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Vince DeLisi's 1966 Pontiac GTO
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Roy Hardgrove's 1976 Lincoln
Read all about it in the February RoadMap



upcoming EVENTS



NJ AACAA EVENTS

DECEMBER

5th NJ Region AACAA 731st Monthly Meeting and Holiday Party, VFW, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ, 7:30 PM

JANUARY

5th NJ Region AACAA 732nd monthly meeting, Awards Presentation & Installation of Officers. Zeris Inn Mountain Lakes—*Pat Hogan Chair*

FEBRUARY

6th NJ Region AACAA 733rd monthly meeting Morris Plains VFW Post 3401, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ, 8:00 PM

MARCH

5th NJ Region AACAA 734th monthly meeting Morris Plains VFW Post 3401, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ, 8:00 PM

NEXT MEETING

The December (731st) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACAA will be held at the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains
7:30 PM Dec 5th, 2019

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

06-08th AACAA Annual Converntion Meeting Philadelphia PA

07-9th - Boca Raton Resort & Club, FL - 14th Annual Boca Raton Concours D'Elegance. Tremendous weekend of events benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County. Contact : Kerry Becker, (954) 537-1010. Website: www.bocaratonconcours.com/event/

27-29th — Winter Nationals — South Florida Region Brochure : [2020 WINTER NATIONALS](#)

MARCH

1st - Hamburg, PA, Ontelaunee Region, Swap Meet/ Car Corral. Hamburg Field House. Lester Manwiller Email Lhedgehog1@aol.com or 610-823-4656.

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



The Presidents Message for December 2019

The approach of the New Year brings with it the end of my tenure as President of the New Jersey Region AACAA. I found my experience to be full, challenging and always, very gratifying. For my final message, I felt moved to look back these past few years to share my impressions, of what we've accomplished together.

When I was inaugurated, I followed nearly three dozen past Presidents, whose commitment and labors of love, served to build our club to what it is today. My learning curve was nearly vertical at first, but slowly, I began to get a full understanding of the role, which I was to serve and what would be necessary to move our club forward. My main objective, during my tenure, was to play my small part, in making our club better, in every possible category. Together, I feel that we accomplished that goal.

During these past two years, especially, our NJAACA and AACAA annual calendar of activities has blossomed to four, full pages. I'm very proud to mention it to those who are unfamiliar with our region. Thanks to many of you, we've visited new, unfamiliar, but immensely interesting locations. In several antique automotive museums, we saw vehicles that we don't expect to ever see again. The tours we've enjoyed were fantastic and were a tribute to those chairs, who diligently planned the routes, made arrangements with the facilities' representatives and arranged for meals, lodging and all other necessary accommodations.

I've enjoyed our picnics and awards banquets, not to mention the good fellowship during our many monthly meetings. I also think about the many dozens of you who've enjoyed the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, who are certain to return again. I smile as I think of those hardy souls, who, despite four consecutive years of numbing cold and rain, they carried out their responsibilities, without complaint, despite the low turnout of cars. I also think about the many hundreds of residents at all of the assisted living locations we've visited, who were thrilled, by our cars' having stirred their fondest memories car experiences of their past. The heart and compassion of our members, who do such things is very gratifying to behold.

I'm very grateful to all of our chairs, who tirelessly contributed their utmost, in carrying out their respective tasks so successfully. It's because of their commitment that we enjoy a fuller and richer club experience. Their tireless efforts had made it far easier

for me to do my job, too. In this same vein, we owe our endless appreciation to many of these same folks, who enabled us to successfully carry out the Spring National, which was the most important activity that our club has ever undertaken. It was beautifully executed, well attended and a source of new revenue, which our club will surely benefit from.

My primary goals were to increase our club's membership and improve our financial position. Together, we came up with a plan to construct a membership booth, to design and print a recruiting tri-fold, to devise a recruiting strategy and to motivate our members to share similar goals. Together, we recruited nearly fifty new members these past few years and that number continues to rise.

At our upcoming Inauguration and Awards Dinner, I'll relinquish the gavel to Art Briggs, whose experience and familiarity to all, will be certain to assist Art in his endeavors, while propelling our club forward. I wish Art well. To all of you who gave me the privilege and opportunity to serve and contribute to NJ Region AACAA, I thank you very much.

*Jerry Peck, President
NJAACA #1462*



ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT TO RENEW!!

From the November Speedster

As most of you know, your AACAA membership runs for a calendar year - January 1 through December 31. From about mid-September through the end of the year, AACAA Headquarters gets a little crazy with membership renewal phone calls and mail. It's not uncommon for us to receive several hundred renewals in a day. Even though it's our busiest time of the year, making sure we get our 55,000+ members renewed is always our top priority.

A renewal form was included with your Nov/Dec issue of Antique Automobile magazine. Simply fill out the form and send it back to the office with a check or credit card information.

You can also renew your membership by calling National Headquarters at 717-534-1910 or [online here](#). (If this is your first time renewing online, please "retrieve account" first. You will then get an email with a temporary password and can login under "registered customers." You can then update your information, change your password to something you can remember and renew your membership. Make sure to check your email junk and spam folders for the temporary password email -- we've heard a lot of them are ending up there! If you don't get it, just call us and we will help

NJ REGION AACA

Minutes – Nov 16th, 2019 #730



The 730th Region Meeting and Old Timers Recognition at the Herb Singes' Museum was called to order at 12:05PM by President **Jerry Peck**.

All members present were asked to rise for recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members were introduced: Al & Sharon Claw, Kevin Peach, Dan Ungar

Herb Jr. requested that all veterans stand and be recognized.

A motion was made to dispense of the regular agenda for this meeting.

President's Report: **Jerry Peck** – Special thanks was given to the Singe family for hosting this meeting at their museum. The regular November ballot and the second vote for the Spring Nationals revenue disbursement have been postponed to the December meeting. The December holiday party meeting is at 7:30PM. Members are requested to bring dinner entrees and desserts.

Region Activities: Vice-President **Art Briggs** noted that the Steve Babinsky restoration shop and private collection tour is on Nov. 23. Contact Abe Platt to reserve your spot. The 2020 Awards Banquet at the Zeris Inn is Jan. 5, from 12-4PM. Send your reservation and payment to Pat Hogan. This will likely be our last year at this venue as they may be closing. All Regional and National events are displayed in *The Road Map*.

Membership: **Bill Pritchett** – Membership dues were collected at the meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Herb Senior's 93rd birthday is on November 28th. All sang Happy Birthday. Herb's caretaker Josie was recognized for taking excellent care of Herb. President Jerry Peck presented a gift of a 1911 auto maintenance manual to the Singe family to thank them for their hospitality.

Old Timers Ceremony: **Herb Singe and Lillian Anderson** - The following members were recognized for 20 or more years of NJ Region membership: Herb Singe, Sr., Lillian Anderson, Bob Smith, Manny & Sandy Rein, Roy Konwiser, Bob Gluckin, Daisy Wary, Walt Terry, Ken Miller, Duffy Bell, Frank & Lia Figo-rotta, Kirk Judkins, and Larry Solomayer.

Greg Roser was asked by Herb to speak about his 20,000+ light "Fanwood's Famous Christmas House" display. He mentioned that this is the 5th year accepting donations for NJ Institute for Disabilities (NJID),

and last year over \$7000.00 was collected. All expenses are paid by the Roser family, and every dollar is donated to the charity. All members and friends are invited to attend Santa's visit on Dec. 7 from 4:30 to 6:30PM. Bring your children and grandchildren and all will receive a gift. There is no charge to attend, but donations are accepted for NJID. The display is lit from November 29 to January 8, from dusk to 10PM, with continuous lighting all night Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Roser family has been decorating their home since 1983.

All were then invited to partake in a hot and cold luncheon buffet so graciously provided by the Singe family.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Roser
NJAACA #1398
Region Secretary

Google Group for NJ Region



I am exploring creating a Google Group for the NJ Region. Essentially, a Google Group is a free service from Google that provides discussion groups for people sharing common interests. For our purposes, it will contain all the email addresses for the Region that will be used for emails to the Region (currently in a contact list in the njaaca@gmail.com email). It will be limited to a few officers who will be able to send out emails, e.g., the Road Map, obituaries, event announcements/changes, etc. We will not utilize it until all members have acknowledged receiving an email from it. Your email address will be added to it by me which you will then be asked to reply to the email so that I know you received it. This will be a gradual process over the next few months.

Bill Pritchett
NJAACA # 963
Membership Chairman



Happy Anniversary!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10....FRANK & LIA FIGOROTTA	63
20 ...ROBERT & MARY REYNOLDS	58
23....LOU & ANN HOLZBERGER	27

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6	LEROY GEARHART
6	EVIE ERNST
7	TRISHA COPLEY
12	PAT RILEY
19	HAILEY KAPRAL
21	BETTE PRITCHETT
21	BARBARA YOUNG
27	WILLIAM DELORENZO
31	NANCY HUTCHINS



**The Roser family
invites all family, friends and
neighbors to view our
“CHRISTMAS HOUSE”**

**display at 83 Paterson Road
Fanwood, NJ**

**Donations are accepted for
NJ Institute for Disabilities**

www.njid.org

**The display is lit every night from
dusk to 10PM, right through
January 8, 2020**





Library Update

Chris Ritter

AACA Library Director



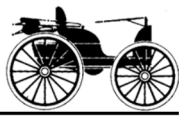
The 2019 Fall Meet was a huge success for the AACA Library. On Tuesday of Nationals week we held our annual Yard Sale and raised more than \$14,000 in just three hours. Items sold were duplicates to the library's existing holdings and included sales

literature, shop manuals, antique road maps, reference books and so much more. Hundreds of visitors visited the library during its regular Meet Week hours to request information and visit with old friends. On the flea market field, the AACA Library Bookmobile greeted visitors and ran a continuous loop video of our future library in 3D rendering. On Friday evening, the library was awarded the Bradley Award from the Society of Automotive Historians. We are the first institution to ever receive the award twice (we first received it in 1992) which honors "the work of libraries and archives whose mission is to preserve motor vehicle resource materials."

From November through March, 2020, the Library Bookmobile will be on display at the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke, VA. Visitors seeing the Bookmobile will learn about the history and current offerings of the AACA and the importance of protecting our shared automotive heritage.

In the coming months the library will be very busy as we prepare to move to our new home in 2020. In addition, we will be launching a brand new online catalog system that will make searching easier and faster for our users. At our Annual Convention in February we will be hosting a Pinewood Derby challenge to all attendees. Participants will build cars to specification and race them on Friday evening. Look for more details in a future issue of The Rummage Box, Speedster and Antique Automobile.

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UNDER THE HOOD Notes from the editor



Happy Holiday Season to our members, readers, extended family and welcome guests of our club.

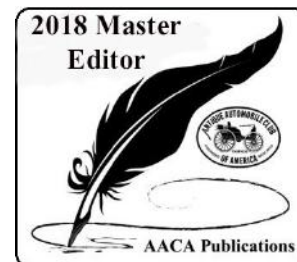
December marks the close of the second full year as editor of the NJ Region Roadmap. It has been a rewarding experience for it has helped me learn about the vast workings of the region and its members. It has also opened up doors to the National level that years ago I never knew existed. I now read the National publication *Rummage Box* from cover to cover scouring for ideas and articles to include in our newsletter. I also eagerly anticipate the *Speedster* from national as well each month. That newsletter always contains tidbits on the daily activity of the AACA, from the library to National Meets.

When researching a newsletter I find that everywhere I go I start to see everything in the context of "would that go well in the Roadmap?" For example I was listening to Greg Roser talk about his Christmas House and the charity it benefits, all of the good work he does and how the community has rallied to the cause. And as I am about to bug him for the pictures of his Monte Carlo for the cover car I realize that his house should be our cover for January!!

What better story can I put in the January issue than one about a dedicated person giving to others with his time, talent and treasure? So that will be that. January will be a dedicated issue to the Christmas House with links to the charity and thanks for those that assisted in the annual event. You see, that's what the Roadmap is all about. Sharing our experiences not only with each other, but with the National AACA audience as well. The newsletter is shared with every single region in the AACA in that all of the editors as well as a staff of reviewers all get access to issues every month so it is with great pride (and sometimes humility) that, when the newsletter is done, it gets posted to a shared Google drive for everyone to read.

Can all of you during the coming new year also look towards sharing your automotive adventures, both good and bad with all of the AACA audience and look through the lens of the roadmap as well?

On My honor.....
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FEATURED COVER CAR 1966 PONTIAC GTO

OWNED BY VINCE DeLISI
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

Photography for this article was provided by Vince DeLisi

After 2 successful years as a performance option for the Pontiac Tempest, Pontiac GTO was finally released as a separate model series. The level of success achieved by the GTO in 64 and 65 was beyond the imagination for GM and it's rivals. New for 66 was the coke bottle body style and the louvered taillight covers which remained a unique trait of GTO's. The 1966 GTO was similar to the 65 in many ways, but it was a completely different car from the Tempest and LeMans. The interior, bucket seats and instrument panel were all redesigned for the new 66 GTO.

In the following text you will see pictures of Vince's current 1966 GTO, as well as two pictures from 1975 of the first 1966 GTO that he owned from 1971 to 1976. The first one was purchase after Vince graduated from high school in 1971 as a "commuter vehicle" from Fanwood to Rutgers in New Brunswick. It replaced a 1930 Model "A" Ford which had been my daily driver. The DeLisi family

still have the Model "A" but it's in "a thousand pieces". It will be properly restored as Vince's first big



The 455 Big block with Tri power purrs like a kitten

Dimensions	
Wheelbase	115 in
Length	206.4 in
Width	74.4 in

Powertrain	
Engine	389ci Tri Power 360 bhp
Transmission	3 Spd Manual

Overview	
Manufacturer	Pontiac
Production	1966 96,946 cars
Assembly	Pontiac Michigan and other plants in the U.S.



at various stop lights all over Union County. It also allowed Vince to respond very quickly to the Fanwood Fire House where he volunteered for many years. Vince drove it through the first and second oil embargos. The only reason he never ran out of gas is that volunteer fire fighters were allowed to purchase fuel every day, rather than the odd/even rationing that everyone else needed to endure.

When Debbie and Vince were enaged, they knew the days of driving a 427 GTO were over. Out came the 427, and in went a 230 cubic inch 6 from a 64 Chevy. Friends would ask Vince to pop the hood so that they could weep over the thought of a GTO with a 6! The one picture with all of the markings was taken after Vince and Debbie's wedding reception. That 6 took them to Virginia for a honeymoon and anyplace else they wanted to go. In September of 1976, Vince received his first company car. And the GTO had to go since there was no place to park it. The original engine went to the new owner, with an understanding that should he every wish to sell the car, Vince would have the right of first refusal. He completely restored the car to better than new condition between 1976 and 1978. It's hard to imagine today that a 10-year-old car would need to be restored – but it did!

retirement project.

When Vince bought the first GTO it was a 389, 4-barrel, 4 speed convertible, red/black/black. It had about 85,000 miles and was in reasonably good shape. At about 115,000 miles, it spun a rod bearing. This was a good thing, because Vince had a built 427 Chevy that had been in a 1970 Nova that he drag raced at Englishtown.

Out came the 389, and in went the 427, including an explosion proof bell housing and a Holly 850 double pumper on a tarantula aluminum intake manifold. Since it had solid lifters with a redline over 7,000 RPMs it surprised many SS 396's and GTO's

A couple of years later, true to his word, he showed up at the DeLisi's door and said it was for sale. With two small kids, etc., there was no way that they could afford to buy it back. He sold to a young



The view most Chrysler drivers see of Vince's Goat

guy who within a couple of months wrapped it around a tree on Mountain Avenue in Scotch Plains. He was okay, but the GTO was totaled.

Fast forward 30 years – both of Vince and Debbie's girls were out of college – and he began looking for another GTO. This one was found while reading Hemmings on an airplane returning home from Houston. Interestingly, it was less than 5 miles from our home in Scotch Plains. When Vince saw it, he knew he had to have it. Unfortunately, someone had left a deposit on it earlier that very day. Thankfully, he could not get a loan and I received a call – if you still want it – come and get it! Within a few minutes Vince left a deposit with an understanding that it would be put on a lift for an inspection on Saturday. Vince asked his brother to come take a look with him to be sure that it was as described. Once they were satisfied, Vince's brother told him to “buy the car”. The bank was across the street, funds were gathered, and the car was purchased. At that point, Vince placed in the glove box the owner's manual from his first GTO!

When purchased, it had a 1967 Pontiac 326. It had been painted in a Chrysler red several years prior which was in very good condition. It desperately needed a new convertible top and some interior work, especially the dash. This work has all been accomplished. The last thing to “fix” was the engine. This car was originally red/white/parchment/389 4 barrel/4 speed. The seller gave me a correctly date coded 389 3 X 2 block as well as 3 X 2 manifold and carburetors. As it turned out, the block needed to be sleeved in all 8 cylinders, so was considered trash.

While at dinner a few weeks later Vince's brother asked – when are you going to replace the engine in the GTO? Vince answered, eventually. To which Debbie's said, why wait? With that invitation, Vince went searching for a rebuildable 389. After a couple of months, he found a 1974 Pontiac 455, which was in excellent shape. It was completely rebuilt utilizing the front from the 67 326 as well as the 3 X 2 intake manifold from 1966. Unless you look at the numbers, this engine looks identical to the original. It's unbelievable fun to drive, especially on a mild sunny day with the top down!

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*You are Cordially Invited to the
Annual banquet and Installation 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

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Seating Preferences : _____

Please make your Menu Choice

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Because we live in NJ, there's the possibility of snow every winter, so our collector cars don't get driven much, if at all, during the off-season. We have two options: keep the car 'at the ready' should a decent driving day arrive; or store the car for the winter, until spring beckons.

Friends of mine do the former; they technically don't put their cars away. Their rationale is, since it's good to occasionally start the engine and put the car through its paces, they'll take the car for a spin on that rare sunny dry day. There is nothing wrong with this approach; like many choices, there's more than one correct answer. I prefer to follow a late fall ritual and prep the car for a long sleep, on the chance that the sunny dry day never arrives.

My goals are to protect the tires from flat-spotting; preserve the fuel from going bad; keep the critters at bay; charge the battery; and cover the car to protect the paint. These are the steps I follow.

TIRES

One article I read suggested that an owner with a car in storage should put it up on jack stands, remove the tires, and store them on a rack. That's too much work for me. Instead, I over-inflate the tires (but not beyond the "maximum inflation pressure" listed on the sidewall), and let the cars sit. In the spring, I deflate the tires back to normal. In 20 years of following this procedure, I've never had a flat-spotting problem. The extra air provides the extra support to the tire tread to hold up the car's weight.

FUEL

Modern fuels go bad within 6 months. The fuel turns stinky, evaporates, leaves gummy deposits, and



Tire sidewall states 51 PSI max pressure; I aim for

5-10 PSI below that

eventually turns to gel. If a car is not going to be driven, there is no choice but to use a fuel stabilizer (and this goes for the garden equipment too). I prefer the



Tire gauge is a must; don't forget to deflate tires back to normal in spring.

Sta-Bil brand; there are other choices. Go with the brand you prefer, but use it! Better still, fill the tank to prevent condensation from forming, and run the engine for 5 minutes after the stabilizer has been added to circulate it through the rest of the fuel system. (No need to buy the largest bottle of the stuff, unless you own 20 cars. Once opened, the fuel stabilizer itself is good for only 2 years.)

CRITTERS

My garage is unheated, which has not dissuaded mice from using it as their winter hideaway. I've been lucky, but it's a fact that the little guys like to eat insulation and wiring. They can inflict real damage. Besides traps and bait, I've had some recent success with black pepper (which smells way better than mothballs). Even if they get in the garage, the pepper smell keeps them away from the cars. I put ground pepper into little 'potpourri' bags (my wife gets



Sta-Bil is one popular brand of fuel stabilizers; use what you like, but use it!

them in Michael's), and scattered the tied bags throughout the engine compartment, interior, and trunk. This trick is quite cost-effective too. Some online commenters swear that dryer sheets do the trick.



Black pepper "potpourri" keeps critters at bay.

BATTERY

Batteries don't like the cold. Besides losing charge, a flooded-cell battery can freeze and crack in the severe cold. Keeping the battery charged helps prevent that. Battery chargers have been around forever, but you want a modern trickle-charger, which won't overcharge the unit. I like the Battery Tender brand. If you have multiple cars, you can buy one that charges several batteries at once. As a best practice, disconnect the negative battery cable to isolate the rest of the car's electrical system from the charger.

CAR COVER

I used to think that covering a car was a bad idea. Once, a friend threw a blue plastic tarp over a car stored outside. When he removed the cover two years later, he discovered that most of the car had

disintegrated to rust. The cover didn't 'breathe', and it trapped moisture beneath it. At my present company, we sell car covers, and I've learned a lot about them. I'm partial to the Covercraft brand, but again, there are lots of brands to choose from. For indoor storage, select a cover that repels dust, and has some padding to thwart errant bicycles and flying snap rings.



Battery Tender light when green indicates Storage mode.

For the outdoors, sun, rain, and snow protection are important, and there are covers to protect your car's paint from such threats.

All these steps have worked for me for many years. On the first day of spring, I remove and store the cover, deflate the tires, take out the pepper sacks, disconnect the charger, and reconnect the negative cable. I climb in, turn the key, fire her up, and go for the first run of the season. Can't wait!



Under cover and hibernating until spring.

NEXT TIME IN RICH'S REPAIR RAMBLINGS: Electrical Systems 101



Activity Report

Road Trip and Tour of Stephen Babinsky's Restoration Shop and Car Collection



1927 Isotta Fraschini

On what started out to be a sunny but cold morning, Saturday, November 23, 2019, turned out to be a beautiful day for an antique automobile tour. Members of the NJ Region AACA and their family and friends gathered at the Readington Dinner in West Whitehouse Station for breakfast and some friendly socializing prior to the planned event of the day. At around 9:30 AM, after the breakfast crowd finished eating, we gathered in the parking lot with other members and friends that were joining the group at this time. The event Chair handed out written directions to the drivers on where Stephen Babinsky's Automotive Restorations, Inc. facility is located and also to the location of the building housing his private collection of 1920s and 1930's vehicles. The written directions also included a list of several eateries for a late lunch/early dinner in the vicinity of our final stop on the tour. Several additional NJ Region members and friends joined us at the restoration

shop. Our visit of the restoration shop commenced at around 10:00 AM.

A total of 56 antique automobile enthusiasts participated in this event. Those that drove their antique automobiles included the following: Jay DeBoey in his 1966 Ford Mustang coupe; Ray Fischer and Wayne Tuck in Ray's 1993 Buick Roadmaster; Bob Hudak in his 1939 Ford Toudor Deluxe; Ron Hutchins in his 1986 Porsche 944T; Ed & Rita Koch in their 1959 Morris Minor Traveler; George Maulbeck in his 1951 Hudson Hornet; Gary Menkin & Charles Kraut in Gary's 1967 Chevy Nova; Arnold Papenfuhs and Deb La Faver in Pappy's 1963 Chevy Corvette; Abe & Ann Platt in Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS; Bill Pritchett & Stephen John in Betty's 1957 Chevy BelAir; Brian & Sarah Pritchett in their 1950 Olds 88. The antique automobile enthusiasts driving modern vehicles or were passengers included the following NJ Region members: Steve Affleck; Betty Allen; Albert Bartholomew; Dick Bettle; Dave Cavagnaro; Peter Cullen; Allan Danner; Joe & Carole Durna; PJ Ehmann; Craig & Yvonne Kunz; Tim Mahon; Nick Matlaga; Jeff Montgomery; Rich Nalavany; Jerry Peck; John Pieczynski; Richard Reina; Greg & June Roser; Tim Schimmel; Paul Semmler; Larry Solomayer; Tex & Linda Sorrell; Gail Stephens; Bill & Gayle Stroh; Paul Wolfmeyer; and the following guests: Steve Fajnor; Joseph Kuhl; Bob Lehr; Kevin Peal; and Bob Soper and his son Tyler.

Once everyone was in the reception area of the restoration shop, I introduced Mr. Stephen Babinsky to the group and mentioned that he had purchased a full page Ad in our Souvenir Program for the 2019 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals and that he presented one of his cars and two of his customers cars on the show field that Saturday. Stephen started off the visit by telling us about the history of the 1969 Continental Grand Prix Champion Eagle race car driven by Tony Adamowicz located in the center of this room, after-which he allowed us to roam around the restoration shop to admire the works of art that were present in various stages of repair or restoration. We were able to ask questions of him and the employees that were present working on several of the vehicles in the shop. In addition to John



1969 Gurney Eagle driven by Tony Adamowicz



Ray Fischer, Wayne Tuck and Bob Hudak enjoy breakfast before the tour.

Cord, Duesenberg, Hudson, Mercer, several Cadillacs, Mercedes Benz, several Packards, to name some and even a beautiful 1955 Ford F-100 V-8 pickup with a home-built camper.

Once the group was ready, we departed and drove to the location housing Stephen's private collection of mostly original/unrestored pre-World War II vehicles. In addition to the vehicles stored in this facility, the walls were adorned with signs that would make any collector jealous. The oldest vehicle observed was a 1903 Pierce 8HP Motorette and the largest vehicle was the 1923 Ahrens-Fox pumper fire truck. The marques observed in this collection included Auburn, Minerva, Packard, Lincoln, Cadillac, LaSalle, Ford, Chevrolet, Marmon, Dodge Brothers, Lafayette, Duesenberg, Stutz, Peirce, Nash, Hudson, and more.

I thanked Mr. Babinsky, on behalf of the NJ Region AACA members and guests that attended, for his hospitality and for allowing us such unhindered and unhurried access to roam around his restoration facility and his private collection of amazing vehicles. After most of the tourists had left and as I was about to leave, Mr. Babinsky jumped behind the wheel of the Ahrens-Fox and fired her up. It was great to hear this old fire engine roar to life and to watch the workings of this massive engine. To show those of us that were still present that she was still ready to go, Stephen tuned on the lights and siren. What a treat!!!



1934 Horch that started restoration in 2017 and is scheduled to be completed in 2021

"Hawkeye" Hawkinson's 1930 Hibbard & Darrin bodied Minerva, the floor of this restoration shop was occupied by a Bentley convertible, a 1959 Cadillac convertible, a 1929 Hudson Super Six Phaeton, a Peirce Great Arrow, a Hudson 8 boat-tail, a Stutz Bearcat, a Lincoln Sedan, a 1927 Isotta Fraschini, an 1931 Auburn boat-tail speedster, a 1934 Packard Twelve boat-tail convertible, several vintage Cadillacs and Packard's, as well as others. During our 2017 visit, Mr. Babinsky had us all mesmerized as he explained the restoration process for the Horch. This work of art was still in the shop and has a completion date to compete in the 2021 Concours D'Elegance season.

To all our surprise and joy, Stephen indicated that there was a storage area in another building that housed some interesting vehicle if we wanted to see them. This area included classics waiting to be worked on such as Auburn,



1938 Packard Twelver Boat tail convertible

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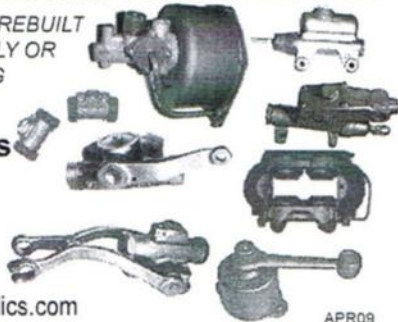
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