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Greg Roser's Monte Carlo is This Months Cover Car on Page 12



Herb & Margaret Singe in their 1904 Oldsmobile at the 1956 Glidden Tour Revival.

Photo Credit : [AACA Library & Research Center](#)



*A Message from the
President
June 2020*

I'm sure everyone is bored to death with the lockdown and can't wait to return to a somewhat normal lifestyle. As some positive signs appear to be taking place regarding slowly opening up the economy, hopefully we'll be able to gather together in the not too distant future.

Wayne and Denise Tuck, Pete Cullen and I attended the Winter National in Miami at the end of February, and if this pandemic continues any longer, we may have attended all of the Nationals for 2020!

Hershey was recently cancelled. Hershey! Unbelievable! But it is true! However, AACA is trying to run just a car show on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Just today National AACA sent an email that the Grand National has been rescheduled for August 21st and 22nd.

So far, this is the toughest President's message I have had to write because nothing is or has happened. Additionally, everything else this season is subject to cancellation! I am appealing to our membership to consider writing a car related article, about anything you can think of, and send it to our Road Map Editor as he is hurting for material. What have you been doing to your car (or cars) to while away the time sequestered? If you think you don't write well, just send Jay a letter explaining what you have been doing or how you have been handling this lockdown and he will make something publishable of it. Send him some pictures too, and explain what they represent.

Stay safe!

Respectfully submitted,

Art Briggs, President

NJAACA #1469

UNDER THE HOOD

Notes from the editor



Take a look at Greg Roser's Monte Carlo on the cover, I'm not a big Chevy fan but there are a few that I like, early Camaro's, late 70's Caprice or Impala, C-1 and 2 Corvettes and I'm a sucker for an El Camino. But honestly, the 70-72 Monte Carlo's are drop dead gorgeous. And a black one to boot!!

We have been going on for about a year now with the Members car feature. April 2019 was the first one with Keith Murphy's 1962 Thunderbird. The best part about these features is getting to know the owners story of the car. The acquisition of the car is always interesting, and the continued enjoyment gives all of us a shared experience with our cars. I also spend a time

researching the model being included that month so I get to learn a ton about the car. For example when Ed Geller's Alfa Romeo Montreal was in the July 2019 issue, I got so totally absorbed with research, that I found the car is part of a global registry...there was Ed's name and car on a Canadian web page!! This issue I got caught up in the nuances between the 70, 71, and 72 Monte's. Greg's incredible documentation had me looking up all kinds of pictures and details. See if you can spot what makes the 72 easily identifiable from a 70 and you'll be drawn into the car.

For fun I'd like to share a list of the members cars from the last year of Roadmaps:

Apr 2019 : 1962 Thunderbird, Keith Murphy
May 2019 : 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood, Joe Puleo
Jun 2019 : 1953 Cadillac Series 62, Bernie Cooney
Jul 2019 : 1973 Alfa Romeo Montreal, Ed Geller
Aug 2019 : 1953 Nash Healy, Ed & Rita Koch
Sept 2019 : 1955 Crown Victoria, Donna Rottengen
Oct 2019 : 1954 Chrysler Imperial, Paul Wolfmeyer
Nov 2019 : 1946 Mercury Eight, Joseph Durna
Dec 2019 : 1966 Pontiac GTO, Vince DeLisi
Feb 2020 : 1976 Lincoln Town car, Roy Hardgrove
Mar 2020 : 1929 Ford Model A, Rick Weingart
Apr 2020 : 1988 Mercury Cougar LS, Ann Platt
May 2020 : 1946 Chevrolet Pickup, Tim Schimmel
Jun 2020 : 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo, Greg Roser

I thank everyone on the list profusely for participating. Now, who else will step up and present their beautiful car for the cover?? I have a very unique one for July so I'm looking for the rest of the year. I go to our events and I see 20 cars that aren't on this list plus almost all of you have multiple cars so no excuses!! If you need Photos we have that covered and within reason we will come to you to photograph the car. If writing about your car is not your thing, just scratch out some sentences and I will wordsmith the rest. What I need is the important stuff, how you got the car, why you got the car, you and your wife of 54 years had your first date in the car....the good stuff. And don't forget you get participation points for contributions to the Roadmap.

Looking at that list above, I think a calendar is in order!!!! Join the rest of the members and have your ride recognized.

On My honor.....
 Jay DeBoey (#1540)
 908-963-5985

NJ REGION AACA Minutes – May 7th, 2020 #736

The Monthly meeting for the NJ Region of the AACA was cancelled due to concerns over safety in the times of the Virus COVID 19. Future meetings will be addressed individually as we progress thru this difficult time..

*Gregory Roser #1398
Region Secretary*



upcoming EVENTS



NJ AACAA EVENTS

JUNE

14th (ON HOLD) Brookdale senior Living 520 Prospect Ave, W Orange NJ 07052 Contact Abe Platt abeplatt@aol.com

28th Dairy Queen Exhibition 231 State Rte 31 S, Washington, NJ 11AM Contact wjpritchett@gmail.com

JULY

2nd NJ Region AACAA 738th monthly meeting Morris Plains VFW Post 3401, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ, 8:00 PM (**PENDING**)

12th 10:00 AM -4:00 PM Fourth Annual Classic Car Show in Fanwood La Grande Park, Fanwood, NJ 07023 Contact Abe Platt abeplatt@aol.com

18-22nd Region Summer Tour Finger Lakes Region II. Meeting point is TBD 5 days, details TBD Contact Pete Cullen peter.cullenjr@pseg.com (**CANCELLED**)

18th 9:00 AM 12:00 PM Boonton Fireman's Home Bob Smith 565 Lathrop Ave, Boonton, NJ 2 Hr. display of cars to entertain residents

AUGUST

9th NJ Region AACAA 739th Meeting and Picnic Morris Plains VFW Post 3401, 45 Tabor Road Contact Pete Cullen peter.cullenjr@pseg.com

SEPTEMBER

3rd NJ Region AACAA 740th monthly meeting Morris Plains VFW Post 3401, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ, 8:00 PM

19th 12:00 PM 3:00 PM Brookdale Dick Bettle / Bernie Cooney 8 James St., Florham Park, NJ 07932 in process of being scheduled



AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

AUGUST

1st - Asheboro, NC - 30th Annual Zooland Antique Car Show - 1st 175 cars judged. Held on Fayetteville St in Downtown Asheboro, NC. Contact: Sam Routh, Jr, Zooland AACAA President at zoolandaaca@gmail.com

12-15th—(originally May 13-16, 2020) - AACAA Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore Region & Bay Country Region - Eastern Shore of Maryland—[Brochure](#)

21-22nd - Annual Grand Nationals - NB Center for American Automotive Heritage, Allentown, PA

SEPT

13-18th - AAA Revival Glidden Tour - VMCCA - Saratoga Springs, NY (vehicles 1942 or earlier) [brochure](#)

NEWS

AACA is closed per order of the PA Governor. We will be checking emails and voice mail 717-534-1910.

You can also email:

general@aacaa.org

aacal@aacaa.org

critter@aacaa.org (library)

[Capital Campaign Booklet](#)

Donate Below



Still scheduled:

[2020 Grand National](#) - new date August 21-22

[2020 Eastern Div Tour - rescheduled to August 12-15](#)

2020 Fall Meet show cars may still go on

The following are cancelled:

2020 SE Spring-Charlotte, NC

2020 SE Fall-Corydon, IN

2020 Sentimental Tour

2020 Hershey Fall Meet Flea Market & Car Corral

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



4th ANNUAL FANWOOD CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sunday, July 12, 2020
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The 4th Annual Fanwood Classic Car Show will be on Sunday, July 12, 2020. The car show is held at La Grande Park located at La Grande Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023 with on-street parking. The two streets adjacent to the park will be blocked off for the Show Cars. The event will feature 15 plus Food Trucks, Live Music, vendors, a beer garden, trophies, D.J. Oldies, fun for the whole family with a kid's zone. The park is two blocks from the center of Fanwood and has a playground, 2 baseball fields, 5 tennis courts, basketball court, recreation building, open-air pavilion with tables & benches for picnics, restrooms and trees for shade. Trophies will be awarded in several classes. The Car Show is from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration is **only \$5.00** and starts at 8:00 am.

The event is hosted by "Hot Rod" Mike. For additional information call him at (908) 337-8050. The NJ Region members brought their beautiful antique vehicles to this show for a couple of years now and several cars have received trophies. So, come out and join your fellow members of the NJ Region AACA for an enjoyable day of socializing and showing off your beautiful antique and classic automobiles, as well as meeting other antique and classic automobile enthusiasts showing off their equally beautiful vehicles.

La Grande Park is on La Grande Avenue between 2nd Street and Helen Street and can be accessed from either South Martine Avenue to the east or Terrill

Road to the west. Both are accessed from US Route 22. Take either Terrill Road south or Park Avenue south, which turns into South Martine Avenue.

Thank you for your participation.

Abraham "Abe" Platt

NJ Region Member #1524

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Cell phone on the day of the event is (732) 433-5319.

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CELEBRATIONS

BY BRENDA ZIMMERMAN, NJ AACA REGION #1238



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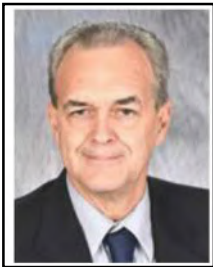
3	DON BELL
6	GARY NIEMIEC
6	DANNY PRITCHETT
8	JOANNA HEDDERICK
9	KENNETH MILLER
15.....	JUNE ROSER
16.....	JUDY FISCHER
22.....	NORMAN WOOLEY JR.
26.....	BOB GRAHAM
27.....	ROBERT SMITH SR.





Publications in Isolation

By Dave Anspach
Vice President - Publications



Well, sadly, there are no shows going on during this National Health Emergency. There are no tours, no meetings, no dinners out, no cars and coffee, no group breakfasts happening. So what is going on?? Your newsletter!! Every editor for every newsletter all around the nation is frantically scrambling

for information to put in his or her next issue!! Why not help!! There is plenty for everyone to do to share what you are doing during these times of isolation. Are you a region or chapter president? How about finding an alternative for your regular meeting? One region that I know of has recorded their president on YouTube holding a simulated meeting.

Everything from the pledge to the flag to the Treasurer's Report is there for the members to watch. They even have everyone who watched it send a note to the president so he has an attendance. You could do a phone conference, or even a series of notes by email to keep your membership informed and interested. And, of course, the chapter secretary could record minutes for the newsletter so those that couldn't tune in can have a record of what is going on.

Are you the activities chair? Just because events aren't taking place, you can still work on lists of events for the future!! And while you are doing that, how about a virtual, online car show among your members. Working with your webmaster, these have proven to be fun and can show off your members' cars. And again, keep your editor informed with a nice article.

Publicity? It is a great time to let your community know what you are doing to get through these difficult times. Newspapers and TV stations are desperately looking for something to air that isn't about the virus. Call them, write them, tell them your ideas about activities about your club during these times. You will be welcomed.

Membership? With all of the above, what better time to talk to people about what you are doing now and will be doing when this is over? Recruit people who live in your area that are listed on the AACA membership list that aren't already members of your club. You have time to do this now !!

This is a good time to finally write that article about your last restoration, that last adventure with your car, that show you almost made it to, or the one you did!! Or you can work on that car and take detailed, step by step notes and pictures. Then submit

them to your editor!! Your editor will be thankful you did!!

Your newsletter is the one thing that is still going on through all of this. Be a part of it!! Keep your fellow members informed. Your chapter or region will be stronger and kept closer together because you did!!



Nice Coupe right? Take a look at the efforts of the GHC's for the local Food bank on page 11



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NEXT MEETING

The July 2nd (738th) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains

8:00 PM July 2nd, 2020

Resident and Staff Appreciation Drive-by Parade - Memorial Day Weekend Activity Report

The annual Hillsborough Memorial Day Weekend Parade was cancelled May 1st. The day before, I received a call from the Director of Activities for an assisted living and rehab location looking for vintage cars. They would like to do something short and fun to show appreciation to their staff for a job well-done and for the challenges ahead



Social Distancing & Face coverings are the new norm

When news stations featured towns coordinating police and fire personnel in short parades at hospitals, I wondered could we do the same for assisted livings? Out of the blue came this call and I figured perhaps we might be able to squeeze something in during May. When Hillsborough cancelled their parade, it was the push I needed. Although this is only one location, I knew of 3 more that might like us to visit.

Johan Naranjo from Avalon Assisted Living, and his counterpart at Bridgeway Care and Rehabili-

tation Center, both next to each other in Hillsborough, were considering us to display for about ½ hour so their staff and residents can enjoy classic vehicles. This would be management and the owners' way of



Suds gets ready to Climb into his Cobra

showing appreciation for their staff plus helping to relieve stress in these extraordinary times. I said I liked his idea, yet would have to get clearance and approval from my club.

I used that same pitch to see if 3 other assisted livings would be interested. With a bit of back and forth over the next 2 weeks, I received commitments from 3 for Saturday, May 23rd, the same day as would have been for the parade. When a few days out it looked like foul weather, I proposed the 25th, the actual Memorial Day. Unfortunately, the 3rd location had to drop out. Down to 2, would club members still be interested?

At this point I was fishing for volunteers, not sure if I would get a bite. I put the word out and while I had a 12 vehicle limit, in 2 days we meet our goal! Responses like "Can't wait", "I'm itching to get driving again", etc. were the norm. Game on.



A pair of Pritchett cars lead the procession



NJ Region members Ready to show the staff a little sunshine in appreciation for their dedication

Now that I committed, I had to write a Road Map piece, get something to our website Events, inform everyone a change in dates, look at Google Maps/Satellite to see how we'd parade around each site, send out driving directions, send a list of cars to

around both buildings. After 30 minutes, it was time to go.

A short trip up Rte. 206 North we arrived at a familiar place, All American Assisted Living. We somehow squeezed into their front 'u' shaped driveway and gave residents and staff a good view from the front porch. After a little while we did 2 loops around the parking lot for residents on that side of the building. At 14 cars we caught up to the last car (like a cat catching it's tail). We managed, after some stop and go, to get out of our self-made traffic jam and back to the front of the building. This time we double parked so everyone could see us in all our glory in a more compact area. In addition to residents and staff being thrilled, Melissa Eckhart, our contact, and the



Al's excellent 68 Mustang

our hosts and ask their final expectations and arrival times but most importantly, make sure my car was shiny and the wide whitewalls were white!

Indeed, on the original drive-by date it rained, next morning grey, and no surprise, Monday was grey. What was promised to have been a sunny day, wasn't, yet we were determined to make some smiles.

First stop and first time here, was Avalon/Bridgeway and some how we grew to 14 vehicles. Johan met us out front and was like a kid in a candy store. Our planned route around both buildings was still a work in progress and after my convoluted instructions on what to do, we said chuck it and drove. The Bridgeway residents were not allowed outside, but all 3 floors saw us. At next door Avalon, we had flag waving audiences on their large patio and sidewalk. Parking a while so residents inside on 2 floors could see us as well, we finished up with 2 loops



resident therapy dog, were glad as well.

For both locations, I was told this was the first time in 2 months residents were allowed outside. As for residents inside, although we couldn't always see 2 and 3 stories up, I also was told there was lots of waving and taping on windows. We all had a blast.

While Avalon/Bridgeway wanted to give us a donation, I said we're doing today 'gratis'. Our new friend has invited us back for a proper car show, cook out and a donation once things get 'back to normal'.



Bob gets the Ford ready as members arrive.

All American, thanks to Abe Platt's long standing relationship, would like us to return as well. The 3rd location could not participate but has also invited us for a car show, etc. So, out of all this, we saw an 'old friend' and made 2 new ones!

AACA NJ is fortunate to be a club of caring individuals. Thank you for supporting something we've never done before:

Participants	Year	Make & Model
Bob Hudak	1939	Ford Fordor Deluxe
Abe & Anne Platt	1988	Mercury Cougar LS
Bill & Bette Pritchett	1957	Chevrolet Belair
Dick & Bobbi Bettel	1930	Ford Model A
Cliff Stern	1974	Triumph TR6
Al Danner	1968	Ford Mustang
George Maulbeck	1951	Hudson Hornet
Brian & Sarah Pritchett	1968	Oldsmobile 88
Daniel E. Ungar	1933	Pontiac Series 601
August & Carolyn Daub	1968	Porsche 911
Yvonne & Craig	1966	Oldsmobile F85
Bill & Gayle Stroh	1956	Oldsmobile 88
Suds Reddy	1998	AC Shelby Cobra



Posters in honor of Bob's Mom and Uncle

I believe it was right thing to do by offering our support to residents and their staff, who, have taken on additional duties of caring for these residents who cannot be visited by family, must be feed in their rooms and have to lend emotional support in these trying times.

Lastly, Memorial Day is always one of importance to me. An uncle, I've never met, was 21 in WWII, is 75 years long gone this year. Also, a nod to his sister, my Mom, who was in the Cadet Nurse Corps in 1945 and a life-long nurse. The posters on my car are for them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Hudak
NJ Region Member #1530



BROOKDALE WEST ORANGE SENIOR LIVING
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020
10:30 AM to 2:00 PM

We will be participating in the Second Annual Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event and Alzheimer's Association Fund Raiser on Sunday, June 14, 2020 for the Residents of Brookdale West Orange Senior Living facility. We are requested to participate in this event as a fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Association in conjunction with their Longest Day campaign. The Claire Bridge Program Manager (Memory Care Unit), Mariam Andalibi, formerly with the CareOne of Livingston, contacted me again this year to ask that the NJ Region AACA participate in this fund raiser activity. Marshane Phillips, Resident Program Manager, will be our hostess for this event.

The Brookdale facility is located at 520 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052. (973) 325-5700. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 10:30 AM or earlier and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the rear of the facility (look for signs). We will be provided with lunch as a thank you for our participation while the residents, their families, the staff, and the **general public** walk around to look at our beautiful antique automobiles. There will be music and other activities, and Brookdale will be collecting a donation from everyone other than NJ Region members for their meals. Each vehicle will have a ballot box/jar/bucket in front for people to deposit money or purchased ballots as votes for their favorite car(s) and the three cars that collect the most money/votes will get a nice prize. All funds raised at this event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA as well as members of the assisted living and senior living communities. **Again, please note that this is a fund raiser for a worthy cause and that the more members' vehicles we have participating, the more money will be raised.**

Thank you,
Abraham Platt, Event Chair
NJ Region Member 1524



GALLOPING HILLS CRUISERS

THE SECOND DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

Sunday May 24th, 2020

On a very pleasant Sunday afternoon with temperatures in the mid-70s, the Galloping Hill Cruisers Car Club (GHCs) conducted their second Drive-Thru Food Drive to collect non-perishable foods and cash donations for the local food pantries. Since the first Drive-Thru Food Drive was so successful, the GHCs were again given permission from the governing body to conduct this Second Food Drive. The Food Drive was again conducted at Aviation Plaza in the City of Linden.

Members of various New Jersey car clubs were invited to volunteer to display their vehicles with the purpose of participating in the Drive-Thru Food Drive with a display of classic cars of all types. The invited volunteers each made a \$20.00 pre-registration donation and most also donated bags or cases of food. One person donated several approximately 200 loaves of bread. All display vehicles were staggered to meet "Social Distancing" guidelines (10 feet apart) and all "volunteers" were required to wear face coverings and to maintain guidelines (6 feet or more apart). Since some of the social distancing guidelines were recently relaxed some spectators, in small groups, were allowed to walk through the display area. Several other spectators were happy to be allowed to drive around the perimeter of the display area after dropping off their food and/or cash donations.



Ann & Abe Platt's 1988 Cougar LS heads up a long line of beautiful cars

As a member of the NJ Region AACA, I was very happy to be invited again to participate. As I have said before, I cannot think of a better way to spend part of an afternoon than to be with great people, see some very interesting and beautiful cars, and help the local food pantries. This event raised \$1,350.00 in cash and filled up two large pick-up trucks with food.

Article and pictures submitted by,

Abraham "Abe" Platt
NJ Region Member #1524

Additional Pictures can be viewed on the following link:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/c3z5srLR5QLmXZAb6>



Supporting GHC's Drive-Thru Food Drive, were the following car clubs : Club 3, Raritan Bay Cruisers, NJ Region AACA, Legendary Muscle Cars, Street Dreams Car Club, Garden State Gear Shifters, and the Staten Island Kar Klub. This event was initially limited to 50 volunteers that were invited to participate and who had to pre-registered their cars, however, this event drew many other car enthusiasts. Due to space restrictions, some could join the display area, but some had to be turned away after they dropped off their cash or food donations. By the end of this event, there were over 60 beautiful vehicles in the display area.



Pat and John Quattrocchi and June & Greg Roser

FEATURED COVER CAR

1972 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO



*Owned by Greg Roser
Fanwood, New Jersey
Story written by Greg Roser
Photography provided by June Roser*

Mr. Monte "Comes Home"

Mr. Monte, our award winning 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, was born at the Chevrolet assembly plant in Baltimore, MD in 1972. He was shipped to Banta Motors in Madison, NJ, as specially ordered by Susan, the original owner.

I knew Susan's husband Milton from church, and picked him up regularly as he lived close to me and never had a driver's license. For



A nicely detailed 4bbl Chevy 350 powers Mr. Monte

several years I had taken Susan to the doctor and to the store, not even knowing of this gem hidden away in her garage. One day in March 1998, Susan called me and asked if I wanted to buy her car. I was really surprised as I never knew she had one. She said it was a 70 something Chevy she bought new, and she traded in a 1968 Caprice coupe to buy it. Before that she purchased a new car every four

DIMENSIONS		POWERTRAIN		OVERVIEW	
Weight	3604 lbs.	Engine(s)	175hp 350 V8 240hp 402ci V8 270hp 454ci V8	Manufacturer	Chevrolet
Wheelbase	116 in.			Production	108,819 Units
Length	206.5 in.	Transmission(s)	3 Spd Manual 2 Spd Powerglide 3 Spd Turbo Hydro	Body Style	2 Door Sedan
Width	75 in.			Assembly	Baltimore MD

years, but for some reason kept this Monte Carlo all these years.

Susan never used this car as a daily driver, only to go to church, the store, and to the doctor. She said she could not drive it anymore because of her health problems, but kept the car registered and insured. I went over to her house with a friend who was interested in the car for his son, and decided that this was the car for me. I backed the car out of the garage and looked it over. I went home and talked to June about it and she said "We don't need another car". What she really meant was that she does not want another car. This was to be our first old car (followed by many more), and she was not convinced.

A few weeks later we had Easter dinner at our house. June prepared a couple of plates for Susan and Milton, and I brought the food over to their house. Susan said to me, "Well, aren't you going to



A well appointed and stylish dash



From any angle, Mr. Monte shows off perfect proportions

350ci 2-barrel V8 with 3-speed column shift manual transmission, clock, glove box light, 2-speed wipers with washer, back up lights, front seat shoulder belts, and full wheel covers. Everything else was optional. She ordered the following options: Soft-Ray tinted glass \$46.35, Strato-Bucket vinyl front seats \$136.95, door edge guards \$6.35, black vinyl roof covering \$126.40, 4-season air conditioning \$407.60, Turbo Hydra-matic 3-speed automatic transmission \$216.50, G78 x 15 belted white stripe tires \$32.30, AM/FM pushbutton radio \$139.05, bumper guards \$31.60, color keyed rubber floor mats \$13.00, and 15 x 7 rally wheels \$42.00. The total sticker price including the destination charge was \$4729.10.

Mr. Monte was used as-is for the summer of 1998, and in September I began to work on the refurbishment. The new paint was applied by Sarino's

buy my car?" She handed me the keys, and I drove it a few blocks home and parked it in the driveway. After much convincing, June agreed to the purchase. Susan named her price, and since it was very fair I agreed to it.

We now had our first old car, 26 years old, with 30,800 miles. At this point, I did not even know if it would fit in my 1920's era detached garage (It did not!) I was 2 inches short, solved by notching out the stud in the front of the garage, and by taking off the inside garage door handle.

Mr. Monte was special ordered by Susan, because she had her own unique requirements. The car was ordered with bucket seats and no console. She drove three ladies to church every Sunday, and she wanted the space between the seats for her purse. The base price was \$3,416.00, which included power steering, power front disc brakes, 165hp



A roomy trunk, looks like the day it rolled from the showroom

Auto Body in Roselle Park, NJ after I did some prep work at home, but the car has never been fully restored. The engine compartment and under carriage were detailed, cleaned, and painted where necessary. The vinyl roof, bumpers, chrome and stainless trim, and the entire interior including the carpet and floor mats are all original. Susan had the original unused rubber floor mats rolled up in brown paper in her closet, and the car floor was covered with carpet remnants. Polishing and detailing were all that was needed to bring the car up to show standards. I drove the car in the 1999 Scotch Plains – Fanwood Memorial Day Parade with Susan at my side, and she was thrilled. Susan died a few months later.



I began showing the car locally in 1999, and in 2000 attended my first VCCA (Vintage Chevrolet Club) meet. The car scored 982 points out of the available 1000 and was awarded a First Junior Award. In the years following, I went on to receive Senior and Preservation awards. Along the way, improvements were made and Mr. Monte was awarded scores as high as 996, and several VCCA “Gold Certificates”. I joined AACA in 2000 and was awarded my First Junior Award at the Spring Meet in Carlisle, PA, as well as a National Award nomination. I did not receive the National Award, but was honored to be nominated. I went on to receive my Senior Award at the Fall Meet in Hershey PA. I received my Grand National First Place Award in Dover, DE in 2006. At Dover, there were 13 cars in class 27J competing for their Grand National Award. Only three cars including Mr. Monte received their awards. The interesting part is that most all the cars came in trailers. Only one of the trailered cars was a winner, and two driven cars won their award, including mine. Mr. Monte has been driven to every AACA National Meet he attended, sometimes as far as 500 miles round trip to NY, NJ, DE, MD, PA and others. I joined the NJ Region AACA in 2006, encouraged by then Webmaster Bill Pritchett through the region web page, and have served in several offices, including President, Vice-President, Secretary, and have chaired many committees and events.

Through the years, I have collected most every available piece of literature for this car, including the dealer's loose leaf sales binder with all the paint and upholstery samples, dealer advertising guide, trailering guide,



sales brochures, owner's manual, dealer accessory guide, salesman's accessories data catalog, shop manuals, wiring diagrams, and a price and data book. I even acquired a rarely seen 33RPM 1972 Chevrolet promotional record.

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**Rich's Repair Ramblings,
JUNE 2020: Taking the Jalopy for its First
Ride of the Season.**

Way back in the December 2019 Road Map, the Repair Ramblings article highlighted the steps to take when salting away the collector car for the winter. Taking the toy out for its inaugural ride of the spring season is mostly a reversal of those steps, with a few extra checks thrown in for good measure. Even if you did nothing more than park the heap and throw an old blanket over it, there are still some preventative measures to follow for the safety of you and others with whom you share the road.

CAR COVER



Car cover is folded with 'front' label exposed, and stored in its own bag.

If you're using one, shake or blow off any dust that may have settled on it, and fold it up. Check to

make sure that nothing furry was nestled under there (one friend who stores his car outside under a cover recently dealt with that). Your car should be as clean and shiny as it was when you put it away.

TIRES

I've successfully conquered flat-spotting by overinflating my tires during winter storage. In the Miata, I pump the rubber up to about 45 psi, which is pretty high. When re-setting the pressures, check the owner's manual or tire pressure label for the correct figures. The Miata calls for 26 psi; one year, I was so anxious to take that first warm spring drive that I forgot to reset the tires, and my little sports car rode like



*Newer cars have a tire pressure label on a door jamb.
Rely on it this information..*

a buckboard. While you're down there, do a quick visual check of the tread depth and sidewall condition.

FLUID LEVELS

Although usually not checked during storage prep, you definitely want to open the hood and check the



*Semi-transparent containers allow fluid level checks
without removing caps*

levels for engine oil, tranny oil, coolant, brake fluid, clutch fluid, power steering fluid, and washer fluid (as your vehicle might be equipped). Our older sleds have the nasty habit of allowing some of these precious

fluids to drip out. Top up these fluids as necessary, which means having some spare fluid on hand, which, if you're in this hobby, you should have anyway. If you're driving something British or Italian, you already have it by the gallon in the trunk.

FUEL

If you stored your car with a dry tank, use your jerry can to get at least a few gallons in there. If you stored the car with a full tank, I hope you used some sort of fuel stabilizer. It's not a bad idea to remove the filler cap and take a sniff. Bad gas smells bad; I'd describe it as a rancid odor. If you genuinely suspect the fuel has turned, my best suggestion is to NOT try to start the car, which only exacerbates the problem by spreading the bad fuel throughout the system. You will likely need to drain the tank and start fresh.

BATTERY

Ideally, you had a trickle charger on it all winter. The easiest way to check if your battery still holds sufficient charge is to try to crank the engine (but not just yet, buster). Eyeball the battery, looking for obvious signs of corrosion or leaks. Wetness may indicate a cracked case. Are the terminals clean and tight? If you removed the negative terminal during the winter, like I do, reinstall it, making sure it's snug. Check the electrolyte level if you're still running a "wet" battery.

THE FIRST START

The cover is stowed, tires are set, fluids topped up, fuel passed the sniff test, and the battery looked OK. LOOK UNDER THE CAR. Make sure that you (or someone in your household) didn't store something under the car for the winter. It may have even been inadvertently kicked or blown under there. (I once drove over a drain pan I had left under the car.) If it's all clear, it's time to start it up. I usually first turn the key to the "on" position and watch the dash lights. This is another simple check of the battery. On a carbureted car, I find I need to pump the pedal five or six times to get sufficient fuel flowing. On an injected car, the starting procedure is the same year-round: don't touch the pedal. Turn the key to "crank". If you're lucky, the beast will start within the first several tries.

DON'T RACE THE ENGINE. Let it idle for a few minutes; watch the gauges. It's not a bad idea to get out and peer under the car to make sure it's not doing its best imitation of Niagara Falls.

Place it in gear, but before you move, test the brakes to ensure you have a firm pedal. Ease out of the parking spot, and take it easy at first. You probably know your own car well enough that you will have a good sense if everything feels right. And if it does, enjoy the drive!



A properly prepped car lets you enjoy that first drive worry-free

Next month in Rich's Repair Ramblings: the correct way to change your engine oil (and yes, there's an incorrect way).



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