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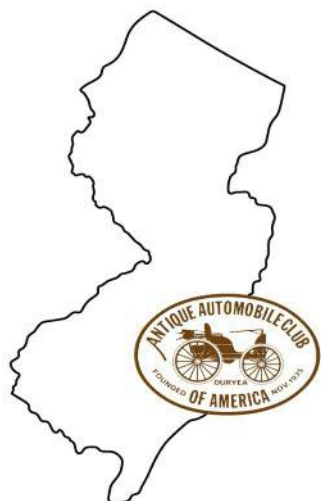
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The Jason's Friends Foundation Car  
Show story is on Pg 21



Read about this rare beauty in this month's feature on pg 14





## *A Message from the President*

*October 2020*



**A**nother disappointment! The VFW called Ed Geller this week to inform him that they will not be opening their meeting hall until at least after the first of January, 2021.

It really isn't a good decision for us, but I doubt if they actually have much choice. Our Governor's restrictions on such facilities allows only 25% of capacity attendance. And the criteria the State uses is very conservative, making it, even if the VFW was to decide to open, practically impossible for us to meet there anyway.

Recently clubs, such as VFW's, American Legions, etc., including the Nutley Elks 1290 that I belong to, were allowed to open. I had a conversation with the Exalted Ruler and the person in charge of renting our hall out regarding those restrictions and determined that we could not meet there, either. And the Nutley Elks building is about twice the size of the Watnog VFW!

My thoughts are to seek another venue, at least temporarily, to hold meetings until the VFW can open.

Suggestions are welcomed!

Respectfully submitted,

*Art Briggs, President*  
NJAA #1469



*The Pontiac Fiero is 36 years old in 2020, and next months cover car will be graced by this one owned by Yvonne Kunz.*



## **UNDER THE HOOD** **Notes from the editor**

**T**he fall of 2020 has been somewhat OK. People seem to be adapting and figuring out how to make things work. We go out for meals now, go shopping in fully stocked stores and even go to car shows. I've had the pleasure of hanging out with Greg Roser, Bill and Brian Pritchett and of course the ubiquitous Abe Platt among others at a few local shows.

We see a lot of fund raiser shows in the fall and many are noted in this month's article. Veteran benefit shows in Califon and Budd Lake, Children's cancer research in Clark Township, and an enormous array of food drives for local food banks. We should all take note that in the acidic atmosphere we currently live in, there is absolutely no shortage of people willing to give of themselves in time and treasure, to help those among us that may not be able to help themselves. Your neighbors are all tremendous people and we are a tremendous state in a tremendous nation.

This month we have an seriously rare Lincoln Mark IV. Apparently the Lincoln Mark IV's are known for the designer and luxury packages and the one you see this month is one of the rarest. I know there are a lot of you that would like to see your car on the cover. You have a beauty that you love sitting in a garage that should be on these pages for everyone to see. Call me, email me, text me, message me on facebook, I will make sure that pictures are taken and a story is written that flatters your car. Come on, we bring our cars to shows and talk for hours about them. Put yours on the cover and have it live in everyone's minds for ever.

Coming soon you will have the opportunity to purchase a 2021 calendar that is filled with the members cars that have been on the cover of the Roadmap. Wouldn't it be a great holiday present to give out a calendar with your car on it? Look for it when you re-up with your yearly dues.

*On My honor.....*  
Jay DeBoey (#1540)



*Check out the Charity Fund Raiser Car Show on Pg 18*



**The Road Map—October 2020**



# upcoming EVENTS



## NJ AACAA EVENTS

### OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Morris Plains VFW Post 3401, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ, 8:00 PM

16-18<sup>th</sup> Region Fall Foliage Tour Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley, PA See Page 20 for details

24<sup>th</sup> Mystery Tour

### NOVEMBER

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

## AREA EVENTS

### OCTOBER

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Vehicle Show & Swap Meet  
Saturday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 8:00 - 6:00  
Sunday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 - 3:00 pm  
Sussex County Fairgrounds 37 Plains Road  
Augusta, NJ

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show  
Sunday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Raindate November 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm Aviation Plaza  
601 W. Edgar Rd., Linden, NJ

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## 2021 AACAA NATIONAL EVENTS

### February

11-13 Annual Convention - Philadelphia, PA

### March

17 - 20 Special Winter Nationals - San Juan, Puerto Rico

19 Special Grand Nationals - San Juan, Puerto Rico

### April

8-10 Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte, NC

20-23 Southeastern Divisional Tour - Central Florida

### May

6-8 Central Spring Nationals - Auburn, IN

20-25 Founders Tour - Davis, WV

### June

2-5 Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore of MD

17-19 Eastern Spring Nationals - Saratoga Springs, NY

### July

11-16 Vintage Tour - Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

22-24 Grand Nationals - New Ulm, MN

### August

13-14 Western Fall Nationals - Loveland, CO

### September

9-11 Southeastern Fall Nationals - Greenville, SC

12-17 Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (VMCCA) - Saratoga Springs, NY

### October

6-9 Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA

18-22 Central Divisional Tour - Broken Arrow, OK

### November 4-6

4-6 Special Western Nationals - Phoenix, AZ

7-11 Western Divisional Tour - Metropolitan Phoenix & Central AZ

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



## WE HAVE A NEW MEMBERSHIP BOOTH!

**A**fter nearly three years of frequent use, our membership booth was in fairly poor condition. Its photos were bent and dirty and the glue which held them in place softened in the sun. Many photos simply fell off the tri-fold's backing material. Also, some components became worn or missing all together. It was time for a replacement.

In January, your Board approved an expenditure of \$2,600.00 for the purpose of totally replacing one of our most important, membership tools. We needed a new canopy and framework. A new, table top tri-fold, and replacement photos, was also necessary as well as a better table cloth. We decided to add a ten-foot banner, which attaches to the back of the booth to serve as a needed windbreaker and inviting back-ground. Artwork for the banner was provided by our very own Jay DeBoey. Finally, we thought that the addition of a flutter flag would help attract interested car lovers to our new booth.

The frame is much stronger than before and it requires only two people to set it up. There's lettering on each side of the canopy that reads, "NJ REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA". We have three photo panels, versus individual photos. Their Velcro backing material will never let the photo panels fall off. The tabletop's blanket has our region's logo on all four sides as well as the top. There's no mistaking who we are. Finally, we purchased a 13' yellow, flutter flag, which is decorated with, "NJ REGION AACA MEMBERSHIP".



We wanted our membership booth to be more useful, professional and even more capable than before, of attracting potential, new members. We know that it most assuredly will!

*Submitted by*  
Jerry Peck  
NJAACA #1462



# CELEBRATIONS

*BY BRENDA ZIMMERMAN, NJ AACA REGION #1238*

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

11 ...	JOHN GRIFFITH JR.
12 ...	DOMINICK TUCCI
14 ...	RITA KANTOR
17 ...	WAYNE TUCK
18 ...	LIA FIGOROTTA
21 ...	AL DANNER
24 ...	JOHN QUATTROCCHI
25 ...	LARRY MILOSCIA
26 ...	BENNIE CAVAGNARO
26 ...	PAT MCGRATH
28 ...	ABRAHAM PLATT
30 ...	NICOLE BERNSTEIN
30 ...	AGNES BENSON
31 ...	ANN PLATT





## SEPTEMBER 2020 PARTICIPATION POINTS REPORT

Below, please find the points listing for the “top 70” for the tear to the end of September 2020. There is a chance that some of this will need to be updated based on member participation in events like the Grand National event. It does contain updated and accurate adjustments from Roadmap participation. Any necessary updates will be included in my next report which is scheduled to be published in the December Road Map. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any concerns or wish to have me include recognition for events you attended that were not otherwise accounted for.

Respectfully submitted, Vince DeLisi (#1505) [vincentdelisi@comcast.net](mailto:vincentdelisi@comcast.net)

Region #	Name	Total
1540	DeBoey, Gerard (Jay)	725
1462	Peck, Jerry	510
1140	Cullen, Peter J.	465
1505	Delisi, Vince	460
1469	Briggs, Art	420
1434	Reina, Richard (Margaret Anne)	385
963	Pritchett, William	340
1524	Platt, Abraham	295
1240 S	Hogan, Patricia	290
1238	Zimmerman, Brenda	270
1485	Matlaga, Nick	255
1342 S	Fischer, Judy	250
1614	Bettle, Dick (Bobbi)	250
1282	Heddrick, Robert	235
1471	Tuck, Wayne	225
1404	Pritchett, Brian	215
1535	Reddy, Sudhakar	210
966	Bell, Joseph D. (Duffy)	200
1272	Danner, Al	200
1398	Roser, Gregory	185
1471 S	Tuck, Denise	185
1342	Fischer, Raymond	180
1404 S	Pritchett, Sarah	170
1551	Pieczynski, John	170
1292	Symonds, Edward	160
1477	Bagley, Roger	160
1601	Garfield, Eddie (Kathi)	160
1470	Hutchins, Ron	150
1530	Hudak, Bob	145
420	Smith, Robert	140
1507	Cecala, Anthony	140
1408	Daub, August (Carolyn)	135
1614 S	Bettle, Bobbi	135
1494	Dulio, Kenneth	130
1553	Richard Reichert	130

Region #	Name	Total
1647	Rosenberg, Barry (Harlee Hatoff)	130
1443	Schimmel, Tim	125
1458	Kelly, Robert	125
795	Petrich, Bob	120
1477 S	Bagley, Kathy	110
1537	Yengst, Miles	110
1629	Gibbon, Drew (Peggy)	110
1247	Cooney, Bernard F.	105
1335 S	Durna, Carole	100
1430	ABBOTT, Robert	100
1582 S	STROH, Gayle	100
654 S	GEARHART, Marlene	90
1315 S	ACKERMAN, Mary Ann	90
1375	PITEL, Ira	90
1510	MANGULSON, Leif	90
1524 S	PLATT, Ann	90
1556	Murphy, Keith	90
1480	KUNZ, Craig	85
1606	Spiro, Scott (Suzy)	85
11	SINGE, Jr., Herbert J.	80
654	GEARHART, LeRoy	80
795S	PETRICH, Barbara	80
1240	HOGAN, Brendan	80
1345	WOLFMEYER, Paul	80
1470 S	HUTCHINS, Nancy	80
1582	STROH, William (Gayle)	80
1584	KOCH, Edward (Rita)	70
1639	Clayton, Ken	70
1272 S	DANNER, Sue	65
1495	PAPENFUHS, Arnold	65
1525	PAYNE, Richard (Marilyn)	65
1552	Rankin, Robert	65
1280	SOLOMAYER, Larry	60
1315	ACKERMAN, Art	60
1328	GELLER, Edward	60



## Why Did you Join AACA?

By Fred Trusty



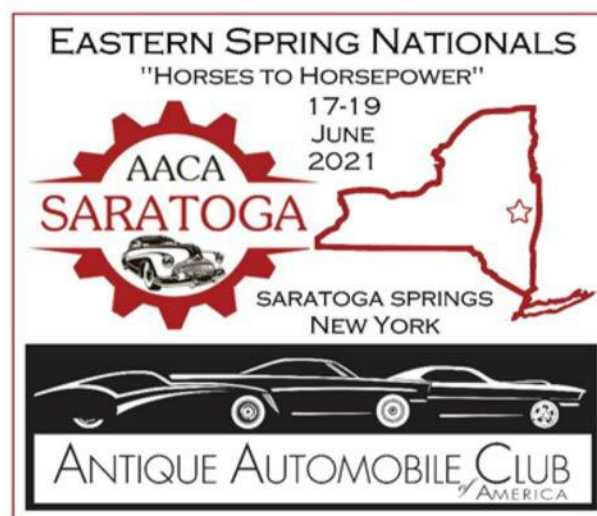
Vice President - Membership

In the last installment of the Rummage Box, we talked about AACA being one of the best kept secrets and how we first heard of AACA. So this time I will ask the question, why did you join AACA? To help answer that question let's take a look at the foundation of AACA and what we have to offer our members.

1. Antique Automobile Information Source : Our library is already the premier automotive resource library in the world and with the new headquarters building it will be even better. Being a member of AACA entitles you to 1.5 hours of free offsite research. Antique Automobile magazine is a treasure trove of articles and information. I love the historical articles by Steven Rossi. Then we have the digital circulated Rummage Box, Speedster, and the AACA forums.
2. Touring : AACA national and divisional tours are a great way to enjoy driving your old car and they come in many flavors. The Reliability Tour is for cars built 1915 and earlier. One of the most prestigious tours is the Glidden Tour for cars built 1942 and earlier. The Founders Tour is for cars 1932 up to 25 years old. Then we have the Vintage Tour for cars 1931 and earlier. The Sentimental Tour is for cars 1928 through 1958. Each year we have four divisional tours that take place in the respective divisions of the country; Eastern, Southeastern, Central, and Western. The divisional tours offer a lot of flexibility for the hosting region as far as length and years of cars.
3. Nationals Shows : If you really enjoy restoring and showing your pride and joy, then national shows are the place for you. If you want to learn to be a judge, then we have a wide array of classes that cover everything from judging etiquette to judging an unrestored vehicle. But there is so much more to AACA nationals than just the car show on Saturday morning. There are tours on Thursday and Friday to historical places and private collections that I would never be allowed to see if not for AACA.

4. Community and Camaraderie : One of the sayings in AACA is "You come for the cars and stay for the people." How true that statement is. There are a lot of AACA judges that don't show their cars. They come to the shows to socialize and see their friends. This has really hit home this year due to the pandemic. Yes, we have computers, smart phones, email, and social media but nothing can replace a warm smile and a hearty handshake.

I would love to hear about your experiences and any other comments. Please send me an email at 2011fred55@gmail.com or if you would prefer, call me at 502-292-7008.





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## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held well,  
Truth is, nobody knows  
**for 2020**



## Official 2020 Hershey Announcement & New AACA Special Fall Nationals, November 6-7, 2020

There is an old saying about the "best laid plans..." and we had a great plan for the Hershey car show this year. We worked with all parties and had an agreement on a COVID-19 solution for our show. We ordered trophies and the Hershey Region ordered judges hats and dash plaques. We were excited to work together with the Region to make this a great show. Unfortunately, in the last few days we were given a new set of regulations to follow which would have drastically affected the quality of the event in a negative way. As much as we wanted to have the show at the traditional location and be able to show-off the outside of the new AACA headquarters, **we must cancel the traditional Eastern Division Fall Nationals car show on October 9-10.** We owe it to you to get this right and apologize to all who now must make changes to your schedules, cancel rooms, and most importantly miss being in Chocolate Town, USA. We are however committed to providing our members with a safe, enjoyable and sensible event this fall.

We have proven that in a short time and with your cooperation we can pull off a show in another location. Our 2020 Grand Nationals in Gettysburg was a huge hit and done safely with the complete cooperation of our members. As such, we are proud to announce **we will host a Special Fall Nationals on November 6-7 at the same Wyndham Hotel complex in Gettysburg, PA.** Everything is onsite -- trailer parking, host hotel along with a Marriott Courtyard next door and judging school. Gettysburg is a great place to find activities in a historic location that offers so much to see. The potential for cancelation is extremely remote. We have a well thought out and proven plan. Yes, masks and temperature taking just as we had planned for Hershey will be a requirement.

Your previous Hershey checks will be shredded, so please do not worry about them being cashed. We have included a link below for the registration card for Gettysburg. Please fill it out and send it in right away. Average weather at that time of the year is typical fall. It will be a great show!

With only three shows this year, it may be a great chance for your show car to win a national award as well. So please join us, it WILL be a great event!!

**We thank you for your tremendous patience and understanding in this difficult time.**

**We can't wait to celebrate our great hobby and AACA with you!**

**[Click here for the event schedule and additional information](#)**

**[Click here to fill out your registration form online](#)**

*Don't forget to print it and mail it in with your check!*

**If you would like a registration form mailed to you,  
please call AACA HQ at 717-534-1910.**

**Registration Deadline: Postmarked by October 23, 2020 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

A dinner will be held at the Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant in Orrtanna, PA, on Friday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$38 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. There will be a limit of 80 people, so please register early. If you would like to attend, please notify Meet Chairperson Paula Ruby by email at [paulaspackard@hotmail.com](mailto:paulaspackard@hotmail.com) or 410-627-1642 no later than Monday, October 26th. The dinner fee will be paid at the restaurant that evening.

*If the State of Pennsylvania determines that it is unsafe for us to have this event because of increased coronavirus cases, we will be forced to cancel it completely and as such refund in full all registrations.*

### Attention Judges -- We need you!!

If you would like to judge at the 2020 AACA Special Fall Nationals, please email (or mail) Stan Kulikowski, Chief Judge:

**Stan Kulikowski - Special Fall, 636 Lincoln Rd, Lititz, PA 17543**

**[Stan.kulikowski9@gmail.com](mailto:Stan.kulikowski9@gmail.com)**

Judges, you will get a judge's hat from Hershey as a bonus so please join us.

**[Click here for the judge's registration form.](#)**

**Registration Deadline: October 23, 2020**

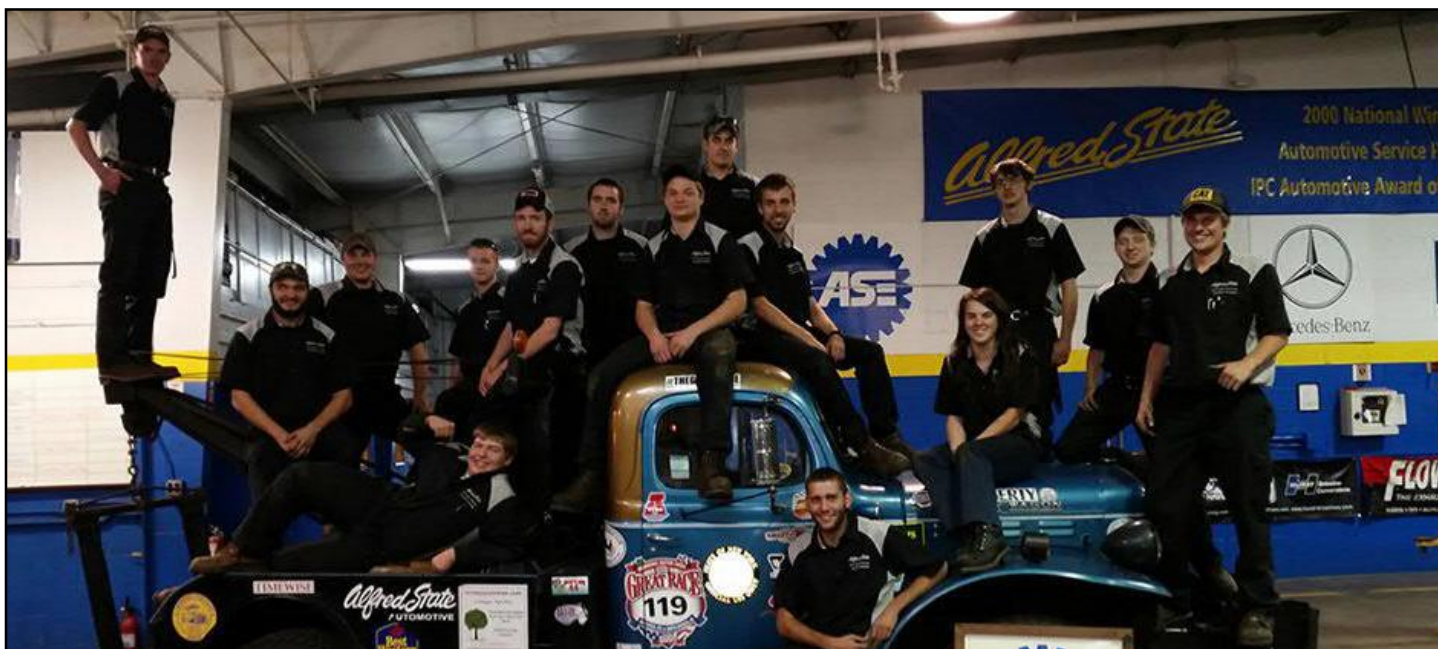
## Alfred State College Student AACA Club Holds Meeting

By Jeff Mahl, Saint James City, FL, [jeffmahl@aol.com](mailto:jeffmahl@aol.com)

AACA is alive and well at the Wellsville, NY, campus of ASC ([Alfred State College](#)). Alfred is ranked as one to the top associate and bachelor degree automotive programs in the Northeast. With the guidance of Professor Mike Ronan, students gathered outdoors following safety protocols with masks and individual temperature checks of all attendees by the college nurse (an avid classic car enthusiast).

Glen Cole, an HVAC instructor who has been an AACA member since 1964, joined the meeting, as well as AACA member Jim Claire (of the sponsoring Chemung Valley Region). Jim explained the many benefits of AACA student membership to the incoming freshmen. Jeff Mahl brought his 1929 Model A Ford Roadster pickup and explained the wide range of vehicles AACA members have. Jeff also referred to the ASC student [X-Cup Team](#) participation in the Great Race over several years, with Alfred's iconic 1953 Dodge Power Wagon Wrecker. The Power Wagon has been featured at several AACA Eastern Fall shows in Hershey.

Alfred State is among the largest on-campus AACA student organizations in the country, offering a great opportunity for the next generation to expand their knowledge and interest in collector cars!



Reprinted from the September 2020 AACA Speedster





## Memorial Day Parade for the Staff & Residents—BrightView Senior Living

**O**n Thursday, May 21, 2020, I received an email from Valerie Crackel, who is the Community Sales Director for the BrightView Senior Living facility in Randolph, NJ, inviting Ann and me to participate in a Memorial Day Parade for their staff and residents. Since Valerie knew that we were members of the NJ Region AACA and



bers that indicated they might be interested, also copying all of them on my email.

I spoke to Brenda Hogan on Wednesday, May 27th and was informed that four antique vehicles were present for and participated in the parade, which consisted of two slow circumnavigations of the BrightView facility. The participants included: Pat & Brendan Hogan in their 1950 Buick Special 4-dr Sedan, Tim Schimmel with his 1946 Chevrolet Model 3602 ¾-ton

that we had a 1988 Mercury Cougar, she wondered if we could include the Cougar in the parade that they had planned. I responded and told her that we had made a commitment to another Region member, Bob Hudak, to participate in the Appreciation/Memorial Day parade at several Assisted Living facilities in Hillsborough. So, I grabbed my copy of the 2019 NJ Region Roster and browsed through it to determine



Pickup, Art Lee with his 1957 Ford Thunderbird, and Bob Gluckin with his 1933 Chevrolet Coupe. Brendan told me that Valerie and Tara Spillane a Sales Associate were very appreciative of their participation.

These Drive-By Parades are a wonderful way for those of us that can, to show our appreciation to the senior citizens of our community and to those wonderful care givers that tend to their needs. Thank you for your participation: Pat, Brendan, Tim, Art, and Bob.

Article Respectfully Submitted by  
*Abraham "Abe" Platt*  
NJ Region Member 1524

who lived in the Randolph area. I reached out to several NJ Region members that I knew and others that I had not yet met. Several of these Members indicated that they might or would be interested in participating. I then sent Valerie an email with a list of all the Mem-





# CLASSIC CAR SHOW PARADE

**TUES, OCTOBER 20TH**

**1:00 PM**

**RAIN DATE OCTOBER 21ST**

**THIS IS A PRIVATE EVENT FOR**

**STERLING POINTE AND**

**SOMERSET RUN RESIDENTS**

**PARADE ROUTE:**

**STARTING AT COLONIAL PARK  
PARKING LOT G:**

- LEFT - METTLER'S LANE
- LEFT - COLONIAL DRIVE
- LEFT - ELIZABETH AVENUE
- RIGHT - NEW BRUNSWICK ROAD
- RIGHT - MANOR BLVD.  
(SOMERSET RUN)

**-----DRIVE AROUND COMPLEX-----**

- RIGHT - NEW BRUNSWICK ROAD
- RIGHT - CEDAR GROVE LANE
- RIGHT - WESTON ROAD
- RIGHT - SCHINDLER COURT  
(STERLING POINTE)

**-----DRIVE AROUND COMPLEX-----**

**PARK AROUND STERLING POINTE  
CLUBHOUSE FOR UP-CLOSE VIEWING**

**To RSVP or for more information,  
contact Charyl at (732) 742-3514 or  
email**

**sterlingpointelifestyle@gmail.com**



## ANTIQUE / CLASSIC CAR SHOW PARADE

Several weeks ago, the Lifestyle Director of Sterling Pointe, an 55+ adult community in Somerset, NJ, reached out to me to determine if I would be interested in helping her set up an antique/classic car show parade for their residents. Our initial communications included the possibility of two other adult communities in the immediate area being a part of the parade. Presently only two communities will be part of the parade, Somerset Run off of New Brunswick Road and Sterling Pointe off of Weston Road, both in Somerset. The parade is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th with Wednesday, October 21st as a rain date.

We will gather at Colonial Park parking lot G at 1:00 PM and begin the parade at 1:30 PM. We will end the parade at the Sterling Pointe Clubhouse where we will park our vehicles for the residents to have an opportunity to take a closer look at our antique and classic automobiles. Please note that social distancing and face masks are required when we are parked for display.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating. I do not have a limit on the number of vehicles but need to know who is planning to participate.

Article Respectfully Submitted by:

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## Tefnut, Halie, Chaac, and Yu Shi and the NJ Region of the AACA (humor)

Five years ago, the NJ Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America moved the annual Spring Meet car show, held on the first Sunday in May, from Automatic Switch in Florham Park where it had been held for the last 50 years due to the closing of the plant. The NJ Region must have upset someone as the first four years at the new location were blessed with rain. Thus, Tefnut and Halie, the Egyptian and Greco-Roman goddesses of rain, respectively, Chaaca, the Mayan rain god, and Yu Shi, the Chinese master of rain, attended our event in each of those years.

After the second year, the Region consulted with known experts and were told to sacrifice a mint Yugo in the back of a decrepit body shop which was done. After the third consecutive year of rain, we reached out to experts recommended by members of our club. After debunking what the prior experts told

us, we were given detailed instructions to dip a Fiat 600 Jolly in a bath of battery acid and then drive it into the ocean. With rain again for the fourth consecutive year, the Region was forced to contact the ultimate all knowing wise men on the dark internet. Their advice was to obtain a Gremlin and a Matador, crush them in a car crusher, and spread their remains over the Hershey parking lot on a full moon. Hallelujah, after following the dark internet experts, this year the scheduled day of the show was bright and sunny with no rain in sight. One could not ask for a more perfect day. Unfortunately, after finally appeasing the rain gods, we found out that Hygieia, the Greek goddess of healing and medicine, was upset that we satisfied the rain gods and was very upset. Therefore, she unleashed the pandemic upon us with the collateral damage to the rest of the world. I do not want to know what will happen next year.

Bill Pritchett  
Membership Chairman,  
NJ Region Member #963



On Saturday, October 24, the mysterious annual Mystery Tour will be held rain or shine. It will be a driving tour with a possible outdoor stop. The clues for this year are golf and extinct. Dress inappropriately as usual. We will meet at Wegmans grocery store parking lot and leave promptly at 10:00. Wegmans, 724 Rt. 202 South, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Wegmans is about 2.5 miles south of the intersection of Route 22 and Route 202 with a Home Depot in the same complex. Bathrooms and food are available at Wegmans. If you have any questions, please call me on my cell at 908-581-0411.

Bill Pritchett  
Event Chair,  
NJ Region Member \*963

**Richard N. Payne**  
CERTIFIED AGENT

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# FEATURED COVER CAR

## 1976 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL MARK IV



*Owned by Roy Hardgrove  
Piscataway, New Jersey  
Story by Roy Hardgrove  
Photography provided by Abe Platt*

**T**his 1976 Lincoln Continental Mark IV was originally purchased by Roy Hardgrove's boss at the steel plant where he worked. Who later sold it to the maintenance boss's mother. She in turn sold it to a person in Middlesex, NJ. Roy became the fourth owner after purchasing the Mark IV in September 2010.

Roy originally purchased the Mark IV with the intention of using it as a parts car for his 1976 Lincoln Continental Town Car if it needed drive-train parts.



*The 460 16 valve V-8 was just fast enough*



*The Pillow like Leather interior was a \$1,725 upgrade*

However, the Lincoln Mark IV is a beautiful car and it would have been a shame to destroy it as a donor car.

Beginning in 1973 special Luxury Group packages were offered in various paint, roof, and interior color schemes from year to year. The Silver Luxury Group for 1973 included Silver "Moondust" metallic paint with a matching silver grained vinyl roof and a silver leather interior. Or, if the buyer preferred a color contrast, Cranberry (deep red) velour or leather interior trim was available. For 1974, a Gold Luxury Group and





*With the Long Hood and Short Deck, the Mark IV is a stunning design*

a Saddle & White Luxury Group (April 1974 introduction) joined the carryover Silver Luxury Group. For 1975, a Blue Diamond Luxury Group and a Lipstick & White Luxury Group joined the three carryover packages from the previous model year. For 1976, in addition



*The two tones dark side accentuates the long hood*

to certain ones that carried over from the previous model year, Lincoln offered a dizzying array of new Luxury Group packages: Jade/White, Light Jade/Dark Jade, Red/Rose, Gold/Cream, Black Diamond (March 1976 introduction), and Desert Sand (March 1976 introduction). The Mark IV carried over many design themes of the Mark III including the grille and faux spare tire trunk lid, and grew both longer and wider — sharing its platform with the Ford Thunderbird. In 1972, Lincoln introduced the small oval windows, marketed as opera windows, at the roof rear quarters. The 1973 model year featured front bumpers to comply with new US safety regulations that required all passenger cars to withstand a 5-mile-per-hour front and a 2.5-mile-per-hour rear impact. It was the heaviest series of all generations. Mark IVs were powered by a 460 cu in (7.5L) V8 engine.

Roy learned that his Mark IV was part of the luxury groups offered in 1976 and this model is called Desert Sand, a distinctive and daring two-tone paint scheme. Most of the body is tan. Dark metallic brown was used on the front bumper filler panel, the head

1976 Lincoln Mark IV Desert Sand Luxury Group					
DIMENSIONS		POWERTRAIN		OVERVIEW	
Weight	5,264 lbs.	Engine(s)	460 cu in (7.5L)-4V Ford 385 series 16-valve V8	Manufacturer	Lincoln
Wheelbase	120.4 in.			Production	56,110
Length	228.1 in.	Transmission(s)	3 speed C6 Auto	Body Style(s)	Coupe
Width	79.8 in.			Assembly	Wixom Michigan



lamp panel, the hood, the tops of the front fenders and the doors, as well as the A-pillars and roof reveal, and around the vinyl top moldings. An attractive separator between paint colors is a custom tan and dark brown stripe running along the body side. The tan full vinyl roof with tan moldings make a stunning roof distinctive. Viewed from the rear, the car appears to be a solid tan color. Viewed from the sides or front, the car's beautiful two-toned paint is revealed.



*The Faux Spare Tire Design in classic Lincoln*

Since Roy has owned this car it has needed some work done to it. (Don't they all?) Some chrome work has been done, then the carburetor, and fuel pump. The front end also needed work, and the power steering pump and lines needed to be replaced. Over the years, Roy has kept up with needed maintenance and enjoys driving the Mark IV often.

It is driven to car shows and cruise-ins and has won some trophies and awards. This past Memorial Day Roy drove the Mark IV for a short distance and when accelerating from a stop light he heard an ominous flopping sound. Pulling into a nearby parking lot, with a flat rear tire. Roy called AAA for help and when the AAA truck arrived, the young driver could not lift the Lincoln high enough to change the tire. Instead, they removed the bumper jack from the trunk and

**DESERT SAND LUXURY  
GROUP AT A GLANCE:**  
**Years Available: 1976 only**  
**Introduction Date: March 1976**  
**Body Color Code:**  
**6U - Tan & 5Q Dark Brown Metallic**  
**Paint Stripe Code: Dark Brown and Tan (Custom**  
**- unique to this luxury group)**  
**Vinyl Roof Code: FU - Tan Full Vinyl Roof**  
**Interior Trim Code(s):**  
**DZ - Saddle Leather**  
**GU - Tan Versailles Crushed Velour**  
**Price: \$1,525.00 with Leather, \$1,725**

raised the car high enough for the tire to finally be changed.

The Lincoln Mark IV Desert Sand Luxury Group and Black Diamond Luxury Group models were introduced in March 1976 and were manufactured at the Wixom Assembly Plant. As would be expected due to its late introduction, very few Mark IVs were built with the Desert Sand Luxury Group. The records indicate that only 117 Desert Sand cars were produced, some of which were custom-made per the purchasers' orders. The records also indicate that 1,587 Black Diamond cars were manufactured. Based on the manufacture date of March 1976 and the sequence portion of the VIN number, this Mark IV Desert Sand edition is suspected to be number 29 of the 117 built. It's interesting to note that when Cadillac said goodbye



*The 1976 Lincoln Mark IV is the pinnacle of the big Luxury Mark's of the era.*





### **Albert Joseph Smeraldo III**

4/27/2020

Albert Joseph Smeraldo III, 81, of Stroudsburg, passed away on Monday April 27, 2020 at his home. He was the husband of Carol Ann (Fritz) Smeraldo, they were married May 14, 1960.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, the son of the late Albert J Jr. and Margaret (Ruggiero) Smeraldo; he was a resident of Monroe County for more than 30 years, and prior to that of West Orange, New Jersey. Albert was a graduate of the Clifford Scott High School in East Orange, NJ, and was also a graduate of the Montclair University. He was a Veteran of the Air National Guard. Prior to his retirement, he was the Industrial Arts Teacher at Fairlawn High School, Fairlawn, New Jersey where he guided his students in the National Engineering Design Challenge, winning the competition 2 times.

He was a gifted woodworking craftsman and mechanic of all types. He enjoyed restoring antique cars and was a member and past president of the Pocono Antique Automobile Club; member and past president of the New Jersey Region Antique Automobile Club, and the National Antique Auto Club in Hershey, Pennsylvania. In addition to his wife, Albert is survived by his 4 sons, Albert J. IV of Charlotte, NC, Michael R. and his wife Marie of Saylorsburg, PA, Mark and his wife Kelli of Saylorsburg, PA and Tom and his husband Emilio of Warkworth, Ontario. His grandchildren Jennifer Sciacca and her husband Salvatore, Heather Smeraldo and her fiancé Ryan Aardewijn, Megan Harding and her husband Chris, Mark Smeraldo Jr, Erin Smeraldo, Lauren Smeraldo, Albert Smeraldo V, Matthew, Marley Smeraldo-Ojeda, and Shylo Smeraldo -Ojeda; his 2 great grandchildren Lucy Marie Sciacca, and Finnegan Harding. He is also survived by his siblings Ann, Daniel, Peter, Margaret "Peggy", Marion and Edward; and many, many nieces and nephews.

Albert was predeceased by his brother Joseph and his sister Catherine. Funeral services were private at the Bensing-Thomas Funeral Home, 401 North 5th Street, Stroudsburg. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Cemetery, Brodheadsville. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital

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Al was member# 997, and a past president of our region. He passed away on 4/27/2020. He is survived by his wife Carol whose address is 112 Olsen Rd., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

## CAR SHOW & 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE RUN Sunday, September 27, 2020

Sunday morning started out overcast with a slight drizzle that dissipated as I reached the gathering location for the Galloping Hill Cruisers, which was the Clark Township Municipal Pool. The pool is across Oak Ridge Road from Oak Ridge Park. Registration for this event was to start at 9:00 AM but started much earlier as Oak Ridge Road started to become congested with show cars. The show field became a car enthusiasts dream come true as the variety of vehicles was mind numbing as you



*1955 Oldsmobile Holiday 88*

saw everything from stock cars and trucks, both original and restored, to customs, old school hot rods, resto-mods, and amazingly crafted rat rods.

This event is run by the Jason's Friends Foundation and 100% of the proceeds from this event go to the Jason's Friends Foundation. Their moto is "Help Us, Help Kids, Fight Cancer". Their goal is to help families with children suffering from pediatric cancer.



*John's 1977 Cadillac Sedan DeVille*



*Greg, Mikey & Terry in Mikey's 1966 Bonneville*

The motorcycle run, which was led by eight motorcycle police from the City of Linden and Union County, left at approximately 11:15 AM for a 50-mile run through the scenic Watchung mountains of New Jersey. This event drew approximately 400 motorcycles of all shapes, colors, and sizes: and wheel configurations. This was a very successful fund raiser, thanks to the hard work of the members of the Club 3 and the Galloping Hill Cruisers car clubs and the volunteers from Jason's Friends. A special thank you goes out to the NJ Cruise News for their promotional work. Music for this event was provided by our friend DJ



*Mike & Cathy of DJ Hot Rod Mike Fame*

"Hot Rod" Mike. Merchandise and food vendors, a beer garden, raffles, prizes, tricky tray for special products and offers, and more resulted in a carnival atmosphere. Social distancing guidelines were observed by participants and by the many spectators that enjoyed our car display.

To support this fund-raiser, members of the following car clubs from New Jersey and New York came out with their beautiful antique classics, customs, modifies, hot rods, rat rods and modern vehicles: Galloping Hill Cruisers Car Club; Club 3 Car





*1959 Dodge Phoenix*

Club; Raritan Bay Cruisers; NJ Region AACA; Staten Island Region AACA; Verrazano Cadillac Club; Raritan River Region Cadillac LaSalle Club; Legendary Muscle Cars; Curb Appeal Car Club; Street Dreams Car Club, Hollywood Cruisers Car Club; Brick City Cruisers; Car Nutz Car Club; Staten Island Corvette Club; Staten Island Kar Klub; and a large number of unaffiliated car enthusiast including several AACA members. There were over 500 cars on the grassy



*1936 Packard 120 Coupe*

knolls of the park.

The following NJ Region members participated: John Cirrito with his 1948 Pontiac Deluxe Streamliner; Barry & Mike Rosenberg with their 1967 Imperial Crown Sedan; Tibor Varga and Diane Roy with Tee's 1968 Mercury Cougar Std; Greg and June Roser with their 1976 Cadillac Sedan DeVille; John and Pat Quattrocchi with their 1977 Cadillac Sedan DeVille; and Abe Platt with Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition. The Staten Island Region AACA had six members on the show field including Artie Guarneri with his 1979 Ford Thunderbird. I once had a 1978 Mercury Cougar, so this car was of special inter-

est to me. In addition to NJRAACA and SIRAACA members, there were several other present and past members of the AACA with cars on the show field, specifically the 1927 Lincoln Model L Limo; the 1933 Lincoln KB Roadster; and the 1953 Terrace Green Metallic Buick Super, which stood out.

As a member of the NJ Region AACA and the Galloping Hill Cruisers, I was very happy to participate in this event. As I have said previously, I cannot think of a better way to spend part of a day than to be with great people, see some very interesting and beautiful cars, and support a wonderful charitable organization. It was a pleasure seeing so many friends made over



*1966 Corvette*

the past six years and to start new friendships with likeminded car hobbyists.

Additional pictures can be viewed on the following link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/75f5fBTB28z5gtR78>

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*Greg's 1976 Cadillac & Bob's 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix*

# 2020 Region Fall Foliage Tour

## Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley, PA

### October 16-18, 2020

**W**hat else can COVID-19 take away from us? So far, every AACA National show and tour that I had planned to attend has been cancelled. But the planning must go on, and I've confirmed with Lukans that the Pennsylvania Governor is allowing their opening for lodging and dining, with special conditions followed. So, I'm proceeding with planning of what could be the first and only car club tour for 2020, continuing the exploration of the Pennsylvania Pocono area for its annual Fall Foliage Tour. The lodging destination is again the Lukens Farm Resort, and again the weekend AFTER the Hershey swap meet had been scheduled.

On Friday, I'm planning a meet up location, breakfast on your own, at the Mt. Bethel Diner on Route 611, just about a mile from the Portland Toll Bridge over the Delaware River. From breakfast, we'll head north along Route 611 to the Castle Inn in the town of Delaware Water Gap for a guided tour, with a possible stop at the adjacent Antoine Dutot Museum, a former school house. Another scenic 10 mile ride along the Delaware River for a group photo opportunity at the Shawnee Inn pavilion on the riverfront, before a lunch stop at either the hotel pub or an adjacent tavern. There is also a brewery tour or a distillery tour I'm going to check out. Enough stops for the day, we'll drive the remaining hour along scenic routes to check in at Lukans well before dinner. And then start the weekend off with a little wine & cheese reception (BYO) at the glass house before dinner. For Saturday, plan on visiting the Woodstock Museum at Bethel Woods in Bethel, NY, and a possible tour of another area attraction, before returning to Lukans in time for the Saturday dinner.

At this time, fourteen of the 24 available rooms have been reserved for Region members. I've again been asked to handle the reservations with membership internally, due to the possibility of last minute changes in tourist's plans. So, there is no need to call Lukens to reserve your room or to send a deposit to them directly. This is how reservations will be done:

- Step #1 - Email Pete Cullen at [oldcarz57@aol.com](mailto:oldcarz57@aol.com) to add your name to the list;
- Step #2 – Write a deposit check for \$100, payable to “Lukans Resort” and hand it to Pete at a meeting or Region event, or mail it USPS to :  
***Peter Cullen, 20 Valley View Road, Verona NJ, 07044***
- Step #3 – Get your car ready and packed!

#### **Here summary of the facts for 2020:**

- Lukan's Farm Resort 539 Long Ridge Road, Hawley, PA 18428. Phone: 570-226-4574 Internet: [www.lukans.com](http://www.lukans.com)
- Friday October 16 through Sunday October 18, 2020.
- Cost: 3 days with 2 nights rooms, 4-5 meals is approximately \$475 plus tax & tips/Couple, Double Occupancy, includes spacious room and delicious meals. (Slight difference in rates for the Deluxe rooms and the Poolside rooms).
- All events and destinations subject to local COVID-19 compliance orders, masks required when you cannot social distance, at all point.

Recognizing that fall is a peak time, they will hold the rooms for us for a little longer. Since there are only 22 rooms at Lukans, reservations are first come, first served, if still available. I will again extend the invitation to members of other clubs.

Optionally, anyone is welcome to join in the fun for just a day trip, or maybe even for a one night stay, provided vacancy is available. As Lukan's dining room is also open to the public for meals, and if you are in the area during any part of the tour,

More details about the confirmed tour stops will be provided as available. We look forward to another interesting, if not relaxing, weekend! Just repeating, that you can still make your reservations NOW!

*Pete Cullen*

*Fall Foliage Tour Master*





**Rich's Repair Ramblings,  
OCTOBER 2020 : Brakes 102: Identifying &  
Inspecting Disc Brake System Components**

**L**ast issue, in Brakes 101, I provided a brief overview of a disc brake system. This month, the disc brake componentry will be described in greater detail, along with instructions for inspecting for wear. A vehicle with disc brakes has the following at each wheel: a disc or rotor; a caliper which straddles the rotor; and a set of brake pads located within the caliper. Primary advantages of disc brake systems compared to drum brakes are better cooling; easier service; and less complexity.

The rotor mounts to the wheel hub and rotates with the vehicle wheel and tire assembly. The rotor surfaces on both sides of the disc are the contact

'vented'. A solid rotor, when viewed along its edge, will be seen as disc that is a solid piece of metal. A vented rotor is thicker: a series of vents, or air slots, are cast into place between the two rotor surfaces, bringing in air to cool the rotor. As a general rule, vented rotors are used on front brakes, and solid rotors in the rear, but there are exceptions. The center of the disc where the wheel studs are located is sometimes called the 'hat'.



*A solid rotor has no vents*

The brake caliper is the interface between the hydraulic and mechanical parts of the braking system. Brake calipers have a piston or pistons mounted within (minimum of 1, as many as 6). There are two basic caliper designs: 'fixed' and 'sliding' (also called 'floating'). A fixed caliper, cast as one piece or as two halves bolted together, has pistons on both sides. A sliding caliper consists of two halves, with one half able to slide on its mounting pins. It has a piston or pistons only on one side. In the fixed design, hydraulic pressure pushes equally on both sides. In the sliding design, the pressure pushes on the piston(s) AND forces the two sliding halves toward each other.



*A vented rotor, with cooling slots between rotor surfaces*



*This fixed caliper has one piston on each side  
(piston retraction tool is between pistons)*

points for the pads. Rotors are either 'solid' or





*This sliding caliper (with new pads) has only one piston (upper part of photo)*

The brake pads, mounted in the caliper, press against the rotor surfaces to slow the car. Pads are sized to cover as much of the rotor surface as possible. Pads have a friction material bonded to a metal backing plate. The friction material may be organic, ceramic, semi-metallic, or a combination. The pads are mounted so that the friction material faces the disc, with the backing plate against the pistons. Pads have 'zero clearance' when the brakes are not applied, so that the distance between the pad surface and rotor surface is almost zero. When the pedal is applied, there is no freeplay and pad application is almost instantaneous.

Factors which influence the efficiency of a disc brake system include rotor design, diameter, and thickness; caliper design and piston count; and pad size and material. Motor vehicle engineers take great pains to ensure that a vehicle's braking system is matched to its weight, engine horsepower, and performance expectations. The larger and thicker the rotor, the better job the rotor will do to dissipate the heat created from friction, but big rotors are heavy and expensive. Brake pads with friction material that provides more 'bite' will better slow the car, but could also cause noise, wear, and dust. Calipers with higher piston counts can provide more pressure to the pads, but will be larger, heavier, and may not fit behind an acceptable wheel size. ANY disc brake system design is a compromise based on size, weight, and cost.

When servicing a disc brake system, the primary wear component is the pads. By design, brake pad friction material wears away, and the pads must be replaced. From my experience working in service departments, brake pad wear rates greatly depend on driver habits and usage. I've observed front pads totally worn away after 6,000 miles, and other cases where front pads have lasted 75,000 miles. With my own vehicles, front brake pads last between 20,000 and 40,000 miles; rear pads tend to last longer. When new, pad thickness is between 10mm (3/8")

and 12mm (just under 1/2"). Pads should be replaced when the remaining material is between 2mm (1/16") and 4mm (5/32"). Have you heard the term "metal to metal"? If the brake pad material completely wears away so that the (metal) backing plate is now in contact with the (metal) rotor, that is metal-to-metal, and it always damages the rotor.



*Note pad material thickness when comparing worn pad on left with new pad on right*

Brake rotors wear also, but at a much slower rate than pads. I've found that I can replace between 2 and 4 sets of pads before rotor replacement is warranted. Of critical importance is rotor thickness. All rotors have a prescribed 'new' thickness and 'minimum' thickness. By law, the minimum thickness number must be stamped on the rotor. If a rotor wears below its minimum thickness and is not replaced, it may overheat and could cause brake failure. With rotors, the primary inspection point is the contact surface for the pads. That surface must remain smooth, and without grooves or gouges. Sometimes, rotors can be machined: a disc-cutting lathe removes just enough metal to restore smoothness to the surface, but care must be taken to en-



*A worn rotor: note deep grooves in surface, plus rust buildup*



sure that the rotor stays above minimum thickness. On some cars, the difference between 'new' and 'minimum' can be as little as 2mm, which leaves little room for lathing.



*"MIN THK 16 MM": minimum thickness of 16mm is stamped into rotor edge*

On modern vehicles, brake calipers should last the life of the car. On our older collector cars, especially ones which sit, calipers can become problematic from inactivity, and will require closer inspection. With pads removed, inspect the calipers for any signs of fluid leakage or overheating. The rubber boots around each piston should be correctly seated, still pliable, and not torn. Calipers should apply pressure equally to both pads; unevenly worn pads within a caliper may point to a caliper which 'sticks'. While calipers can be rebuilt, in today's economy, that may not be cost-effective. If calipers must be serviced, the aftermarket offers 'remanufactured' units identical to the units on your car. In a later edition of our Repair Ramblings, I will provide detailed descriptions of pad and rotor replacement.



*This caliper piston boot is deformed and hardened from heat*

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