However once the engine was running it became clear that a hidden crack was letting coolant into the oil. It soon got to the point that the car was in need of professional restoration so Joe brought it to Roxbury Glass and Radiator Shop so that Ed and Don Symonds could apply the expert care she needed.

Many attempts to fix the cracked engine failed and it resulted in the purchase of a brand new 59A Flathead Mercury motor. After all the bodywork and rechorming it was time to select a color for the restored Merc so Joe pulled out a 1946 color chart and selected "Botsford Blue Green". This color is unique because depending on the light it's either Blue or Green. The interior has been completely replaced



A completely restored Interior makes driving a joy

and all of the chrome and brightwork has been either re-chromed or replaced. The Mercury took a second place at the NJ Region 64th Annual Spring Meet at Automatic Switch and today Joe and Carol continue to enjoy driving the Mercury on nice days whenever possible.



# You are Cordially I nvited to the Annual banquet and I nstallation of Officers Sunday, January 5, 2020



The monthly meeting and installation of the 2019 officers of the NJ Region AACA will be held at the Annual Awards Banquet at the Zeris Inn, 372 Rout 46 East, Mountain Lakes, NJ.

The festivities begin at 12:00pm with dinner being served around 1:00pm.

There will be a cash bar.

Please complete and mail the form below by December 15th

NAME		Region No	
	rences :		
	Please make	e your Menu Choice	
	Prime Rib	<b></b> @ \$38.75 <b></b>	
	Chicken Marsala	@ \$38.75	
	Salmon	<b></b> @ \$38.75 <b></b>	
		Total :	

Make Checks Payable to: NJ REGION AACA

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All Seating is Reserved. You may make up your own table of 10. Table seating priority is based on early receipt of paid reservations. Please indicate your seating preference with your reservation. If no seating preference is made, the committee will seat you

MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK BY DECEMBER 15TH TO: PAT HOGAN, 91 MORRIS TURNPIKE, RANDOLPH, NJ 07853

#### Road Trip to Stephen Babinsky's Automotive Restorations, Inc. Saturday, November 23, 2019

be Platt has arranged for a visit to Stephen Babinsky's Automotive Restorations, Inc. facility in Lebanon, NJ. After we have toured the restoration shop, which presently is the Darrin bodied Minerva, we will regroup and drive to a second location to tour Mr. Babinsky's private collection of rare and world class vehicles including some automobiles that are Concours D'Elegance veterans. A point of interest, our friend Ralph Marano and his buddy Wayne Carini rescued the "Hawkeye" Minerva in New York State in the fall of 2017.

We will meet at the Readington Dinner in Whitehouse Station at 8:00 am or so for breakfast. The other dinner in the immediate area is the Spinning Wheel Diner if you what a second choice. We will assemble at the Readington Diner at 9:30 am and proceed to Stephen Babinsky's Automotive Restorations, Inc. facility and start our visit at 10:00 am. weather is favorable, please drive your antique vehicles.

The tour has been scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2019. If interested, please contact Abraham Platt as soon as possible at (732) 752-6341 or via email at abeplatt@aol.com. The tour is limited to approximately 50 people. The tour does not have a set ending time as it is dependent on the number of people coming, interest in the restoration operations, the size of the car collection, and interest in these vehicles.

RSVP by November 19, 2019 if you are planning to attend so that I can determine how many cars and attendees we can expect. Please also let me know if you will be joining us for breakfast at the Readington Diner. I spoke to the manager of the Readington Diner and she would like to know how many to ex-

Thank you for your interest. Abraham Platt, Event Chairman Day of event call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319

#### Address Information:

The Readington Diner is 452 US Rt. 22 West, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889 (908) 534-6777

The Spinning Wheel Diner is 283 US Rt. 22 East, Lebanon, NJ 08833 (908) 534-2577

Stephen Babinsky's Automotive Restorations, Inc. facility is 1050 US Rt. 22 West, Lebanon, NJ 08833 (908) 236-6400



#### **DIRECTIONS:**

From the East: Take U.S. Route 22 W towards Lebanon. Automotive Restoration is just west of the Spinning Wheel Dinner, which is located on the East-bound lane of Rt. 22. The entrance is just before the Three Graces Bridal Shop/Manning Gallery/RC Collectables Building (1060 Rt. 22). If you see Chelseas Restaurant and Pub on the East-bound lane you have just past the entrance to Automotive Restorations. If you home of John "Hawkeye" Hawkinson 1930 Hibbard & miss the drive-way, take the next turn around and follow the directions below.

> From the West: Take U.S. Route 22 E towards Lebanon, NJ. Automotive Restoration is off of the westbound lane of Rt. 22, just east of Chelseas Restaurant and Pub. Take the first turn-around in the center isle after Chelseas Restaurant and the entrance to Automotive Restorations is on the right just after you enter onto Rt. 22 East. .



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#### **HOW TO START A BARN FIND**

arn finds are everywhere! They're fascinating because they're the fantasy of something that's been untouched for many years, waiting to be rediscovered and brought back to life. Perhaps you saw a classified ad for a barn find; or there's one in YOUR barn to reawaken from its slumber. Either way, starting the engine in a car which hasn't run in decades helps verify its mechanical condition. If you get it started, you gain a better sense of



how much restoration work is needed.

Here's a list of items to bring when you arrive: a mat/creeper, flashlight, masking tape, marking pen,

shop vacuum, container of fresh gasoline, empty fuel container, siphon device, carb cleaner, starting fluid, fully charged car battery, fire extinguisher, and rags. Tools should include wrenches and sockets to fit the crank pulley bolt, spark plugs, and battery terminals, plus ratchet wrenches, extensions, screwdrivers, pliers, and hammers.

Before attempting to fire her up, eyeball the entire car front to rear, looking for two things: one, assurance that it hasn't been partially disassembled while stored; and two, evidence that varmints haven't taken their toll. There's no point in a start attempt if the intake manifold is missing, or if critters have chewed the engine compartment wiring harness! If tires are flat or brakes are seized, worry about that later. This initial effort will focus ONLY on getting the long-dormant engine to run.

If everything looks intact, try to turn the engine over by hand. If you're lucky, a snug fan belt might provide enough tension for you to manually move the crank. It's more likely, though, that you'll need a wrench on the front pulley. Find that size socket, and using your longest breaker bar, try to turn the engine. If it won't budge, remove the spark plugs (label the plug wires for correct reassembly). Some recommend a squirt of oil in each cylinder. If it's so stuck that it needs oil, it should sit and soak for several hours or overnight. But try it again. With the plugs out, you're not fighting compression. You're trying to confirm that the crankshaft, pistons and valves will rotate.

Pop off the distributor cap to watch the points open and close. Clean and adjust them if necessary. Check the plugs you've removed and clean them. If you know this car's engine well, you might have a correct spare set of plugs with you. In either case, install the cleaned or new plugs, and put the wires and cap back. While under the hood, check the air filter (a favorite place for squirrels to store nuts). At a minimum, shake it clean. If you have a shop vac, vacuum the air cleaner assembly. Pull the engine dipstick – is there oil in there? Don't worry too much about its color, just make sure you have enough in the crankcase.

Turn your attention to the fuel. Old gasoline is the #1 reason why a dormant engine won't start. Untreated gasoline has a shelf life of 6 months, so if older than that, drain it. A best case scenario is finding a tank with a drain plug. Place your empty container under it, and remove the plug. Be prepared for badsmelling gel to drip out. Also be prepared for an environmentally safe way to dispose of it. If there's no drain plug, you can try to siphon it out. If you're able to drain the tank, add several gallons of fresh fuel to it. If you can't get the old fuel out, consider a temporary way to connect your fresh fuel to a line feeding

now. Don't even try starting an engine with old fuel.

If a battery is in place, we can be almost certain that it's completely discharged, so you can't jump it. Disconnect the terminals, clean them, and hook up the fresh battery you brought (you DID bring a 6V for this



A Hershey barn find. Don't let exterior condition discourage you from a start attempt.

'52 Ford, yes?). Get the polarity correct. Are there ignition keys? Good. We are close to making our attempt. A mechanically sound engine only needs air, fuel, and spark to start. If the air filter isn't clogged, you'll have air. You figured out a way to get fresh fuel to the pump. Spray some carb cleaner on the carb, then a little starting fluid. Turn the key to "on". Do any electricals work? If horn or lights do, that can be verifi-



Ratty under the hood, but appears all there; a good candidate for a barn-find start attempt.

key to "start" (or push the starter button).

It should crank (after all, you hand cranked it,

the fuel pump. It could be as simple as a fuel hose on and you have a fresh battery properly connected). If it the suction side of the pump inserted in your gas can. won't crank, you may have a wiring problem from the If the fuel filter looks grimy, consider bypassing it for ignition switch to the starter, or a bad starter. If it cranks but makes no attempt to fire, have a helper pull one plug wire and hold it near ground - do you see a spark? If not, check your ignition connections (coil & distributor). If you have crank, and have spark, try a SMALL amount of gasoline into the carb. HAVE SOMEONE NEARBY WITH THE FIRE EXTINGUISH-ER. If it starts and stalls, there's blockage somewhere in your fuel routing, so check that.

> If you've got air, fuel, and spark all lined up, fingers crossed, it should start. Congratulations! Depending on the car's overall condition, you may not want to idle the engine more than a few moments. Next, you'll need to figure out how to drag it home. However, you successfully brought a 'barn find' engine back to life!

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s we have for the past decade during holiday parties at our antique car collection, the Singe family will once again be collecting toys for local youngsters who are less fortucation that the wiring is OK. We're ready. Turn the nate than our own children and grandchildren. Last December, through the generosity of our friends and holiday party attendees, including a number of New Jersey Region members, we supplied over 100 toys to some very grateful Hillside children, both directly and also through the Hillside NJ public schools annual holiday toy drive and distribution.

> Over the past 11 years, our family and those attending holiday parties at our antique car collection, have provided over 600 toys to deserving children and their families.

> If you would like to contribute to this year's toy drive, please bring one or more unwrapped toys, valued at approximately \$5 – \$15 each, to the November 16th NJ Region meeting at the Herb Singes' collection.

> We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who contributed toys last year and, in advance, those of you who will be doing so this year.

The Singe family

#### **BALLOT: 2018 OFFICERS - NEW JERSEY REGION AACA**

This slate was presented by the Nominating Committee and approved at the regular meeting of the Region on October 3, 2019. Please place an "X" in the box in front of your choice, or write in your choice and place an "X" in the box in front of it. VOTE FOR ONE PERSON FOR EACH OFFICE. Please be sure that your ballot is received by our secretary Greg Roser, by the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Do not forget your ballot! There <u>will</u> be extra copies at the meeting. Individual memberships use one ballot: joint memberships use both ballots.

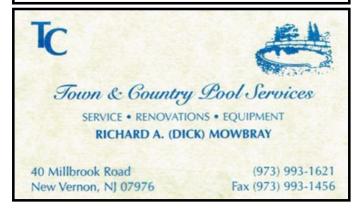
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The Region makes an annual award to that member, <u>NOT AN OFFICER</u>, who has done the most for the region. Nominations are made by this special ballot and you are requested to write in your choice and the Executive Committee will make the final decision from those nominated.

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The AACA Library was a happening place to be during this year's Hershey week. Folks from all over the country (and other countries) swung by to do some research. We also received some large collections of automotive history books, manuals and literature. We sold more than \$3,000 in duplicate books throughout the week.

This year's Literature Yard Sale raised a whopping \$14,787 -- a new record! Our volunteers deserve a big thanks because, without them, we wouldn't be able to pull off an event like this. We also had a team of regular volunteers who helped sort, process and price material throughout the year.

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All types of clothing are needed. Sizes specifically needed for Women are Medium and Large.

Below are items needed, in order of most requested by residents.

Women's Stretch Pants (preferably	Women's Long-sleeve T-shirts:	Women's Short-sleeved knit shirts:
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