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NEXT MEETING

The October (758th) meeting of the
 New Jersey Region AACA will be held at
 the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains
8:00 PM October 6th 2022
This is during HERSHEY WEEK

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A Message from the President October 2022



Welcome to autumn to all of my NJ Region friends and families. By the time this is published, the 2022 Glidden Tour will be history. I have confidence that things will go well. Even if there are problems, what are they going to do, cut our salary? Nevertheless, so much

planning went into the tour that I know it was a success. Look for a full report in an upcoming issue.

One of my duties as your President is to appoint a Nominating Committee to form the slate of officers for 2023. Our by-laws state this is to be done in September, and I have appointed Abraham Platt, Brenda Zimmerman, and Vicki Mangulson. They have five offices to fill, President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman. I hope you will consider saying "YES" if you are called upon. Bill Pritchett will be stepping down after decades as our Membership Chairman. Family obligations are calling, and family comes first! The slate of officers will be presented at the October region meeting, and nominations will also be taken from the floor. The election will take place at the November region meeting. Yes I know the October meeting conflicts with Hershey, but after much negotiating with the VFW, and reviewing our very full club calendar, there was no day found to be a suitable alternate. There was thought of having a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting so those out of town could attend, but we do not have the technical capabilities to hold such a meeting. We will make the best of it.

Our revitalized "Old Timers' Night" will take place at our regular November meeting at the VFW. We missed a few years due to circumstances and I am happy to announce it is back. Our second most senior member Bob Smith (#420) will be chairing the presentation, with the assistance of Vince DeLisi. Members of 20 years or more will be recognized and honored. I encourage all long-term members to attend.

What a great South Plainfield Labor Day Parade with the region, along with a few friends from the Galloping Hill Cruisers. Approximately 17 region cars participated. Special thanks to Abe Platt for organizing the club's participation which generated a sizable donation. Sadly, we had one car casualty.

Jerry Peck's 1964 Pontiac Bonneville overheated when he lost a radiator hose. He got all patched up (with duct tape) and then his car had a dead battery. After a jump start, he finally got home around 3:30. Jerry said Craig Kunz assisted him. Another rescue by a fellow club member!

I am always available to speak to you about your concerns and suggestions. I am retired so I can be reached at any time before 9PM. I look forward to hearing from you.

Gregory Roser #1398 / NJ Region AACA President
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FROM THE Editor's Desk



This month we went to BrightView in Warren where Abe treated us to pizza, and Bobbi and I got to dance with to the oldies. I really felt lonely out there; somebody else must know how to shake their thing.

Then over to Warren Haven Nursing Home for Joe & Carole's Event in Oxford.

Bobbi and I had a blast at the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade. Although we did not get to ride in the NJAACA line, we did get to say "hello" to some of our friends! Thanks to Abe, we were a part of the "Pacemakers Dance Team" and were a few groups behind the premier antique cars (Car Nuts and others followed a few groups behind us). The Pacemakers were awarded a First Place Trophy, partially due to being consistent, the dancers shirts even matched the color of the car, and all were antiques. In order to belong to the Pacemakers, you need to be at least 60 and the oldest was 83. The car is 92 and the driver (me) well over 60, so we fit right in.

Thanks to Rich Reina, we have a great story on his Alfa Romeo. If you would like to see your car in the Road Map, send an article to me at

njraacaroadmapeditor@gmail.com

This is your newsletter. Please send a short write-up, with lots of pictures and let everyone know what you have been up to.



upcoming EVENTS



NJ AAC EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2 Autumn Outing--Hunterdon Hills Playhouse; **CANCELLED**
- 6 NJAAC 758th Meeting 8:00 -10:00 PM
- 14-16: Fall Follage Tour (Lukan's); Pete Cullen & Anthony Cecala
- 15 The 11th Annual Flemington Speedway Historical Society Car Show 9 AM to 3 PM, Jerry Peck. (See Flyer in this issue)
- 22 Fall Mystery Tour; Bill Pritchett; (it's a mystery!) Meet 9:00AM at the Hampton Diner

NOVEMBER

- 3 NJAAC 759th Meeting and Old Timer's Recognition 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

DECEMBER

- 1 NJAAC 760th Meeting and Holiday Dinner 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM;

JANUARY 2023

- 8 NJ Region Awards Banquet at the Chandelier at Flanders Valley, 80 Pleasant Hill Rd, Flanders, NJ



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NATIONAL AAC EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 4-7 Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA.
Change: Flea Market set-up is Monday, Car Show is Friday
- 15 Exmore Town Park Auto Show Part VI, Exmore, Virginia. Contact Roy @ 757-442-4843,
rb55ford55@yahoo.com

5 Hershey Week Seminar

Our NJ Region member Alexander Soultanis is doing a Powerpoint Seminar about his 1944 WWII KdF-Wagen beetle Resurrection project. Where? At the AAC Library Headquarters Wednesday, Oct 5 @ 10:00AM during Hershey week. Approx 1 hour with question & answer afterwards. Please come & join us!

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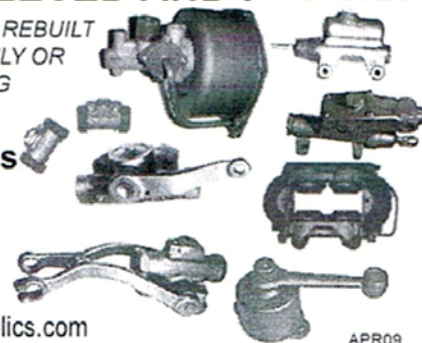
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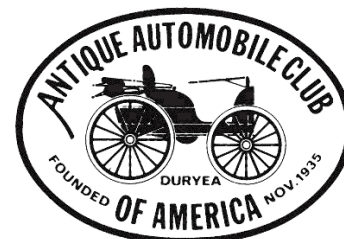


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upcoming EVENTS



LOCAL EVENTS

Cruise-In this Summer

5/10 - 10/18 Galloping Hill Cruisers Every Monday Night (except Labor Day) 5pm - 9 pm
Aviation Plaza 601 West Edgar Road (Rt 1)
Linden, NJ (See Greg Roser for add'l info)

October

1 5th Annual FOP Lodge 122 Car, Truck and Big Rig Show 350 Clark Drive, Budd Lake, NJ 07828

1 City of Burlington Police K-9 Car Show 200 High Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

1 3rd Annual American Legion Car and Truck Show 1532 Martin Avenue Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

1 St Isaac Jogues Church 25th Anniversary Car Show 349 Evesboro-Medford Road, Marlton, NJ 08053

2 Raritan River Region CLC Presents 2123 Hwy. 35, Oakhurst, NJ 07755

2 Join us on October 2nd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM for our annual car show hosted in conjunction with the Garden State Region Mustang Club. There will be food and giveaways. To be a part of the show and for registration information, please visit our website at www.gsrnc.org or contact Mike D. 201-421-0871 (8550mustang@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there! Mike DeLiberto, Event Chair #1660. (See flyer in this issue)

7 Shoppes at Old Bridge Monthly Car Show/Cruise Night 3777 Texas Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

8 Back the Blue Car Show & Motorcycle Run 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 (See flyer in this issue)

9 7th Annual Town of Newton Fall Festival & Car Show 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ 07860

9 35th Annual Corvette, Classic Car & Truck Show 600 Main St, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

15 Neshanic Station Car Show 11 Elm Street, Branchburg, NJ 08853

15 Annual Helmetta Volunteer Fire Department Main Street, Helmetta, NJ 08828

15 Flemington Speedway Historical Society 11th Annual Car Show 1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530

15 Veterans Car Show 2022 125 Union St., Lodi, NJ 07644

15 Annual Haldeman Car & Truck Show 609 Route 33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

22 Cruisin' Main Street Farmingdale NJ Car Show Main Street, Farmingdale, NJ 07727

22 First Annual Car Show: 670 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103; Art Petrides, (not a NJAACA Member) (See flyer in this issue)

22 Britfest - MGCCNJ.org All British Car Show

30 North Jersey Auto Show: Trunk or Treat Edition End of Third Street, Cresskill, NJ 07626



Youth in Our Hobby How-To

By Mary Bartemeyer
Vice President - Regions & Chapters
Website Development

We often hear talk about how young people are not interested in our hobby. I don't agree. Take a car to a Cruise-In or other venue that has people not in our hobby and watch what happens when you interact with youngsters and their parents when they encounter an older vehicle. If you put a young person in your vehicle and point out the differences you might be surprised at the reaction of not only that young person but also the parents.

Sit them in the seat and ask the following questions:

What about windows, if there are none, is it a touring car that has side curtains? Or if it does how do you roll them down? (i.e. hand crank, etc.)

Where are the seat belts?

Does it have an entertainment center? i.e. radio

Where do you plug in your computer? Doesn't have a charging port?

Is there a speedometer?

How about a gas gauge?

How fast does it go?

How many pedals are on the floor and what do they do?

Is there a horn and where do you honk it?

Once you get the kids talking and searching, watch

the expression on the parents' face. If they look interested, ask them to join the hunt. Sometimes they get jealous that their kids get the opportunity to experience the above. In the end let them take pictures. It will be a memory that could last forever and spark a new member down the road.

Better yet, take them for a ride. Whether a ride around the parking lot or a ride around the block, make it memorable.



CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman, NJ AACA Region #1238

Birthdays

11	John Griffith Jr.	25	Larry Miloscia
12	Dominick Tucci	26	Bennie Cavagnaro
14	Rita Kantor	26	Pat McGrath
17	Wayne Tuck	28	Abraham Platt
18	Lia Figorotta	30	Nicole Bernstein
21	Al Danner	30	Agnes Benson
24	John Quattrocchi	31	Ann Platt

Anniversaries

3	Charles & Penny Lynn Bates	58 years
17	Ken & Helen Jane Swan	63 years

The November Issue of the Road Map will feature the Glidden Tour

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NJ REGION AACA

Minutes September 1, 2022, #757

The 757th NJ Region AACA meeting was held in person at the Morris Plains VFW and called to order at approximately 8:00 P.M. by President Gregory Roser, who led members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests and New members in attendance: New member Jay Lavroff #1680. He owns a 1965 Plymouth Barracuda.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Bob Vella to accept the Secretary's minutes from the June meeting; Abe Platt seconded this motion, and all members in attendance were in favor with none opposed.

Correspondence, Sarah Pritchett: None.

Treasurer's Report, Tim Schimmel: A motion was made by Ray Fischer, seconded by Paul Wolfmeyer, and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report.

President's Report, Gregory Roser:

1. The October 6th Region meeting will be held in person here at Morris Plains VFW; those not attending Hershey are encouraged to attend.
2. Bob Kelly is stepping down at the end of this year as the Clothing Chairperson. Greg is combining Clothing & Accessories into one job rather than two. As we are aware, Duffy Bell stepped down earlier this year as the Accessories Chairperson. If you are interested in stepping up to this position (Clothing & Accessories), please contact Greg.
3. The By-Laws state that the Region President must appoint people to the Nominating Committee by September. This year's Nominating Committee consists of Abraham Platt, Brenda Zimmerman, and Vicki Mangulson. Thank you to these members who agreed to step up!
4. During the November meeting, as per tradition, we will be holding our "Old Timer's Night" where we recognize and honor the members who have been part of the Region for twenty years or more. Bob Smith has taken over as Chairperson for this event as Herb Singe, Jr. passed away in 2020. Vince DeLisi has agreed to step up and assist Bob with this event.
5. Officer elections for 2023 will also take place at

the November meeting, as per Region tradition. There will be a ballot attached to The Road Map for members to complete and turn in at the November meeting; all are encouraged to partake in voting. Any members interested in stepping up into an officer position are encouraged to inform either a member of the Nominating Committee or a current officer.

Activities, Paul Wolfmeyer:

1. Abe Platt is chairing a few events (please contact him if interested in attending):
 - a. September 5th South Plainfield Labor Day Parade- this is a rain or shine event, and there are activities going on all day with fireworks at night. There are fifteen cars participating, ranging from 1933-1994. Cars are to meet at 1030 A.M. The Region will be receiving a four-hundred-dollar donation for participating.
 - b. September 7th Boonton Care Center- There are currently ten cars signed up. A barbecue lunch will be served around noon. Assembly is 11:30 A.M. with the display going from 12-3 P.M.
 - c. September 11th NJ Veteran's Memorial Home Menlo Park- Assembly time is 12:30 P.M. and the display goes from 1-4 P.M. There are currently fourteen cars signed up, with half of them being NJ Region members; he would like to see more participation from this region.
 - d. September 17th Brookdale Senior Living West Orange- There are currently four cars signed up; more cars are needed. 11:30 A.M. assembly with display from 12-3 P.M.
2. September 24th Peapack show (non-point event)
3. September 25th Chester Oktoberfest in Chester, NJ- PJ Ehmann is chairing; registration form can be found in The Road Map.
4. September 25-30th Glidden Tour, hosted by our Region.
5. October 6th Next NJ Region meeting; same time, same place.
6. October 22nd Mystery Tour, Chaired by Bill

Pritchett- we will drive to an unknown location and then visit Don Mongiatore's Lake House again where we will have lunch; please bring your own lunch. See The Road Map for more information and contact Bill if interested in attending.

7. Betty Allen, new Banquet Chairperson: NJ Region Banquet & Officer's Installation will be held January 8th at the same venue as last year. More details will be provided as it draws closer.

Other activities: (please see The Road Map for additional events and information)

1. Mike Deliberto announced that the Mustang Club is hosting an Oktoberfest Show on October 2nd. All vehicles are welcome.
2. Member Alex Soultanis announced that he is giving a seminar on the restoration of his 1944 Beetle, which is the fourth prototype in existence, on Wednesday, October 5th, 10 A.M. at the AACA National Library & Research Center.
3. Abe Platt announced that the Staten Island Region AACA is hosting their 45th Annual show on Teleport Drive, and the Mid-Jersey Region AACA is hosting the last of their Friday night cruises at TK's Ice Cream.

Glidden Tour, Vince DeLisi & Jerry Peck: the tour is now 3 ½ weeks away!

1. The Tour Book is finished, and Vince has a few for members to view (but not keep). Page three announces that this tour is dedicated to Region members Ray & Judy Fischer because they have been very active within the club.
2. There are three different badges for tourists to identify who's who: red are for the helpers/volunteers to wear; blue is for the experienced Glidden Tourists; and green is for National President and Region member Wayne Tuck.
3. The issues with the freshman dinner have been changed: the Elks Lodge is the new location, and certificates will be distributed at lunch the next day.
4. AAA has provided trophies for a timed event. There are colorful papers for tourists to fill out if they're interested in partaking in this.
5. The daily Glidden Gazette will provide tourists with details of that day's tour, trouble truck information, and memories from past Glidden Tours.

6. A booklet of some type will be placed on each table at the closing banquet.

7. The Closing Banquet will be held at Wood's Edge Farm; non-tourists can attend at a cost. Please contact Vince or Jerry if interested in attending.

8. Bill Pritchett will put out an email blast stating Vince & Jerry are looking for volunteers to assist with parking, the hospitality room, and in general during the week and the end of the tour. Contact Jerry Peck if you are interested in helping out.

9. Dan Ungar will be photographer, with assistance from a few others; they will be placed at certain spots throughout the tour to capture tourists' experiences.

10. Plainsboro Police Dept. will provide uniformed officers and a patrol car each night from 11 P.M.- 6 A.M. to monitor the hotel parking lots; the cost is five thousand dollars, but money well-spent!

Fall Foliage Tour/Lukan's Farm Resort, Pete Cullen: This event will take place October 14-16th and is currently sold out right now. Anyone can attend the tour on Friday- just let Pete know ahead of time.

1. 10/14 Friday: meet at Blairstown Diner on Rt. 94 and drive to Lakota Wolf Preserve; tickets need to be purchased in advance, so Pete will do that, and tourists will reimburse him. After the preserve, participants will travel to a restoration shop for Franklins, eat lunch in Milford, and drive to Lukan's in Hawley, PA.

2. 10/15 Saturday: up in the air; possibilities include Houdini Museum, and/or coal mine tour, maybe the train ride if it's running.

Road Map Editor, Dick Bettel: Nothing new; looking for feature cars and their stories.

Membership, Bill Pritchett: Bill will be stepping down at the end of the year as the Membership Chairman due to family obligations. He has served in this position for over twenty years.

1. Another person joined the Region via the website. No other information provided at this time.

Webmaster/social media, Leif Mangulson: No report, as Leif was absent.

Participation Points, Vince DeLisi: No report.

Welcoming Committee, Denise Tuck: No report.

Sunshine Report, Sarah Pritchett:

1. Bob Hudak's father passed away
2. Al Danner fell and had a double hip replacement; he is currently in rehab and will hopefully be home soon. Anyone wishing to talk to him can call his cell phone.
3. Amy Leonard passed away last week; a \$50 donation check will be sent in her name to the National AACA Library & Research Center.
4. LeRoy Gearhart has a urinary tract infection, on top of his ongoing health issues. He will be undergoing a procedure next week; he is not doing well.

Refreshments, John Pieczynski: The following members brought treats for all: John Pieczynski, Gayle Stroh, Greg Roser, Jan Eyerman, Richard Reina, Dick Bettel, Rob Grub, Jr., Carole Durna, Alex Soultanis, Vince DeLisi, and Judy Fischer. Thank you all for the delicious treats!

Watchung Mountain Chapter, George Ernst: There is no report as George was absent.

Government Liaison & Safety, Bob Hedderick: No report.

Archivist, Matt Verzi: No report, as Matt was absent.

1. A NJ Region commemorative plate was given for archives; it was from Bernie Cooney's collection.
2. A copy of the Glidden Tour book was also submitted for archives.

Properties, Art Briggs: No report.

Clothing & Accessories, Bob Kelly: No report as Bob was absent. Greg reminded the members that this position will be combined with Accessories and will need a new chairperson. If interested, please contact an officer.

Badge Fines, John Quattrocchi: Badge fines were not collected due to John's absence.

Old Business: None to report.

New Business: NJ REGION AACA

1. Wayne Tuck presented longtime member Bob Smith with the Extra Mile pin for all he has done for the club. Congratulations, Bob!
2. Jerry Peck, Awards Chairperson: Anyone who has a Region trophy from our Spring Meet

must return them the next meeting; you will receive a silver plate in return commemorating your win from the meet.

Items for Sale or Wanted:

1. Barry has items from Bernie's collection, for free: plaques and hubcaps for 1941-48.
2. Jan Eyerman has magazines from the 50's for free.

50/50, Bob Smith: Congratulations to our winners Rick Wagstaff and Bob Hedderick!

Adjournment: 8:54 P.M.

Next meeting: October 6th at Morris Plains VFW

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pritchett #1504S, Secretary



Bob Smith paying off Wayne Tuck for his "Making a Difference" award!

Old Timers' Night will be held at our November 3rd regular meeting at the Morris Plains VFW. Members of 20 years or more will be recognized and honored and are encouraged to attend. Bob Smith will be chairing the event, with the assistance of Vince DeLisi

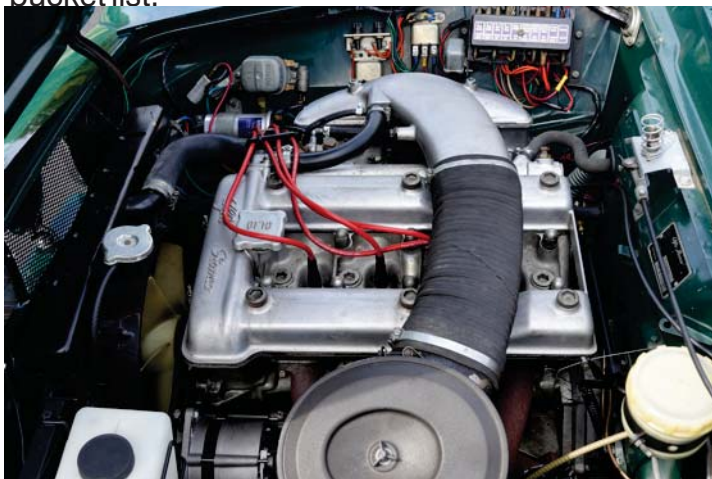
(Note: This is also our election meeting.)

RICHARD REINA'S 1967 ALFA ROMEO GT 1300 JUNIOR



Alfa Romeo is an Italian automobile manufacturer founded in Milan, Italy in 1910. Before World War II, Alfa had great success in racing, and road cars were sold in limited numbers. (Enzo Ferrari ran an Alfa racing team before he started his own company.) It was after World War II when volume production of sedans, coupes, and convertibles started. U.S. imports began in the 1950's, and the brand's popularity in the U.S. peaked during the 1970s and '80s. The company left the U.S. market in 1994, and didn't make a significant effort to re-enter it until the 2017 Giulia sport sedan, followed by the 2018 Stelvio SUV.

Alfa's best-known model is probably the Spider (convertible), sold here from 1966 through 1994 (many know it as Dustin Hoffman's car in the movie *The Graduate*). My favorite is the Giulia coupe, produced from 1963 to 1977 and sold under a variety of model names. This Bertone-designed two-door (actually penned by the famous Giorgetto Giugiaro) was sold in the U.S. as the GTV. I've admired these Alfa sport coupes from a young age and ownership of one had long been on my bucket list.

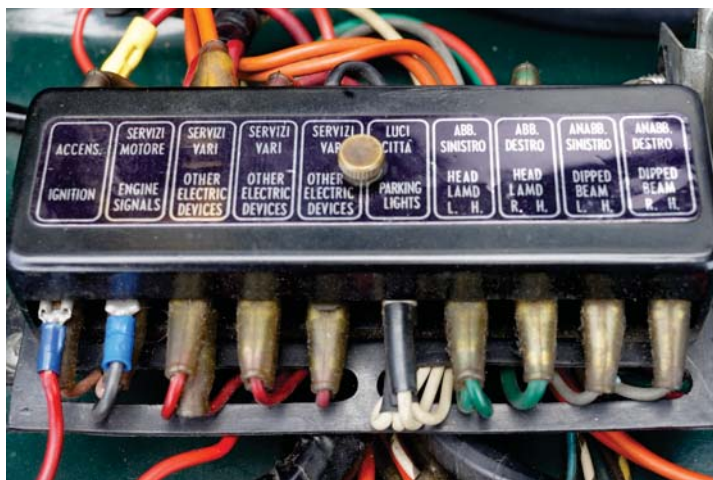


In 2005, one of my wife's friends introduced me to her father with the words "you both like cars, so you two would get along well". Pete is about 20 years older than I, and we hit it off right away. We first met at a party in NJ, during which he invited me to his home near Gettysburg, PA. A few weeks later, we made the trip.

I was aware Pete had a small collection, but I didn't know what was in it. Upon our arrival, I spotted a gorgeous green Alfa Romeo coupe on the front lawn. As Pete showed me his 1931 DeSoto sedan and 1936 Oldsmobile convertible, I couldn't take my eyes off that Alfa. Finally I blurted out, "Pete, sell me that car!" to which he replied, "no!". However, he did give me the opportunity to drive the Alfa (along with the DeSoto), and my stint behind the wheel of that Italian gem only increased my desire for it.



During this visit, I got the brief backstory. In 1968, while living in suburban Washington D.C., he answered a newspaper ad for a used '67 Alfa Romeo. The seller was a government employee who had just returned from Germany with the car, which he purchased new there. He had enjoyed it for a while but was ready to sell. It was a German-spec car, a "1300 Junior" with a smaller 1.3L engine, compared to the 1.6L engine in the U.S.-spec cars. Pete bought the car, drove it as his occasional daily driver for a few years, then mothballed it for 20 years while he worked on his career and raised his family. When he retired around 2000, he got the car going again and entered it in AACA shows where it earned its HPOF award. During his last 10 years of ownership, he added about 3,000 miles to the clock.



After my initial visit to his home, Pete and I became closer friends. It was usually I who made the trip out to see him, as he wanted my help with repairs to his fleet of both newer and older cars. At each visit, he would say “let’s take the Alfa for a ride”, and so we would, with me behind the wheel. And each time, I’d ask about selling me the car, but the answer was always the same.

After seven long years of this, in 2012, Pete’s response changed. He sent me an email which said, “I’ve had many offers for the Alfa, but if I am to sell it, I would rather sell it to you”. But first, I needed to unload something in my own collection to free up garage space and some cash. In the fall of 2012, I sold my 1968 Mustang California Special in the Car Corral at Hershey. But by this time, winter was setting in, and Pete wanted to wait until spring. He said that he would keep to his word, and I trusted him.



In March of 2013, Pete and I consummated the deal. We used Reliable Carriers to ship the car from Pete’s house to mine, and on a bright, crisp March day, I became the proud owner of my first Alfa Romeo. Pete, meticulous as ever, shipped the car

with a box full of papers in the trunk. In reverse chronological order was a copy of every piece of documentation he compiled during his 45 years of ownership. At the very bottom of the pile was a photocopy of a 1968 Maryland registration made out to “Frank Ayers”. I Googled the name and sadly came up with his obituary. However, the obit was written by his son, with an email address listed, so I emailed the son, complete with an image of the 1968 registration and a photo of me next to the Alfa. Frankly, I was not expecting a response at all, or perhaps, a reply like “I wasn’t alive when my dad had the car”.



Two days later came the reply. The son wrote, “you didn’t make my day; you made my week!”. He told me that he was a 10-year-old living with his family in Germany when he went with his dad to the Alfa dealer in Frankfurt. They bought the car, and the son remembered riding on the Autobahn in it. Then came the bombshell: his dad was a government employee all right, working for the CIA! He said that none of his siblings knew this truth about their dad until years later. He said his dad never kept any of his cars for long, so it was not a surprise when he sold it soon after their return to the States. This news confirmed that I am the 3rd documented owner of this car.

I bought the Alfa to drive it, and from the moment I’ve taken possession, that’s what I’ve done. In my 9 years of ownership, I’ve put over 12,000 miles on the car, or 4 times as much mileage as Pete did during his final 10 years with it. It has been incredibly reliable, proven by the lengthy trips I’ve taken in it. I’ve rallied it in the New England 1000 classic car rally in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2018; it has been at the Greenwich Concours



twice; it was part of a class of Alfas at the Hemmings Annual Concours; during the winter of 2016-2017 it was part of a display of Italian automobiles inside the AACA Museum; and we drove it to Montreal in 2017 to participate in the AROC (Alfa Romeo Owners Club) Annual Convention. It's been a regular at NJ AACA events as well, and has been recognized several times for



its all-original condition. It has absolutely no body rust, and wears mostly original paint as well as an all-original interior. Most maintenance and routine repair work has been done by me, including tune-ups, brakes, belts & hoses, carburetor overhaul, tires, and valve adjustments. It's also gotten a new battery and alternator.

For a mid-priced 1960's Italian car, it's an



engineering marvel. Factory features include an all-aluminum block and head, wet cylinder liners, hemispherical combustion chambers, dual overhead chain-driven camshafts, dual Weber carbs, 5-speed transmission, 4-wheel disc brakes, and full instrumentation. The 1300cc engine only puts out 90 HP, but only has to push 2,000 lb., and revs freely to its 6,200 RPM redline. All the controls are light to the touch and it's a joy to drive. I look for every opportunity to take it out on the road, whether with the AACA, the AROC, or with my own group of friends who enjoy taking our old cars out on weekend breakfast runs.



Lukan's Farm Resort Hawley, PA

October 14-16, 2022: This year's annual **"Fall Foliage Tour"**, featuring a stay and four meals at Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley, PA is again scheduled for the weekend after Hershey. At this writing, all 11 rooms are spoken for, and Lukan's is completely booked. As Lukan's other rooms may have a cancellation, we are setting up "standby" for the weekend stay. We are in the process of finalizing the tour stops for Friday and Saturday, so if you wish to join us at the first tourist stop on Friday, the first day of the tour, please drop me an email at oldcarz57@aol.com so I can add you to the excursion. We are looking forward to another interesting, if not relaxing, fall weekend with our fellow Region members!

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Fall Foliage Tour Co-Masters

THE 11th ANNUAL FLEMINGTON SPEEDWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S CAR SHOW

Saturday October 15, 9am to 3pm

Many members of the New Jersey Region have attended this event in the past, which boasts nearly 1,000 cars in attendance each year. Its management has agreed to provide our region with its own designated parking area, so that we can enjoy one another's cars and company. At the same time, we take full advantage of our region's impressive display booth and the many recruiting "tools" at our disposal to sign up new members. We've been very successful in accomplishing that important objective.

The event boasts many varied two and four-wheeled antique vehicles including motorcycles and racing cars and a few interesting vehicles that defy description. Also, there are many food and beverage vendors and thousands of visitors who flock to this event year after year.

There's nothing better than attending a car show on a cool, brisk fall day. So, bring your antique vehicle and enjoy yourself in one of the very last, major car shows, before the long winter sets in. The fee for attending is \$15.00 and all

proceeds are donated to the Flemington Speedway Historical Society.

Please contact Jerry Peck, if you've further questions. He can be reached at:
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02:00pm Awards Presentation
03:00pm Car Show Ends

*As a courtesy to your spectators, fellow participants and vendors, exhibitors are encouraged to arrive on time and display through at least 2:00pm

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in Grange Building

? FALL MYSTERY TOUR ?

Bill Pritchett; (it's a mystery!)
October 22 (Rain or Shine)

On Saturday, October 22, rev up your engines because we will be off on another adventure. This will be an indoor venue so you do not need to worry about the weather. This time of year should be great for leaf watching. Make sure you have a full tank of gas as we will be driving through the countryside. This year's clue is "last minute again". Bring some cash with you to pay the admission (\$10 or under TBD).

We will meet at the Hampton Diner, 36 Hampton House Rd (Route 206 N), Newton, NJ

07860 (973-383-1550) and leave around 10:00 am.

After a drive through the country to our destination, we will be going to my friend's house on the lake for lunch. Please bring your lunch and your chairs to sit on his spacious deck. Some of you may have been there previously. The lake has been drained and refilled so the water will not be the same as your last time there. You will be able to purchase food if you do not want to bring a lunch. In case of rain, his house will accommodate 60 people so come join us.

If you have any questions, please call me at 908-534-9069. Day of tour please call me on my cell phone at 908-581-0411.

Directions: The Hampton Diner is about 13 miles north on Route 206 from I-80, exit 25. It is about 1/2 mile on the right side after you pass ShopRite.

Bill Pritchett (NJACA #963) Event Chair



Steering, Part 1

October 2022

As was the case with most technical developments of the first motor cars, automotive steering systems did not start out with “the single best design” right from the start. For example, many early automobiles used a tiller or lever to change the directional angle of the front wheels, although steering wheels were used as well (levers, aka handlebars were used on bicycles, and wheels were already in use on ships). Look at the Duryea on the AACA logo for an image of an early vehicle with a tiller. Tillers quickly fell out of fashion, though, and this story, from the article “Of dreamers and speedsters: Great tales from the great auto races”, published in *Automotive News* in 1985, offers one explanation why:

“In 1898 ... the first auto-racing fatalities occurred.... A competitor named de Montariol in a Benz-powered Parisienne was passed by the Marquis de Montaignac in a faster and heavier Landry et Beyroux. Montaignac turned to wave to Montariol as he passed and, unfortunately, moved the steering lever when he turned. His car hit the Parisienne. Montariol's car skidded off the road, hit an embankment and overturned, pinning the riding mechanic. Montaignac heard the noise, turned to look, and his car swerved off the road and overturned, fatally injuring Montaignac and his mechanic. The accident ... proved how impractical the steering lever was.”



Similarly, there was no early consensus in deciding whether the steering wheel should be located on the left side or right side. At first, most horseless carriages put the wheel (and the driver of course) on the right. While history offers no conclusive evidence why, the article “On the Right Side of the Road”, from the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration, suggests one reason:

“... Roadside ditches also led to a growing tendency in the United States in the late nineteenth century for drivers of light horse-drawn vehicles to both drive on the right and sit on the right to avoid the greater evil of the ditch.... When inventors began building “automobiles” in the 1890's, they thought of them as motorized wagons. As a result, many early cars had the steering mechanism - a rudder (or tiller), not a wheel - in the center position where the side of the road didn't make any difference. However, with the introduction of the steering wheel in 1898, a central location was no longer technically possible. Car makers usually copied existing practice and placed the driver on the curbside. Thus, most American cars produced before 1910 were made with right-side driver seating, although intended for right-side driving. Such vehicles remained in common use until 1915, and the 1908 Model T was the first of Ford's cars to feature a left-side driving position. By 1915, the Model T had become so popular that the rest of the automakers followed Ford's lead.”



The earliest cars, with their solid rubber tires and limited speeds, were mainly concerned with simply being able to change direction. As road conditions improved and horsepower grew, vehicle speeds increased, and the engineering that went into steering systems became more demanding. Vehicular steering system design

starts with the requirement that it be easy and safe to use. From there, the technical demands grow. It must have low turning effort; it must dampen jolts from road imperfections; it must accurately respond to minute corrections from driver input; it must have limited freeplay; it must allow the two front wheels to turn within two different diameter circles (which employs something known as the Ackermann angle); and it must allow the front wheels to return to a straight-ahead position with minimal or no driver input.



An example of a very early steering linkage

The steering wheel is connected to a column which is positioned at an angle toward the front wheels. There, using some combination of linkages, it reacts with various levers and rods to pivot both front wheels around their vertical axis. The need to reduce friction at the rotating members has always been a critical part of steering design. Solutions such as worm-and-sector and screw-and-nut systems were employed. Because of the number of linkages used, it was difficult to completely remove freeplay from these systems. Wear in various moving parts only caused freeplay to increase. It would be some time before a more direct system such as rack-and-pinion would be employed, providing a tremendous improvement in steering accuracy.



This 1930's era steering column connects to a steering box in the engine compartment

Power steering did not see widespread use on passenger cars until the early 1950s. Steering systems have continued to evolve: tilt-and-telescope designs; collapsible columns; electric power steering; and "drive-by-wire" steering have all come about in recent decades. This initial article on steering is intended to be an overview. Future Repair Ramblings will discuss some of what has been mentioned above (Ackermann angle, rack-and-pinion, and more). Future articles will also cover some basic maintenance and repair work that the DIYer can perform on her/his own vehicle.

Next month: Steering systems Part 2

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BrightView Senior Living at Warren

On Sunday, August 21, 2022, we conducted our fourth Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the residents, family, and staff of the BrightView Senior Living facility of Warren, NJ. We were met on our arrival by Gayla Zieser, the Vibrant Living Director. Staff members were setting up tents to protect this area and for the entertainer's set-up. Many chairs were set up under the portico to listen to the entertainers. The day was warm and overcast with temperatures on the mid- to high 80's. Thank goodness for the cooling breezes. Again, this year the residents, staff, and car hobbyists were entertained by vocalist Manny and his wife of 50-years. Both were excellent vocalists and performers.



Manny the Entertainer and his wife



Abe and Ann with Cat Woman (Vanessa)



Cat Woman and the Bat Mobile

Twenty-Nine members of the NJ Region AACA, Galloping Hill Cruisers Car Club, Central Jersey Military Motor Pool (CJMMP), and guests brought twenty-one antique, classic, and military vehicles to participate in a three-hour Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the residents, family members, and staff of the BrightView at Warren. The antique vehicle enthusiasts included the following NJ Region members: Bob Abbott with his 1915 Ford Model T touring; Dick and Bobbi Bettel with their 1930 Ford Model A; Barry Rosenberg with his 1953 Series 62 Cadillac; Bill and Gayle Stroh with their 1956 Olds Holiday 88; Bob Rankin with his 1963 Cadillac Coupe; Rick and Carol Weingart with their 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass; Brian and Sarah Pritchett with their 1968 Ford Mustang Fastback; Roy Hardgrove with his 1976 Lincoln Mark IV; John and Pat Quattrocchi with their 1977 Cadillac Sedan DeVille; and Abraham & Ann Platt with their 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition. Guests included: Eugene Murin with his 1948 Mercury Eight Coupe; Duke Matero with his 1953 Ford F-100 pick-up; John J. Corigliano, Jr. with his 1958 Chevrolet Impala; Daren McCann with his 1962 Lincoln Continental; Paul M. Ritz, Jr. with his 1966 Batmobile and Vanessa (AKA Cat Woman); Nelson Rosado with his 1967 Toyota Corona; and Tom Petrusko with his 2008 Ford Shelby Mustang GT. CJMMP members included: Russell Balliet with his 1943 Ford GPW (WWII era); Scott Osborne with his 1952 Willys M35 (Korean War era) and passenger Paul Zelenski whose vehicle broke down; Dale Stover with his 1971 Ford M151A2 MUTT (Vietnam War era); and Anthony Mayer with his 1994 Humvee M998 (desert wars).



Some of our vehicles, participants, and residents



Our vehicles being admired by the residents, family members, staff and our hobbyists



1956 Olds 88, 1930 Model A, and 1976 Mark IV



1967 Cutlass, 1963 Cadillac, 1962 Lincoln, 1967 Toyota and 1963 Cadillac

A boxed lunch was to be provided to all of the participants; however, due to a misunderstanding, no lunches were provided by the BrightView. As the kitchen staff was already cleaning up to prepare for dinner service, I stepped in and ordered enough pizza pies to be delivered from Brothers Pizza in Green Brook for everyone to have at least two slices of pizza. Refreshments were provided by the BrightView.



Our CJMMP friends, Dale, Anthony, and Scott



Bobbi, Dick, Carol, and Rick enjoying the shade



Bob, Gayle, Bill, and Daren enjoying each other's company



Brian, John, and Pat



This family enjoyed Duke's pick-up. That's Bob and Duke in the background.

Gayla said that she and the residents loved having us at the BrightView and told me we are always welcome to stop by. She told me a donation check would be sent to the Region within days and that I would be reimbursed for the pizzas. We will be discussing our fifth antique car display for next year in the coming months.

Please see the following websites to see additional pictures of this event:

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Article and Photographs respectfully submitted by.
 Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

Boonton Care Center (Fallview Rehabilitation & Nursing)



Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition, Dick's 1930 Model A Ford, and Manny's 1956 Cadillac Coupe deVille

Due to rain predicted for the schedule date of Wednesday, September 7, 2022, this event was re-scheduled for the Rain Date. Wednesday, September 14, 2022, was a beautifully sunny and warm day with slight breezes which made this venue a pleasant location for an antique automobile enjoyment event. Ann and I drove north on Route I-287, exiting onto Main Street and headed west towards Powerville Road. As we turned onto Powerville, we saw Sam's Ford Crestliner heading the wrong way, so I called him



Manny's 1956 Cadillac Coupe deVille, Paul's 1953 Plymouth Belvedere, and Sam's 1950 Ford Crestliner

Bettle with his 1930 Model A Ford; Walter and Veronica Lacz with their 1936 Packard 120; John Cirrito with his 1948 Pontiac Silver Streak; Sam James with his 1950 Ford Crestliner; Paul Wolfmeyer with his 1953 Plymouth Belvedere; Manny Rein with his 1956 Cadillac Coupe deVille; Abe and Ann Platt with their 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition; and Greg Roser with his 1992 Mercedes Benz 500 SL convertible.



Dick and Greg about to be run over



View from the portico, our cars and some of the residents and staff

and told him to turn around and head north onto Powerville. When Ann and I reached our destination, we set ourselves up to sign-in members as they arrived and reached out to Ms. Trish Wilz the Director of Recreation at the Boonton Car Center. Our arrival/assembly time was scheduled for around 11:30 AM and as our participants arrived, we assembled them in our designated parking area, which was located at the front of the facility. The car display was scheduled from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM. The NJ Region members participating included the following: Dick

At around 12:30, Trish informed us that the BBQ lunch was ready for us to enjoy, which we did. I spoke to Chris, the chef, and told him how much we enjoyed his presentation and food selection. His cucumber and onion salad was just like my mother's and I really enjoyed it. In the meantime, the residents had their lunch after which they proceeded to come down to the display area and enjoy our antiques. The residents and some of



John's 1948 Pontiac, Walt and Ronnie's 1936 Packard, and Greg with his 1992 Mercedes as residents and staff started to come down after their lunch



More residents and staff joining us after their lunch

their family members, and the staff enjoyed our presentation of antique vehicles and asked many questions, made tons of comments, and told us stories of their past experiences. Several members of the staff posed for numerous pictures with the toy Tommy Gun and Chauffer's hat,



Several residents and staff posed with the chauffeur's hat and Tommy Gun

provided by Walt. Several of the female staff members posed for group pictures in front of the Model A and one even got to sit in the rumble seat.



The female staff members loved Dick's Model A



One of the staff members in the rumble seat

Many residents had their pictures taken in front of their favorite car(s). Ann even got her wish to sit in the Mercedes and have her picture taken. See the



Ann in the driver's seat of Greg's 1992 Mercedes

pictures in the referenced photo albums. The flow of residents and staff continued for more than two hours and made for a very enjoyable afternoon.

When we were ready to leave, Trish handed me a check as a donation for our participation and asked me to reach out to her to do this again at a future date, to which I replied and said I would. Trish in an email the following day said that she and the residents loved having us and looked forward to a return visit.

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Article and Photographs respectfully submitted by. "Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524



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The Savinos have a 1967 Cadillac Deville Convertible. He also listed some of his interests. I am a NYS hunting instructor. I am also a NRA Certified pistol, rifle and shotgun safety instructor. I am a member of the NCRS and was training to be a Judge with them. I enjoy repairing any thing I can find to fix.

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Anniversaries/Birthdays

With all the changes due to Covid and other interferences, I would like to update the records for all members who would like to have either their birthday and/or wedding anniversaries in the Road Map. I only need the date of the birthday, month and day. For the anniversary, please give me the date and year.

Thank you,

Bill Pritchett NJAACA #963 908-534-9069

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1946 or 1947 Mercury Eight, a 2-door model is preferred but will consider 4-door models. I am looking for any or all of the deluxe features: bumpers, bumperettes, grill guard, trunk guard, fog lights, fender skirts, sun visor, etc. Looking for a stock car but will consider a resto-mod that the body has not been customized. Please call me at 732-752-6341 or email me a picture or two at abeplatt@aol.com.

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A pile of books six and a half inches high for sale

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1978 Cadillac Coupe DeVille

Looking to sell a 1978 Cadillac Coupe DeVille. Every panel needs work. Cloth interior is in good condition, no tears or stains. Had been maintained, engine, brakes and tranny are good. Runs well for its age and use.

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My dad built and opened a Tydol gas station in Middlesex NJ in the 1950s, I have the 7up soda machine, and full quarts of motor from that time, looking for someone interested to purchase items because the items were also a part of the cars at that time. Please let members know I have items they might be interested in. Thanks, I can send pictures if needed.

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