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upcoming EVENTS



NJ AACAA EVENTS

APRIL

1st NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Online 8:00 PM
24th Dairy Queen Display 11-2pm Washington N.J.
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MAY

6th NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Online 8:00 PM
13th Elizabeth Nursing & Rehab Center, 12-3PM
1048 Grove St. Elizabeth, NJ
21-23rd Spring Fling TBD Newark DE (See page 8)

JUNE

3rd NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Online 8:00 PM
5th Somerset Run Condominium, 11am—2pm
101 Stone Manor Dr, Somerset, NJ
20th Martin and Edith Stein Assisted Living
Residence City 12-3pm 350 Demott L. Somerset, NJ
26th The Delaney of Bridgewater - Drive by Parade
9:30-2pm 901 Frontier Rd, Bridgewater

JULY

1st NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Online 8:00 PM
29th NJ Region Summer Tour - Finger Lakes
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AUGUST

8th 2021 Metuchen Rescue Squad Benefit Car-Truck-Motorcycle Show. Halsey St. Parking Lot, Metuchen
15th NJ Region AACAA Meeting and Picnic 8am to 10pm
East Stroudsburg VFW Pavilion

SEPTEMBER

2nd NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Online 8:00 PM
12th NJ Veterans Memorial Home 1—4pm
132 Evergreen Rd, Edison, NJ 08837
18th Brookdale Senior Living Solutions 12-3pm
520 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ
25th Lantern Hill Senior Living 11-2pm
535 Mountain Ave, New Providence, NJ

2021 AACAA NATIONAL EVENTS

April

9-10 Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte, NC
19-22 Southeastern Divisional Tour - Central Florida

May

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

1-3 Central Spring Nationals AACAA National Auburn IN
22-24 Grand Nationals - New Ulm, MN

August

6-8 DAS Awkscht Fescht Macungie PA
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.



*A Message from the
President
April 2021*



It appears that New Jersey is finally catching up to our neighbors and many of us are just now starting to get vaccinated against COVID.

This is good news!

Some of you have been concerned that we haven't yet received an updated roster. Our Membership Secretary has been constantly going forth and back with AACA National, because you must be a member of AACA to be a member of the New Jersey Region of the AACA! Bill assured me tonight that he is getting there and expects to publish an accurate list of current members in a couple days.

The April meeting will again be on Zoom, courtesy of Paul Wolfmeyer, even though he cannot attend. The invite will go out to everybody's email at about 6:30 on Thursday. Please attend!

AACA National has been sufficiently hounding me to settle the 2022 Glidden Tour. We are going to host it or we are not. We need to inform National, especially if we are not, so they can move on and offer it to a region that is willing.

Quite frankly, I am puzzled that there has been so much adversity to running this tour. We are one of the largest and most active regions in AACA. In my opinion, all the reasons I have heard so far are weak excuses!

I also checked on the number of cars that attend this tour. Today they do not equal the showing that was 20 years ago! Fewer and fewer people have cars today that qualify for this tour! I dare say, most of the membership of our Region do not have a car that qualifies!

I want the New Jersey Region to host this tour. I hope you do to!

*Respectfully submitted,
Art Briggs, President
NJAACA #1469*



UNDER THE HOOD
Notes from the editor

I took my Mustang out for a ride last week and while she started right up and all systems were a go, about 20 minutes into the ride she developed a miss. It wasn't constant and it was real bad so I drove for a while and it went away. I chalked it up to dirt/water/fuel problem and was happily cruising the back roads of Morris and Warren county. I stopped for a bite to eat in Randolph and when I left the car started with the miss and boom, it's been there since. This past weekend was far too nice to leave the car sitting so off I went again after checking some vitals. Again it started fine and ran like a scalded bear. I went past a friend's house on Parker rd. that went up for sale on Friday (that was a mob scene), looped over to Old Framers rd, over to Bartley Rd and then up Naughtright. Some of you know the roads I speak of. A few hills, corners and enough variety to give me confidence to go longer. I headed back into the Valley and took 513 towards High Bridge. A nice stretch to be running constant at 55 mph. Into High Bridge, over to 31, made a right and went to Washington, then a right onto 57. Objective.....Willies Wieners!

Willies is a nice little hotdog place to go when you are tired of Hot Dog Johnny's. I pulled in and ordered a couple dogs and some fries and enjoyed them outside while I admired my car and watched traffic go by. The day was beautiful, warm and the car was running great. Until that is, when I went to leave Willies. There was that miss again, and this time it was it wasn't going to let me forget it. I wasn't too far from home and at 2200 rpm or so it settles out so I meandered back home and parked her.

I pulled the plugs late Sunday, notice there was oil at the base of the valve cover (sigh) and as for the plugs, most of them tell a story, some look hot, some look fouled, and some look fine. I'll start by replacing them and see how it goes. Then I'll go looking at the wires. Can't be points because they were gone before I put the motor back in.

Life with a 55 yr old car.....wouldn't have it any other way.

*On My honor.....
Jay DeBoey Editor
NJAACA #1540
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NJ REGION AACA

Minutes – March 4, 2021 #739



The 739th Region Meeting via zoom was called to order at 8:09PM by President **Art Briggs**.

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

Opening Comments and President's Report: Art Briggs – Art thanked all members for attending this zoom meeting. He asked the members to encourage other members to attend. It can also be done by phone. Art reported that the 2021 roster is in progress. Bill Pritchett is working with National to finalize everything. All Region members must also be a member of National.

New member Alex Soultanis was introduced. He has a 1944 Volkswagen prototype.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2021 zoom Region Meeting (as printed in The Road Map) was made, seconded and approved after some discussion about the proposed Glidden Tour. Ray Fisher was advised that the region voted to explore our options only, and did not commit to hosting the tour. The minutes for the February meeting will stand as reported.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Tim Schimmel reported the monthly income and expenses. A motion to approve the report was made, seconded and approved by all members present. There was no discussion. The Treasurer's report will stand as reported.

Region Activities: Vice-President **Suds Reddy** presented a detailed listing of all upcoming Regional and National activities for the upcoming months with input from the various chairs. The April 24th Dairy Queen event was noted. Bill Pritchett stated that the 3-day Spring Fling tour will be day trips only, with a mystery tour scheduled for Saturday. Abe Platt has a car show scheduled for June 5th at Somerset Run with space for 36 cars only. Pete Cullen is exploring the option of scheduling our August picnic at the VFW in East Stroudsburg, PA. All Regional and National events are displayed in *The Road Map*.

Awards Chairman: Jerry Peck - The Outstanding Service Award recipient for 2020 has been selected and will be announced at a later time. There will be no other awards for calendar year 2020.

The Road Map Editor: Jay DeBoey – Jay requested cover car articles & photos and other articles for upcoming issues.

Membership: Bill Pritchett – Bill reported that we have several potential new members.

Welcoming Committee: Denise Tuck – Art welcomed and thanked Denise, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Sunshine: Sarah Pritchett – Bob Smith reported that Marlene Gearhart is in the hospital after a fall. Members reported that Ken Dulio is hospitalized with a cancerous tumor, Bob and Joan Jephson are recovering, Bernie Cooney is recovering at home, and Jay Leonard recently died.

Participation Points: Vince DeLisi – No report

Spring Meet: Pete Cullen – The Spring Meet is canceled for 2021.

AACA National Award in Herb Singe's memory: Rich Reina – Rich stated that 21 pledges have been received totaling \$3,370.00 towards the goal of \$5000.00.

Region clothing: Roger and Kathy Bagley have resigned. **Bob Kelly** volunteered to fill this vacancy.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pete Cullen proposed possible events for 2022, including March Madness and an event and/or region meeting at the Turtle Back Zoo.

Due to the lack of time, there were no other committee reports.

The next meeting will be April 1, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Roser #1398
Region Secretary

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YOUR PLEDGE IS NEEDED
TO ESTABLISH AN AACA NATIONAL AWARD
HONORING THE MEMORY OF OUR NJ REGION
FIRST PRESIDENT AND FOUNDING MEMBER
HERBERT J. SINGE JR.



We are inching closer to our goal of \$5000 in pledges to establish an annual AACA National Award in memory of our New Jersey Region first President and Founding Member, Herbert J. Singe Jr. In March, an additional 8 people made pledges. Here are the numbers as of March 29, 2021.

ORIGINAL GOAL \$5,000.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED: \$4,420.00
NEEDED TO REACH GOAL.... \$ 580.00

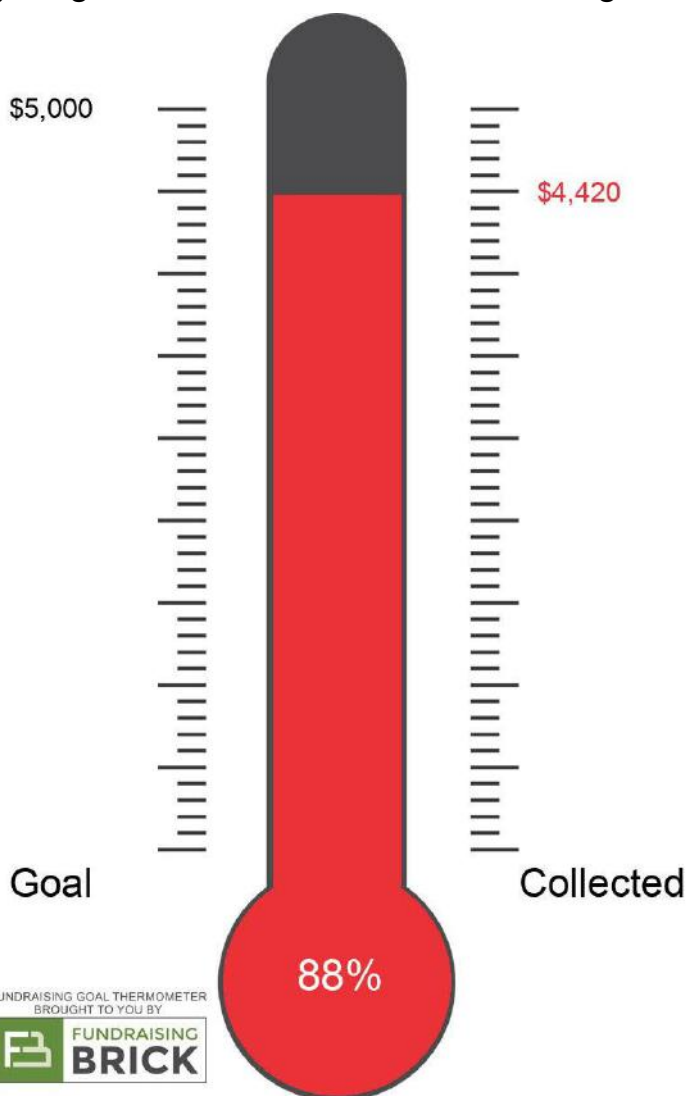
The committee is not accepting money at this time. We are only accepting pledges until the goal is met and the annual award is approved by the AACA National Board of Directors.

If you wish to donate to this effort (any amount is welcome, there is no minimum) please contact:

Richard Reina:

Phone or Text..... (908) 894-3267

E-mail: r_reina@msn.com



SAVE THE DATE #1
NJ Region Summer Tour
NY Finger Lakes Area

Thursday July 29 to Monday August 1, 2021

There are several NJ Region members that participate in various AACA National tours, and with COVID-19 appearing to becoming under control, and governmental restrictions being eased, National is proceeding with several tours across the country. However, many Region members have never ventured on a National tour, maybe because the destinations are far away, or maybe they don't know anybody on the tour.

Bill Pritchett and I have been discussing the possibility of resurrecting the Region Summer Tour this summer, so that interested Region members can spend some time touring with fellow members, and explore some interesting stops which are not too far from home, while keeping within a reasonable budget.

The latest Region Summer tour in 2019 was based in the Hampton Inn in Sayre, PA. Everyone on that tour loved the hotel, the location and the area restaurants. Early indications are that the group rate this year would be less than \$120/night, which includes a great breakfast in this top-rated hotel. We have just begun planning around the above dates, but there could be some adjustments to the dates as we look at availability of interesting venues. Other than the hotel, all other stops on the tour will be different than 2019 tour!

So, if you are looking for a reason to put some miles on your vintage car, save the above dates. More details will be published as they are confirmed in a future article. There is no need to make hotel reservations at this time, but for planning purposes, we would appreciate if you contacted us if you are possibly interested in joining us on this year's tour!

Thank you, Summer Co-Tourmasters

Pete Cullen - 973-650-2957 & Bill Pritchett - 908-534-9069



SAVE THE DATE #2
2021 Region Fall Foliage Tour
Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley, PA
October 15-17, 2021

After a year with the COVID-19 headlines, but now with an optimistic outlook for the future, I just wanted to let the membership know that there will be a Fall Foliage Tour this autumn! I just got a call from John at Lukans, advising that our 'normal weekend', right after Hershey, just opened up, and I asked him to hold the above dates for our 11th annual visit.

Watch for more information about our reservations process in future Road Map articles. So, there is no need to call Lukens to reserve your room at this time. But if you are interested, please drop Pete an email at oldcarz57@aol.com so we can start planning our excursions. Also mention any attractions you would like to explore, or revisit.

More details about the tour stops will be provided in a future article. We are looking forward to another interesting, if not relaxing, fall weekend with our fellow Region members!

Pete Cullen and Anthony Cecala
Fall Foliage Tour Co-Masters



DQ Car Display
Saturday April 24 (Rain Date 4/25)

I know the number one thing on your thoughts this winter has been ice cream, or perhaps an ice cream sundae with a topping of nice cool whipped cream, or a nice cool shaved ice. For you dreamers, you are in luck. Once again, Region members Grace and Marc Bernstein have invited us to hold a car display at their Dairy Queen, 231 NJ-31 S, Washington, NJ 07882. They have offered free hot dogs and ice cream to Region members.

The meet up will be held from 11-2:00 on Saturday, April 24. If the weather is questionable or for any questions, please call me on my cell phone at 908-581-0411. A rain date of Sunday, April 25 will be used if needed.

Respectfully Submitted
Bill Pritchett
NJAACA #963

CELEBRATIONS

BY BRENDA ZIMMERMAN, NJ AACA REGION #1238

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



3WILLIAM KING SCHAEDEL
 7MARC BERNSTEIN
 8DENISE TUCK
 11.....MARYANN ACKERMAN
 11.....JOAN JEPHSON
 16.....GAIL NIEMIEC
 19.....PENNY BATES
 21.....CLAIRE MILOSCIA
 21.....BOB PETRICH
 22.....MARLENE GEARHART
 24.....BRENDA MURPHY
 28.....BILL YOUNG JR.
 30.....ART ACKERMAN

Happy Anniversary!

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2..... MARC & GRACE BERNSTEIN
 9..... ROBERT & SUE SCHMIDT53
 13 LARRY & DONNA ASHLEY24
 13 ART & MARYANN ACKERMAN ...18
 18 BOB & JOAN JEPHSON
 22 RON & KATHY OLEXA.....42
 30 BRENDAN & PAT HOGAN60

Spring Fling (Driving Only) – Friday, May 21 – Sunday, May 23

With the current COVID-19 pandemic, I have decided to have a driving tour each day for those three days. You will be in your bed each night. However, as I stated, this will be a driving tour each day. We will start from a different place each day. Details are being finalized. I do know that we will have a mystery tour on Saturday to a place new to almost all of you. As usual, I will give you a clue as to where it will be. The clue is formal.

More details to follow in the next Road Map.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Pritchett

NJAACA #963

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FEATURED COVER CAR 1960 Plymouth Savoy



*Owned by Ben Deutschman
Metuchen New Jersey
Story by Ben Deutschman NJAACA #1546
Photos by Abe Platt*

This 1960 Plymouth Savoy was purchased new by my father on June 13, 1960 from Rossmeyer Chrysler/Plymouth in Metuchen, NJ. Since the purchase of the Savoy came not long after having moved into a new home, my father wasn't exactly flush with cash with which to buy, or run a new car. However, the 1949 Plymouth he was driving was on its last legs, and a replacement for it was imperative. Therefore, though a new car purchase had been decided upon as unavoidable, the car had to be reasonable in cost to purchase and operate, thus a six cylinder Savoy model became the vehicle of choice for my father. As time went on, and the miles rolled by, the choice made in 1960 proved to be a wise one, as the 1960 Plymouth provided many faithful, economical years of service as the family Taxi, grocery getter, etc. The Slant- six which powered what is

now my Plymouth definitely gave the economy of operation my father needed from the car, while giving ample power to haul a full complement of passengers comfortably, (six at least), and their luggage.



1960 was the debut of the dependable and reliable slant 6

The Plymouth was the household mainstay until June 1972, when it was displaced from its top dog position. By 1972 the Savoy was starting to show the effects of 12 years of heavy duty service, and my parents decided it was time to purchase a new family car. Unlike its predecessor though, my Plymouth was not traded in on its replacement, but as can be surmised, just demoted to second banana. Unfortunately for this Plymouth, demotion wasn't the worst fate it was to suffer.

About a year after its demotion, a "friend of mine", convinced this then naive teenager that my Plymouth's engine needed to be rebuilt, and lucky me, he could help me in that endeavor. It seems that the



The last year of the "Stabilizers" for Plymouth

slant 6 engine would smoke upon start-up, and for short time thereafter. So knowing little about engines, or cars in general, I believed my friend had to be right about the need to overhaul the engine. Well, you know 20/20 hindsight is wonderful, in that now I can say, what a mistake that was believing my friend's astute observations, not to mention my unbridled faith in his mechanical abilities. After the "rebuild", the Plymouth's engine wouldn't even turn, didn't smoke, but it also didn't do anything else. The first thing that dawned on me at that point in time, was I should have checked with an experienced Mechanic regarding what to do about the smoke problem. The next thing I realized, was I should have asked my father if I should even think of getting involved in such a big job as an engine overhaul, without his supervision, after all dad was a Mechanical Engineer.

After the ill-fated engine overhaul, my Plymouth sat for about a year. At one point during that year of sitting idle, my father considered simply junking the car, but the paltry \$25.00 he was offered for the car, if he

hauled it down to the junkyard, dissuaded him from doing so. At the end of the year of idle time, I made yet another not so good decision. I decided I was going to purchase a "good used engine" from a well know national automotive mail order firm. The engine turned out to be a piece of junk, and since it took my High School Auto-Shop teacher three months to get around to installing it, the mail order company refused to take back the engine. The endresult of this latest fiasco, was still more idle time for my Plymouth, until I could find an engine rebuilder who would be at least willing to look at the used engine to determine if it was at all salvageable. I finally did locate an engine rebuilder through my Aunt, who happened to be doing accounting work for the rebuilder. The rebuilder looked over the used motor, and determined that it would cost more to salvage it than it was worth, and offered me core credit towards an already rebuilt motor. The rebuilt engine was installed, and the rebuilder also replaced the transmission they damaged due to errors made by their workers doing the engine installation. Six months after arriving at the rebuilder's shop, and what ended up being 1-1/2 years after my original fateful engine rebuild decision, plus some threats of legal action brought on by the rebuilder's foot dragging in the engine installation process, my Plymouth emerged from the shop under her own power for the first time.



The Plymouth Interior is epic in it's design.

The year by this time was 1975, the month was February.

1960 Plymouth Savoy 6 Series PP1-L Sedan.

DIMENSIONS		POWERTRAIN		OVERVIEW	
Weight	3,570 lbs.	Engine	Slant 6 225 cu in 145 hp 215 ft lbs. Torque	Manufacturer	Plymouth
Wheelbase	118 in.			Production	84,274
Length	209.4 in.	Transmission	3 Spd Torque Flite 3 Speed Automatic	Body Style(s)	2 dr Hardtop, Coupe, & Convertibles
Width	78.6 in.			Assembly	Highland Park MI Newark De Windsor Ont.

I then embarked on the long, arduous task of restoring my Plymouth to her former glory. The task was complicated by my lack of knowledge as to where to source needed restoration parts from, (i.e. fenders, patch panels for the rear quarters, and trim pieces), and an over exuberant youth's driving technique. Needless to say that between what was already deteriorated from age, what broke by my pushing the old gal to the limit quite often, compounded by my lack of knowledge as to where to get many of the parts my car needed, slowed the rate of progress in the restoration of my car. Though it took a few years, some dented fenders, and lots of hard earned money, I did finally wise up, treating my aging Plymouth more



The 1960 grill is clean and crisp with ample chrome and distinguishable grill.

carefully. I also started attending car shows, as well as joining a couple of car clubs, finding along the way, that through the car clubs and shows I could get information on where to locate parts for my car. I also made many new friends through my involvement in the clubs.

Now that I had a means via which to locate the parts I needed for my project, I set about procuring them. In 1978 I had the first body restoration done on my Plymouth. In the summer of 1985 I finally got the interior redone. I then embarked on making other im-

In July of 1991 another milestone was reached in the ongoing project my Plymouth had become. I was sitting by my car at a show in Fairfield, N.J., when an older gentleman approached me, asking if I owned the car I was sitting near. I replied yes, whereupon the man showed me a photograph of a factory authorized optional RCA record player that fit my Plymouth. The gentleman then asked me if I knew what the item in the photograph was, I replied yes. I then asked what the man wanted for the player. The price quoted was \$200.00, which included the correct radio to go with the record player. Mind you, all this occurs just 1 month before I was getting married, and the fiancée is off shopping at a nearby mall. I asked the man if he had a business card, he replied yes, and handed me one. When my fiancée returned from the mall, I asked if she approved of my buying the record player, she emphatically agreed. When I got home I called to see if the player was still available, the answer was yes. I then made arrangements to go up to where the owner of the player lived to pick it up. I took my find home, and 2 weeks before my wedding day, found myself under the dashboard installing my new find. Of course one might wonder why someone would so hurriedly install something, especially since it wasn't crucial to the operation of the

vehicle. Well, you see my soon to be wife wanted to use my Plymouth as our wedding limousine, and she wanted that record player in there too. I succeeded on both counts.

Though it has now been 46 years since I first got started on the restoration of my Plymouth, and I



The Plymouth styling is unmistakable for 1960

provements to my Plymouth, such as adding factory power steering, power brakes, clock, am radio, and factory front anti-sway bar. In the summer of 1989, I had the bodywork redone, and the bumpers and tail lamps re-chromed. Though the body shop didn't do all they were supposed to, my Plymouth did look better than it did back in February 1975.



The 1960 Savoy was produced with many firsts, the slant 6, unibody, and aluminum case transmissions.

have had more than my share of ups and downs with this project, I can say it has been worth it. Not only has my Plymouth served as the wedding limo for my wife, and I, it also has survived long enough to serve as transport home from the hospital for my son, Martin, after he was born. As a matter of fact my son initially liked my Plymouth over my other toy, due to the fact it doesn't have a locking steering column. So, therefore my Plymouth served as the world's largest pacifier when he was younger. My son would sit in the car at shows, and pretend drive to his heart's content. He was and is, also fascinated by the record player, as are many who have viewed it at shows I have attended since its installation. I've even had the pleasure of showing my Plymouth, along with its "RCA Record Player", to Martin's 2nd grade class last year, and the aforementioned "Record Player" generated quite a bit of attention, not to mention a humorous moment. It seems I decided to remove one of the 45 rpm records from the "Record Player" tray, and ask my Son's classmates if they could identify what I was holding up. One intrepid young fellow held up his hand and I called upon him. In a rather timid, sort of half questioning tone of voice, the little boy said-"a CD"? I smiled, and replied, um, sort of.

I then instructed my Son's classmates to ask their Moms and Dads to explain to them what a 45 rpm record was. Oh, and the reason I was showing my Plymouth to a 2nd grade class, was it was there as an example of "rolling history".

So all in all its been a long and winding road, filled with potholes, and detours, but as I said, overall it has been worth the effort. Much like the mythical Phoenix, my Plymouth rose from the ashes to live again, to serve 3 generations of our family, and become a rolling piece of automotive history in the process. One other thing, of approximately 51,000 of her kind produced in 1960 for sale to the general public, my Plymouth has survived to become one of 87 of her kind left nationally, and one of 3 still surviving in New Jersey.



The 1960 Savoy was the first Plymouth with unibody construction.

ELIZABETH NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

Thursday, May 13, 2021
11:30 AM to 2:00 PM



The NJ Region AACA website was contacted by Ms. Lunique Cadeau, of the Elizabeth Nursing & Rehabilitation Center requesting that we present a Car Show for their residents. I spoke with Ms. Cadeau, who was formally the activities director at the Spring Hills Assisted Living facility in Morristown for which we have been conducting Antique Automobile Enjoyment Events since 2017. We discussed setting up a date for an Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event, like what she was familiar with, for the residents and staff with music and refreshment so a date was selected.

On Thursday, May 13, 2021, we are scheduled to conduct our **First** Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of the Elizabeth Nursing & Rehabilitation Center which is located at 1048 Grove Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, (908-354-0002). Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area located in front of the main entrance to the facility. **The car display is from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM.** The Elizabeth Nursing & Rehabilitation Center will have music for the event and will provide our members with lunch. **Face masks are required** for all participants and **must be worn** at all times except when eating lunch. Social distancing is required of all participants (presenters and spectators). **There will be no exceptions to these requirements.**

Come join your friends, and the residents and staff of this nursing facility. If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 or via email abeplatt@aol.com. **If there is a chance of rain or it is raining please call my mobile phone to confirm day of event activity. Day of event mobile phone (732) 433-5319.** The rain date is Friday, May 14, 2021.

As space is limited, please let me know by May 10th if you would like to attend so that we can provide Ms. Cadeau with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. **Please note that this event is not open to the general public.** Thank you for your participation.

DIRECTIONS:

From Westfield Avenue in Elizabeth: At the traffic light at the intersection of Westfield Avenue and Grove Street, turn onto Grove Street and proceed south on Grove Street until you reach Rahway Avenue. Proceed through this intersect on Grove Street and the facility will be the second facility on your right. We will display our vehicles in the main parking area in front of the facility.

Submitted by:
Abraham Platt, Event Chair
NJ Region Member #1524

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Judging Admin Volunteers

Judging Administration is looking for individuals who would like to contribute to AACA National judging. Knowledge of judging is important, therefore anyone wishing to join the Admin Team must complete Judging School, Apprentice Training Certified Judging Education (CJE), Apprentice Field Judging and the Judges Administration CJE. It is important that all judges in Admin be physically mobile, able to add and subtract (basic math) and familiar with basic computer data entry. Interested or want more information?

Please send Dollie Flechler, Chairman Judging Administration, an email at Flechlerd@yahoo.com.

"Mountain Fun in 2021!"
2021 AACA Founders Tour

Canaan Valley Resort
Davis, West Virginia
May 20-25, 2021

1936-1996 vehicles welcome

Tour Chairman:
Franklin Gage
f.gage@hotmail.com
703-869-8434

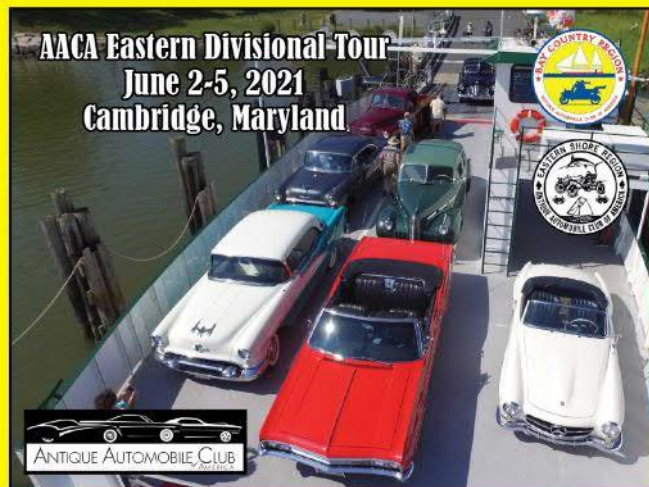
Registration Deadline: March 20
(contact Tour Chairman for availability if past deadline)



Tour Highlights Include:

- Blackwater Falls & Seneca Rocks
- Dominion Power's Mt. Storm Power Station
- Windmills on Backbone Mountain
- Grant County Mulch Plant

Hosted by the Mountain State Classics Region AACA
venues & schedule subject to change



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PARADE of ANTIQUE and CLASSIC CARS
The DELANEY of BRIDGEWATER
 Saturday, June 26, 2021



Late in February I was contacted by Ms. Ally Garcia, Director of Sales and Marketing, at The Delaney of Bridgewater which is a senior living community that includes independent living, assisted living and memory care residences. Ann and I met with Ms. Garcia, who was formerly at the BrightView of Warren, and with Ms. Sophie Hudes, Director of Life Enrichment, to discuss setting up a date for a car show. I suggested that we conduct an Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents and staff with music and refreshment, and we all agreed that we should proceed, and a date was selected. A week or so later I was contacted by Ms. Hudes to inform me that the facility director preferred we do a drive-by parade instead due to COVID-19 restrictions.

On Saturday, June 26, 2021, we are scheduled to conduct a **Drive-by Parade** for the Residents and Staff of The Delaney of Bridgewater, which is located at 901 Frontier Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, (732-507-5151). Our assembly time is scheduled for around 9:30 AM and we will assemble in the parking lot in front of **The Container Store** located at 335 Chimney Rock Rd, Bound Brook, NJ 08805. **The Drive-by Parade is at 10:00 AM.** We will drive to the front entrance of The Delaney and circle the facility two to three times to allow the residents and staff ample opportunity to view our antique and classic vehicles. **Face masks and social distancing are required if we exit our vehicles. There will be no exceptions to these requirements.**

Come join your friends and show off your pride and joy to the residents and staff of this adult community. If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 or via email abeplatt@aol.com. **If there is a chance of rain or it is raining please call my mobile phone to confirm day of event activity. Day of event mobile phone (732) 433-5319.** The rain date is June 27, 2021.

Please let me know by June 22nd if you would like to attend so that I how many vehicles we can expect. Thank you for your participation.

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9:30 AM – 4 PM Lake George Lunch Cruise
8:30 AM – 1 PM Jim Taylor Car Collection

6 PM Social Event

Friday June 18th, 2021

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8 AM – 4:30 PM Cooperstown Tour

8:30 AM – 1 PM Jim Taylor Car Collection

1 PM – 2 PM Member Roundtable

2 PM – 4 PM National Judging School

4 PM – 6 PM Saratoga Auto Museum

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Saturday June 19th, 2021

8:30 - 10:30 AM Registration

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11 AM – 3 PM Show Field Judging

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Rich's Repair Ramblings April 2021 : Tires: Sizing Them Up

Proper tire size, as determined by the factory for a given vehicle, is important for many reasons: safety, handling, braking, and road comfort among other reasons. An undersized tire may not stand up to the friction and heat of highway driving and could prematurely fail. It is just as bad to install an oversized tire which could interfere with suspension and steering components, and could rub against a fender, also causing tire failure. For those of us with vehicles judged to AACA standards, incorrect tire types or sizes will result in point deductions! We will get back to judging a little later.

It used to be simpler 'back in the good old days'. Up until the 1960s or so, if you needed tires for your American car, you looked up the size (perhaps 700-15 or 650-16) and that's what you got. The first number was the nominal tire width in inches (at first, written as 7.00 or 6.50 and later with the decimal dropped), and the second number was the wheel diameter. All tires were bias-ply, not radial, and there was no need to measure 'sidewall height', the distance from the edge of the wheel to the edge of the tread. If you were economical, you got blackwalls. If you wanted to splurge, you went for whitewalls. As wheel sizes shrunk from 16" to 15" and down to 14" and even 13" (partly as a desire to make cars lower), tire sizes changed somewhat. We began to see sizes like 6.94-14 and 7.75-15, but still, the first number indicated width, and the second number wheel diameter, both in inches.

Around 1970, American tire manufacturers

introduced the first major change seen in decades in tire size designations. "Letter series" tires, like F70-14 and G60-15, were introduced. The letter indicated the tire's load rating (important for safe carrying capacity). The next number, "70" or "60" in my examples, indicated the "aspect ratio", which we will explain in more detail below. Letter-series tires were not around for very long, as the industry finally embraced radial tires across the board by the early 1970s. Radials brought a final change to global tire size designations still in use today. Since AACA accepts cars 25 years old and older, there's a good chance that your AACA-eligible car is wearing modern radials using a modern



Tire size, in this case 185/60R14, is molded into tire sidewall

size designation. Let's use the 185/60R-14 tire as found on my Miata as an example, and break that down.

The first number, expressed in millimeters, is the tread width. Here it is 185 mm (for inches, divide by 25.4, giving you 7.3"). Keep in mind that this is the nominal width; putting a tape measure across a mounted and inflated tire that has several hundred pounds of vehicle weight pushing down on it will give a different result.



*When no aspect ratio is shown, like this 155SR15 tire, it is presumed to be "80".
S" is a speed rating.*

The next number, 60, is a percentage, officially called the "aspect ratio", because it is a ratio. The

number represents the sidewall height (sidewall measurement from the tire edge to the wheel edge) as a percentage of the width. We know the width is 185 mm. Sixty percent of 185 is 111 mm ($185 \times .6 = 111$). The 111 mm in inches is 4.4" ($111 / 25.4 = 4.4$). The sidewall height is just shy of four and a half inches, and the aspect ratio is 60, meaning the sidewall height is 60% of the tread depth.

The letter "R", while shown as part of the tire size, has nothing to do with size. "R" stands for "radial", as found on 100% of the modern vehicles sold today.

The final number in our example, 14, is in inches, and represents the diameter of the wheel. Remember that these are all "nominal" numbers, measured on unmounted and uninflated tires. You will not get the same results measuring tires mounted on wheels and installed on your two-ton toy.

Let's analyze how some of these numbers impact your tire choices. For the first number, tread width, the larger the number, the wider the tire. Remember that if you want wider tires, you may need to also install wider wheels. Also be sure that wider tires will stay clear of potential suspension and sheet metal interference.

For the second number, the aspect ratio, the smaller this number, the shorter the sidewall height. Comparing two tires which appear similar bears this out. A 185/60-14 tire has a sidewall height of 4.4" [$(185 \times .6)/25.4$]. However, a 185/50-14 tire has a sidewall height of 3.6" [$(185 \times .5)/25.4$], which is a difference of about 13/16". Moving "down" from a 60 to a 50 in aspect ratio results in a lower profile tire, with the wheel edge closer to the ground, and makes both the wheel and the tire more susceptible to road hazards.

If we know the tire size, we can calculate the overall diameter of the tire. It is the sidewall height times two, plus the wheel diameter. The trickiest issue is to be sure you're using consistent units of measurement – don't mix millimeters and inches. To calculate overall diameter for our 185/60R-14 tire, first we calculate the sidewall height: it is ($185 \times .6$), or 111 mm.

Multiply that by two, to account for sidewall height on both sides of the wheel, and we get 222. Divide that by 25.4 to convert to inches, and the answer is 8.74". Our wheel is 14 inches in diameter. Adding 8.74" and 14" equals 22.74", our overall diameter.

Why is that useful? If you are changing wheel or tire size, let's say moving from a 14" wheel to a 16" wheel, calculating the overall diameter helps ensure that the tire still fits on the car, and also helps keep the speedometer and odometer accurate. (And unless you can prove those wheels were factory options, AACA judges will ding you for incorrectly sized wheels or tires.) While there are online calculators that can perform that calculation in seconds, it's a good party trick to know how to do this with pencil, paper, and calculator. From personal experience, this is also handy knowledge should a tire salesperson try to sell you a tire size he has in stock with the line "oh, one size up (or down) doesn't really make a difference". Just tell him you read it here!

To close out, let's quote

just some of the tire rules directly from the AACA OFFICIAL JUDGING GUIDELINES:

"Tires on all vehicles must be as specified by the manufacturer. Specific brand is unimportant. They must be nearest the correct size, if the correct size is not available. A tire with an incorrect sidewall is considered an improper tire."

Next month in Rich's Repair Ramblings: we will conclude our tire tutorial when we discuss proper tire care and maintenance



Overall diameter equals sidewall height times two, plus wheel diameter

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Pay Attention to the Engine By Jim Elliott

AACA President

When preparing your car for judging, don't forget to pay attention to your engine. First, our judging guide-lines require that your vehicle be driven onto the show field. Almost more importantly, the engine provides a multi-tude of areas where the judging team can find deductions. Here are my top ten areas in the engine bay that require your attention.

1. Cleanliness –We judge cars to the condition that it was delivered to the original purchaser. Most judges believe cars were delivered new without leaks or rust-ed parts.
2. Fan belts –Find a period correct or proper reproduction belt. If it is marked with an aftermarket brand, re-move the brand by using fine steel wool or paint thinner.
3. Radiator hoses –Make sure the labeling on the hose is correct for period and brand.
4. Hose clamps –A one point deduction can be taken for each incorrect clamp. Reproduction tower top and similar older style clamps are readily available from many suppliers.
5. Radiator cap –An aftermarket cap is readily visible and needs to be replaced with a cap identical to the one supplied with the car.
6. Radiator –Make sure it is clean and free from bugs and leaves. A small toothbrush can be used to clean it. A spray can of “radiator black” paint is a good way to make it look new again.
7. Spark plugs –When visible, the plugs should be period correct and match the original manufacturer.
8. Spark plug wires –Wires with millimeter markings or store brands can result in a one point deduction for each wire. Never use neon colors to “dress-up” the engine.
9. Oil Filter –Fram, Wix and K&N filters may be your preference but will quickly result in deductions.
10. Hood insulation –Make sure yours fits well and has the proper clips. If it is showing its age, it is time to replace it.

I hope this helps you to earn the trophy you are seeking.

2021 AACA Annual Convention Update Williamsburg, VA -- June 3-5



Finally, we have nailed down a location to have this year's convention and it is a very special place in this country's history. We are going to Williamsburg, VA. This rescheduled and abbreviated convention will run from June 3-5, 2021.

Our host hotel will be the Doubletree by Hilton Williamsburg. To make a reservation, either call 1-800-222-8733 or go online. Be sure to mention our special code "AAC." The hotel is a short distance from a lot of interesting sites including Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens.

As of this writing, we are feverishly putting the final touches on the event schedule, but it will include a Thursday night reception at our First Couple's car collection which will include food and drink. Friday will include the First Lady's Breakfast and a few possible seminars. Friday night we had planned for a celebrity guest who is now unable to make it, but we are working on a replacement so stay tuned. Saturday will include judging schools, the annual membership meeting, and our black-tie optional gala to honor the 2020 National Award winners.

While our program will be condensed this year and void of some of the traditional dinners and activities, it will be a unique venue for those attending. It will be a great opportunity to visit Williamsburg, see the sights and maybe take in a traditional colonial meal! The hotel is honoring the room rate for those wishing to expand their stay and make a mini vacation out of it. We hope you will join us!

If you have already requested Annual Convention registration information be sent to you this year, you will automatically be mailed the registration form just as soon as it is finalized. If you would like to be added to the list to receive the registration form, please either send an email request which includes your AACA member number to Sue at seitnier@aaca.org, or call 717-534-1910.

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