

Rob Smith

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NEXT MEETING

The March (763rd) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at our **new TIME**:

American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street, Lincoln Park, NJ 7130 PM March 2nd 2023

Annual Membership

Dues are seriously overdue!

If you have not already sent in your check, please do so as soon as possible. Any questions, contact Bill Pritchett 908-534-9069 or njaaca@gmail.com

Officers

Watchung Mountain Chapter

President:	. George Ernst
Vice Pres:	Robert Cacchio
Secretary:	Evelyn Ernst

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AACA Liaison Bob Hedderick
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Awards Jerry Peck
By Laws Art Briggs
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Participation Points Vince DeLisi
Refreshments John Pieczynski
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Spring Meet Peter Cullen Jr.
Sunshine Sarah Pritchett
Tour Fall Foliage Peter Cullen Jr.
Tour Fall Mystery Bill Pritchett
Welcoming Denise Tuck
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Editor: Dick Bettle

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A Message from the President

TENSEY PEOOD

We successfully transitioned to our new meeting location at American Legion Post 279,

133 Main, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035: I think the facility will work fine. We did change the meeting time to 7:30 PM, so make a note of that. This will enable folks to get home a bit earlier. We reviewed and approved the budget so you know how we receive and spend our funds. We also approved a donation to the AACA Library Fund which I presented at the AACA Annual Convention this past month. And we're moving forward with short programs (to begin probably in June) and Hybrid meeting capability on ZOOM. For the latter, we need to determine and acquire equipment so implementation will probably be in the fall.

On the Annual Convention, it was a pleasure to see Brenda Zimmerman receive the Fiala award for her spirit and service to the AACA. And our Region received the Augustus Post Memorial Plaque for the Glidden Tour, accepted by Vince DeLisi. Congratulations to Wayne Tuck on receiving the Founders Award for his leadership as AACA National President 2022. The "Discontinued Factory High Performance Award" in memory of Herb Singe was unveiled and presented for the first time. Our members funded this national recurring award, a wonderful tribute to Herb. And the list goes on! Dick Bettle received a Master Editor Award and Leif Magnulson received a Master Webmaster Award. Congratulations!!

Your Board of Directors met again on February 17th. Among other things, we worked on Bylaw changes. It's a tedious job, but we need to do it to get the Bylaws consistent with how we operate, to continue to permit electronic meetings, and to be in agreement with recommended bylaws for regions from the national. We will be transmitting the proposed changes to you, targeting the April meeting for formal membership consideration. I think they are straight-forward but, again, need to be done.

Pete is working on a new Spring Show location. Yes, it's time to begin planning out what each member can do in volunteering for the show, and to think through what we need to do to get our car(s) ready to show.

One more thing: I am looking for a complete list of the "founding members" of our region. Past directories only show "active" founding members. Can someone provide a complete list?

Thanks. Spring is coming (I hope),

Paul Wolfmeyer, #1345 201-404-6914

From the Editor's Desk



Well, the 2023 AACA Annual Meet is over. Art Briggs and I drove down together. Art said something about not fitting all of his luggage in the rumble seat, so we drove the 380 miles in my Subaru. Bobbi packed a picnic lunch for us both, and we made it down there in plenty of time to register at the hotel, and make the Friday night dinner.

Many of our NJ Region members were there. I'm afraid to start naming names because I'm sure to miss somebody. On Friday, I attended the seminar "Let's Talk Newsletters!" by Phillip Cole, the VP of Publications where I got to meet quite a few other newsletter editors. Art seems to know everybody, and introduced me to most of them! Exchanging information and ideas was the highlight of my day. Following the morning seminars, the First Lady's Luncheon was hosted by our own Denise Tuck. The evening dinner, hosted by the Regions, was followed by a Comedy and Illusion show.

Saturday I went to the seminar "Everything Electrical: Charging, Starters, 6 to 12 Volt Conversions, Batteries, Etc." given by Scott Deno, Howard King & Jim Cross. Considering that I am an electrical engineer, none of the seminar was over my head!

At the awards banquet, Brenda Zimmerman received the "Fiala Old Faithful Award" given to her for her spirit, service, and enthusiasm through the years; Wayne Tuck received "The Founders Award" and Vince accepted an award on behalf of NJ Region for the Glidden Tour. Leif was again awarded the Master Webmaster and I received my first Master Editor award. It was extra nice as President Wayne Tuck awarded our trophies.

I had never been to the National Meet before. I am a fairly new member of the AACA & NJAACA, and COVID reared its ugly head just after I joined. I am so glad I got to attend this one. From the seminars to meeting new people and being with old friends, I had a great time. Think I may do it again next year!

If you enjoy looking at the article(s) on member's cars, send me something about yours. I don't care if the article is short. Abe has volunteered to take pictures, and I can also. We would like to see your car in the Road Map, and hear a little about its story. Send an article to me at njraacaroadmapeditor@gmail.com and let everyone know what you have been up to.

We are now seriously into the planning and preparation stages for our Annual Spring Meet in May. As always, we need everyone's help to spread out the workload to make it an easy successful event. Let Pete know what you can do to help.

Dick Bettle, Editor NJAACA #1614



A Message from the Vice President

I would like to take this opportunity to mention a couple items of interest. The first is that at the February meeting our Editor, Dick Bettle, presented us with the new NJ Region tri-fold brochure, which has our Region logo prominently displayed on the front cover of the brochure. This is a great tool for advertising the NJ Region and for getting individuals interested in joining the AACA and the NJ Region. At the same meeting, Wayne Tuck indicated that the AACA also has a Region tri-fold, so two-hundred were ordered. Both tri-fold brochures will be available at every monthly meeting. For those members that cannot make the monthly meeting, please reach out to me, and I will mail you as many as you need.

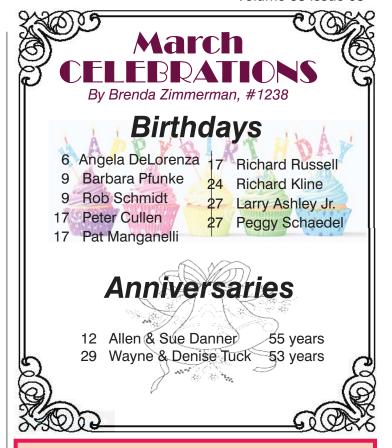
Several Region members have been on Lunch/Brunch Cruises lately. These are fun and easy events to chair. Pick an eatery at a scenic location or along or at the end of a scenic drive. Determine if the eatery can handle a group as large as say, thirty people showing up at the same time and that the location has sufficient off-street parking for a group of twelve to twenty or more show cars. Pick a convenient meeting location and start time to allow for a 60 to 90 minute drive to reach the eatery. Discuss your plans with the eatery owner/manager and confirm a date with them for your event.

Another activity our members can set up is arranging a trip to a private automobile or other interesting collection for the membership to enjoy. Several members of the Region have set up such trips over the past several years. Please consider setting up a trip to one of the private automobile or interesting collections you are aware of. A two-hour drive is not too far to go to see an interesting collection that you will spend 2 to 4 hours viewing. I am sure the Region members will enjoy the visits.

For those that are interested in setting up a tour of the AACA Library, please contact Amoi Goldman at AGoldman@AACA.org.

This is your club, and your participation is what it takes to make it successful.

Abraham "Abe" Platt, NJ Region #1524 (732) 752-6341, abeplatt@aol.com



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

njaaca@gmail.com

Appeal for the whereabouts of NJ Region AACA Equipment

If anyone is in possession of any NJ Region Equipment, please either respond to this message to inform me of the equipment you are in possession of or return the equipment to me at the March 2nd Region Meeting at the Lincoln Park American Legion.

Rich Reina and I will be attempting to create a written inventory of the equipment that he passed to me when I took over as Equipment Chairman from him last year.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Art Briggs #1469 (973) 493-6973 or red sebring@hotmail.com





NJ AACA EVENTS

March

2 7:30 NJ Region AACA 763rd meeting American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ.

April

- 7:30 NJ Region AACA 764th meeting American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ.
- 29 Ice Cream Social @ The Dairy Queen, 231 NJ Rte 31, Washington, NJ. Bill Pritchett and Marc Bernstein, co-chairs
- 30 Judging Seminar: 274 Hillside Ave., Flanders NJ. Ed Gellar, Chair

May

- 4 7:30 NJ Region AACA 765th meeting American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ
- 7 NJ Region AACA Spring Car Show.Nielsen Dodge 175 NJ-10, East Hanover, NJ, Pete Cullen Chairman: Please note the new location
- 17 Autumn Lake Healthcare 35 Cottage Street Berkley Heights, NJ, Abraham Platt, Chair
- 27 Hillsborough Memorial Day weekend Parade, 5 Wesley Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Bob Hudak, Chair
- 29 Readington Township Memorial Day Parade, Rte 523 and Rte 22. Richard Sheola, Chair
- 29 Madison Memorial Day Parade, Kings Rd (at RR Station East), Madison, NJ, Bob Smith, Chair

June

1 7:30 NJ Region AACA 766th meeting American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ

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

NATIONAL AACA EVENTS

April

- 13-15 Southeastern Spring Nationals: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC AACA Hornets Nest Region
- 30-May 3 Southeastern Divisional Tour, Oak Ridge, TN, E. Tennessee Region

May

18-20 Eastern Spring Nationals, Gettysburg, PA, Gettysburg Region.

June

25-28 Eastern Divisional Tour, Denver (Hershey), PA, Sponsor: AACA Library

July

- 16-22 Founders Tour, Ontario & Quebec, Ontario Region
- 26-29 Special Eastern Summer Nationals, Norwich, NY, Rolling Antiquers Region/ Old Car Club Norwich Region

August

- 10-12 Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, Iowa, Mississippi Valley Region
- 16-18 2023 AACA Vintage Tour, Aroostook County, Maine, AACA Maine Region

September

25 2023 AACA Western Divisional Tour. Location:
 California Central Coast, Santa Ynez Valley
 Sponsor: AACA Santa Barbara Region

October

- 3-6 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Flea Market set-up is Monday; Show date is Friday.
- 22-27 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre1943), Thomasville, Georgia—VMCCA hosted





OTHER AACA EVENTS

March

- 5 Hamburg Swap Meet 2023 For more details and registration, contact: Lester Manwiller 610-823-4656 (See Flyer in this Newsletter)
- 48th Collector Car Swap Meet, West Friendship,MD. Chesapeake Region
- 11 25th Annual Automobile Swap Meet, Suffolk, VA, Tidewater Region
- 18 Indian River Region AACA 44th Annual Antique Auto Show. Riverside Park, Vero Beach, FL For additional information, contact Bill Maule at (772) 584-1842 / http://indianriver.aaca.com
- 18 Annual Celebration of Cars, Melbourne, FL Cape Canaveral Region, contact Walt Kostrzewa (321)543-1207
- 23 16th Annual Spring Dust-Off Car Show & Swap Meet. Commons Café, 2 Teleport Drive, off of South Avenue, Staten Island, NY. Staten Island Region (SIRAACA)
- 24-25 54th Parts and Swap Meet, Westminster, MD Sugarloaf Mtn Region, contact Jack Gallagher @ (301) 674-5431
- 26 33rd Annual Car Show, Venice FL Venice Region, contact Jack McKean @ (919) 413-5678. or VeniceAACA.com

June

24 Pre-War at Historic Walnford, 10 am - 2 pm. Stock or modified pre-war vehicle @ Historic Walnford,
62 Walnford Rd., Upper Freehold, NJ No Entry Fee; No Judging (Mid Jersey Region

Schedule a Tour of AACA National Headquarters & Library Research Center - contact Amoi Goldman, AACA Reference Librarian & Outreach Coordinator, at 717-534-2082 or agoldman@aaca.org.

AREA EVENTS

April

- 7 16 New York International Auto Show 2023, Javits Center, 429 11th Ave, New York, NY https://rove.me/to/new-york/new-york-international-auto-show
- 8 Autotopia USA x Elite Tuner indoor Show NJ, 97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ 08837-3842
- April 14-16, 2023: Spring Englishtown Swap Meet & Auto Show Gates Open 7 am (Car Show Reg 8 am -12:30 pm) Raceway Park, 230 Pension Rd., Old Bridge, NJ
- Hot Rods for Heroes II Car Truck and Motorcycle Show 308 NJ-72, Barnegat, NJ
- 23 Raritan River Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club 10th Annual Dealer Show. Gold Coast Cadillac, 2123 Hwy 35, Oakhurst, NJ
- 29 (9:00 AM) Roebling Museum Car Show 2023, Please join us on April 29, 2023 for a fun day of food, ice cream, music, and CARS! General museum admission is included with \$5 car show ticket. (See Flyer in this Newsletter)

May

- 6 Everything Plainfield Auto Show, Hosted by Mark Mannuzza (908) 494-7644. Plainfield High School Parking Lot, 590 Park Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07063
- 13 Hot Rods and Harleys. Downtown Rahway, NJ
- 20 Sentimental Cruisers Car & Truck Show, Lacey High School, 73 Haines St., Lanoka Harbor, NJ Pre-reg: \$15/DOS \$20 (Rain Date: May 21).
- Wheels for the Wheel Charity Car Show, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. The Red Mill, 56 Main Street, Clinton,NJ

NJ REGION AACA Minutes February 2nd, 2023, #762



The 762nd NJ Region AACA meeting was held in person at our new location: American Legion Lincoln Park and called to order at approximately 8:01 P.M. by President Paul

Wolfmeyer, who led members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests and New members in attendance: New member Jamie Edwards, who is the son of the late Jim & Gloria Edwards.

Sunshine Report, Sarah Pritchett:

- Bette Pritchett has been permanently moved to an assisted living facility in early January.
- Margaret Mowbray #1363S passed away on January 17th.
- 3. Brendan Hogan fell last week and broke his femur; he is currently in the hospital.
- 4. Pat Hogan is recovering from her surgery.
- Bob Jephson remains in good spirits despite having limited mobility.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the Secretary's minutes from the January abbreviated meeting; this motion was seconded, and all members in attendance voted in favor, with none opposed, and the minutes were accepted.

Correspondence, Sarah Pritchett: We received a letter from Jen Wolfe, Library Director, thanking us for the \$50 donations in memoriam of recently deceased members Ron Peles and Larry Miloscia to the AACA Library & Research Center.

Treasurer's Report, Tim Schimmel: A review of the balances was given, which included the banquet and American Legion rent expenses. Our books have been reviewed and submitted for 2022 tax purposes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report; all members in attendance were in favor with none opposed and the report was accepted.

President's Report, Paul Wolfmeyer:

- Paul gave thanks to Betty Allen for putting on a "very nice" banquet.
- 2. The Board of Director's meeting was held on January 21. An overview is printed in Paul's President Column in The Road Map. Another Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for February 17th to follow up with discussions from tonight's meeting.
- 3. A deep thank you to PJ Ehmann for reviewing our books and preparing our tax filing. Paul went on to say

that "things are properly accounted for."

- 4. Recognition was given to former President Gregory Roser for the work he put into finding our new meeting location under a time crunch. Greg responded with, "Thanks to newer member Dom Speranza for connecting me to this location."
- 5. Paul is focused on encouraging people to help with organizing a variety of events for the Region to enjoy.
- Paul will present the proposed 2023 budget a little later in the meeting, as well as gathering members' input regarding changes to how meetings are run in regards to changing the time, running hybrid meetings, and mini presentations. Activities, Abraham Platt: Changes were made in how activities are presented; he will announce activities one-to-two months at a time since most members have access to The Speedster and other national publications; therefore, concentration will be on our Region and local area events. Abe also stated that, although we have good participation at our assisted living events and parades, we are looking to expand the types of events we hold. We are looking to take the individual Glidden Tour events and turn them into mini tours, and planning scenic tours for lunch. Members are encouraged to volunteer in chairing some of these new events.
 - a. February 9-11th: AACA National Meeting in Williamsburg, VA
 - b. March 2nd: next Region meeting, American Legion Post in Lincoln Park.

Spring Meet Update, Pete Cullen:

- 1. Pete met with a dealership; they're not available due to the lot not able to be cleared in time.
- 2. He's been playing phone tag with the Dodge dealership on Ridgedale Avenue. He is going to attempt to lock it in.
- 3. He has the application for the Lakeview School, where we had the meet last year, but it will be limited to 175 participants. The only complaint with this location is that people felt segregated due to how the lot was set up (a front and rear lot).
- 4. Judging seminar will be held on Sunday, April 30 th at Ashley's Auto Body. Ed Geller has agreed to remain as Chief Judge. WE NEED JUDGES! No experience necessary, you will be trained!
- 5. Registration is the same as last year: \$15 preregistration, \$25 day-of-show.
- 6. Fliers for vendors will be in the next Road Map.
- 7. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR PARKING AND SPECTATOR GATES!

Membership, Bill Pritchett: Dues are now overdue. Two-thirds of the membership renewed for this year. See Bill to pay your dues if you have not done so yet.

Welcoming Committee, Denise Tuck: No report. She will send the starting numbers from 2017-present to Bill and Paul; this information will be added to the "Members Only" section of our website.

Road Map Editor, Dick Bettle:

- 1. According to the Editor's Manual, other members are encouraged to write columns.
- 2. We will begin charging for ads again, as this has not been done in a few years.
- 3. He always needs cars for the cover of the newsletter; members are not expected to write a book. He and Abe Platt are able to take photos if members wish.

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

Participation Points, Vince DeLisi: He forgot to send the list to Dick, but he will do that tomorrow.

Banquet Awards, Jerry Peck: Jerry presented the leftover awards to recipients at last month's banquet. He will deliver the remaining awards to those recipients absent from tonight's meeting.

Betty Allen has the souvenir photos for members who attended the banquet; please see her after the meeting to get yours.

Refreshments, John Pieczynski: The following members brought treats for all: Greg Roser, Ann Platt, Sarah Pritchett, Denise Tuck, Richard Reina, John Pieczynski, Dick Bettle, Carole Durna, Roy Konwiser, and Gayle Stroh. Thank you all for the delicious treats!

Watchung Mountain Chapter, George Ernst: No report as George was absent.

Government Liaison & Safety, Bob Hedderick: No report.

Archivist, Matt Verzi; Properties, Art Briggs No report.

Clothing & Accessories: We are in need of a chairperson for this position; let Paul know if you are interested.

Badge Fines, John Quattrocchi: Badge fines were collected from members.

Budget Presentation & Recommendation, Paul Wolfmeyer: Paul presented the 2023 budget as

approved by the Board of Directors. Last year was successful due to donations received from events.

Questions for consideration include raising membership dues to \$25 in 2024; this issue will be discussed further in a future meeting. A motion was made and

seconded by members in attendance to accept the 2023 budget; all were in favor with none opposed and the motion passed.

Recommendation for AACA Library Donation, Paul Wolfmeyer: It was proposed to donate \$1,000 in memoriam of former Head Librarian Chris Ritter, who was tragically killed in an accident this past fall. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with this donation. All members in attendance were in favor with none opposed; motion carried. This donation will be presented at the National Meeting next week.

Meeting Structure & Time Presentation, Vince DeLisi: Upon speaking with a former Region member, a few ideas were presented in regards to our meeting structure.

- 1, 7:30 p.m. start time: This would allow for members to get out and home earlier; especially those who work the next morning.
 - a. A 7 p.m. start time would prove to be a hardship for members as they would be rushing home from work to have dinner and then rush to the meeting; only to be stuck in rush-hour traffic
 - b. Greg reminded members that we are contracted to have the room beginning at 7.
 - c. It was suggested that we can move the start time to 7:30 for 2023 and reevaluate for 2024.
 - d. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all in attendance, with none opposed, to start our meetings at 7:30 p.m. beginning with the March 2 nd meeting.
- 2. We want to encourage members to bring their antique cars out to meetings during the warmer months.
- 3. Presentations: A short presentation from members on tours, shows, or meets they've attended with other clubs or national events, different branches of the military, Sarah's job/the penal system, car restorations, etc.
 - a. Vince volunteered to chair this task, at least for the first year.
 - b. Presentations would not necessarily be scheduled every month.
 - c. ABSOLUTELY NO SOLICITATION/COMMERCIAL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Input on Hybrid Meetings, Paul Wolfmeyer: Hybrid meetings would be live and a Zoom option. Members in attendance agreed to explore this option.

1. We would need to take in account the technology

- required to run an effective hybrid meeting.
- 2. Participation Points need to be considered how would we handle this under the hybrid format?
- 3. Concerns regarding members not attending inperson.
- 4. We are NOT voting on this at this time we are just going to explore this option and consider how it should be structured.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1. Wayne Tuck: National will be unveiling the award in memoriam of Herb Singe Jr. at the National Meeting next week. It will be awarded this year and will be kept at National Headquarters.
- 2. Bill Pritchett & Pete Cullen: The summer tour conflicts with a national meet; therefore, it will be held in mid-August. The Region will be going to Connecticut; details and more information will be printed in the next edition of The Road Map.

Items for Sale or Wanted:

- 1. Dick Bettle has some books if anyone is interested.
- 2. Greg Roser has a friend with wheel covers for a late 70's Cadillac (77-79); \$80 for the set or best offer.
- 3. Paul Wolfmeyer has a set of spinner mustang hubcaps (1965).

50/50, Bob Smith: Congratulations to Alex Soultanis & Nick Matlaga!

Adjournment: 9:09 P.M.

Next meeting: March 2nd American Legion Post Lincoln Park, **7:30** P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pritchett #1504S, Secretary

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NATIONAL AWARD IN HONOR OF HERB SINGE UNVEILED AT 2023 AACA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The New Jersey Region has established the annual "Discontinued High Performance Car Award" in honor of Herbert J. Singe Jr., founding member of New Jersey Region. Established in 1951, the New Jersey Region is among the oldest of the roughly 350 regions and chapters throughout the country. An AACA member for over 70 years, Herb Singe is an icon of the antique car hobby. His accomplishments in promoting activities for advancement of events and support are too numerous to list here. He is well known for his generosity in sharing his vast collection of old cars and paraphernalia with others. The gleaming stainless steel trophy was unveiled at the AACA Annual Convention in Williamsburg Virginia on February 18 th and will remain on display in the atrium at the AACA Headquarters building in Hershey Pennsylvania. This will be awarded annually to the outstanding discontinued high performance car shown at an AACA National during the previous year.

Wayne Tuck

Participation Points for 2022

	rank	Region #	Name	points
	1	1524		2855
	2	1614	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2000
	3	1398	Roser, Gregory	1750
	4	1404	Pritchett, Brian	1705
	5	963	Pritchett, William	1355
	6	1480	Kunz, Craig	1155
	7	1140	•	1120
	8	1505	Cullen, Peter J. Delisi, Vince	910
	9	1434	•	
		_	Reina, Richard	855
	10	1404 S	Pritchett, Sarah	790
	11	420	Smith, Robert	780
	12	1458	Kelly, Robert	780
	13	1471	Tuck, Wayne	775
	14	1280	Solomayer, Larry	730
	15	1530	Hudak, Bob	730
	16	1443	Schimmel, Tim	725
	17	1462	Peck, Jerry	710
	18	1345	Wolfmeyer, Paul	705
	19	1469	Briggs, Art	670
	20	1524 S	Platt, Ann	645
		1551	Pieczynski, John	600
		1480 S	Kunz, Yvonne	565
		1507	Cecala, Anthony	560
		1582	Stroh, William	550
		1631	Ungar, Daniel	550
		1342	Fischer, Raymond	540
		1335 S	Durna, Carole	495
		1459	Eyerman, Jan	490
		1598	Hardgrove Roy	480
		1658	Lacz, Walter	480
		1471 S	Tuck, Denise	460
		1647	Rosenberg, Barry	460
		1335	Durna, Joseph J.	435
		1328	Geller, Edward	430
		1660	Deliberto, Mike	430
		966	Bell, Duffy	420
		1552	Rankin, Robert	415
		1614 S	Bettle, Bobbi	410
		1508	Quattrocchi, John	400
		1282	Hedderick, Robert	380
		1682	Vella, Robert	375
		1044	Konwiser, Roy	360
		1676	Wagstaff, Rick	360
		1513	Weingart, Rick	335
		1651	Soultanis, Alexander (Barbara	
		1242	Ehmann, Peter J.	330
		1582 S	Stroh, Gayle	330
		1642	James, Samuel	315
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	230
1485 Matlaga, Nick	220
1380 Kapral, Robert D.	205
1474 Nalavany, Richard	205
1653 Diana, Jack	205
1521 Schmidt, Sue	200
1679 Cilurso, Michael	200
1510 Mangulson, Leif	195
1292 Symonds, Edward	190
1400 Lee, Art	190
1430 Abbott, Robert	190
1470 Hutchins, Ron	180
1272 Danner, Al	170
1337 Copley, Duane G.	170
795s Petrich, Barbara	160
1495 Papenfuhs, Arnold	160
1678 Speronza, Dom	160
1351 Verzi, Matthew	150
1553 Richard Reichert	150
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ANTIQUE CAR WANTED CALDWELL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Ladies and Gentlemen of the NJ Region AACA, I was contacted by Bunny Jenkins, a friend of Duffy Bell's, who is looking for someone with an antique vehicle, preferably a convertible, to participate in the Caldwell Memorial Day Parade. The vehicle will have a passenger portraying Grover Cleveland. Bunny is with the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Association. Please contact Bunny at 973-487-0137 if you would like to participate.

Submitted by:Abraham "Abe" Platt (732) 752-6341 Vice President NJ Region AACA

Brunch Cruise to Willie McBride's Irish Pub & Restaurant



On Sunday, January 29, 2023, approximately thirty members and friends of the Galloping Hill Cruisers assembled at the Blue Star Shopping Center in Watchung, NJ. As some show cars are already in winter storage, we had the option of driving either our show cars or our daily drivers. It was an almost even split in the





fifteen cars that joined this tour. We started on our tour around 11 AM and cruised the Watchung mountain range to Willie McBride's and arrived a little after noon. Brunch was a hearty Irish breakfast with complimentary Bloody Marys and Mimosas. NJ Region members include Dick & Bobbi Bettle, John & Pat Quattrocchi, Greg & June Roser, and Abe & Ann Platt. Over the past fourteen months Ann and I have participated in five of



these lunch/brunch cruises, including two to the Jersey shore, and find them very enjoyable. These cruises usually include a scenic route to the restaurant at a scenic location. However, the main enjoyment of these events is the shared comradery of folks that are enthusiastic about their automobiles. If you have a favorite restaurant that is at a scenic location or is along a scenic route, please consider setting up such an event to be enjoyed by your fellow members of the NJ Region AACA.

Pictures by Tom Paterson and Abe Platt Submitted by Abraham Platt #1524 NJAACA Vice President





Hamburg Swap Meet and Car Corral Sponsored by: Ontelaunce Region AACA

Sun., March 5, 2023

Free Paved Parking

7AM - 2PM

Rain or Shine

Hamburg Fire Co. Field House 127 South 4th Street - Rear (Pine St.) Hamburg, PA 19526

Over 100 Indoor Spaces with Unlimited Outdoor Spaces & Car Corral "Handicap Friendly"

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FOR DETAILS & REGISTRATION:

Lester Manwiller, Email: hamburgswapmeet@ontelauneeaaca.com or 610-823-4656 (8:00 am - 8:00 pm) 20 Timothy Dr., Fleetwood, PA 19522

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Zip Code

Vendor Setup: SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023 - 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM & SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 - 5:00 AM to 7:00 AM "VENDORS ARE TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY"

Make Checks Payable to: Ontelaunee Region AACA

Inside (10' x 8') space(s) \$25.00 each	Outside (25' x 17') space(s) \$15.00 each
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Table(s) (8' x 30") inside spaces(s) only \$2.00	each
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JUNE 24, 2023

Join AACA Mid-Jersey Region and display your Pre-War* Vehicle at Historic Walnford.

62 Walnford Road, Upper Freehold, NJ 08501

Historic Walnford is just off Rt. 539 between Allentown and the Cream Ridge Golf Course. Follow the signs to Walnford (turn off 539 onto Holmes Road and then turn right on Walnford Road).









NO ENTRY FEE
NO JUDGING
GRASS & SHADE FOR PARKING
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023
10 AM TO 2 PM



No food concessions on property, so bring your own picnic lunch.

Display your stock or modified pre-war* vehicle set against the backdrop of
Historic Walnford's buildings and pleasantly shady landscape.

Bring a picnic, tour the buildings and relax visiting the past.

*We're flexible on the Pre-War cutoff. so 1946 - 1948 carryover body styles are welcome. For additional info, email MidJerseyRegionAACA@gmail.com







Generations By Fred Trusty 2023 AACA President

According to most car clubs, the old car hobby has been on the decline for several years. The reason, they say, is older members are aging out and younger people aren't interested in cars. The silent generation (1925 – 1945) is now between 78 and 98 years old and the baby boomer generation (1946 – 1964) is now between 59 and 77 years old so it makes sense that we are losing a lot of members over the age of 59. Let's take a look at some of the other generations. The years can vary depending on the source.

Generation Z (1997 – 2012) 11 – 26 years old. Gen Z has a completely different view of the world than other generations. They grew up with cell phones, social media, same sex marriage, global terrorism, and tend to have an entrepreneurial spirit. They freely admit that they are digital device addicts, value financial security, but yet they have very little loyalty toward their employers. They look up to their role models based on career and financial success and tend to have the least disposable income.

Millennials (1981 – 1996) 27 – 42 years old. Millennials grew up with computers, the internet, cell phones, the environmental movement, and are tech dependent. A smartphone is more than an electronic device, it's a part of who they are. Most were starting their careers after the 2008 recession which reduced their earning potential, and they also have more debt due to increased college tuition costs but more of them are college educated compared to other generations. They are also likely to have less disposable income due to the higher debt. They seem to be more idealistic, too. It's not just working for a paycheck; it's working for a purpose or a cause.

Generation X (1965 – 1980) 43 – 58 years old. Gen Xers have been described as independent and try to balance their work and personal lives. Typical Xers have a do-it-yourself attitude, are tech savvy but not tech dependent, and lean toward casual in their style of dress. Oil leaking around the valve cover your 2004 Honda

Civic? Watch a YouTube video, order the part online, and do it yourself. Their kids are in high school, college, or working full time. They're starting to think about grandkids and taking care of their aging parents. Some are starting to have some disposable income due to kids moving out and the passing of their parents. "I remember riding in dad's antique car as a kid and you know, I think I can get it running again. Dad would have loved to see me driving it."

By now you're probably thinking, what do generational differences have to do with car clubs? In order to market a product you have to know your market window. Everyone talks about getting younger people involved in the hobby and that's great. Plant the old car seed in a youngster and hopefully when they grow up, they will em-brace the hobby. But let's face it, most people under the age of 25 have very little disposable income and very little free time. School, sports, and a part time job take most of their time. So what about the 26 - 45 age group? This demographic is in the middle of their careers and have families, so their money and time are also limited. I'm not saying that no one under 45 likes old cars. All I'm saying is that their lives are so busy they don't have the time. I look back to when I was that age. A man that I knew tried to get me to join AACA. I told him I didn't have time for a club. I have a full-time job, a small business, a farm, and three kids playing soccer. I barely have time to sleep. Fortunately, he was persistent, and I finally joined the KYANA Region a few years later after our son graduated from high school. Our oldest daughter was in high school and driving so we were no longer a taxi service for her. That left our youngest daughter who was still in middle school but being a taxi for one kid takes a lot less time. It wasn't until she graduated that we began to have some free time.

The point that I'm trying to make is to be mindful of younger people's hectic lives when trying to recruit them. Us baby boomers were once as busy as they are so be patient. When they reach the 45-65 age group is when they start to have some disposable income, free time, and start thinking about their youth. That is when they are most likely to join a club.

Vintage Dirt Drags By Ed Fuller

While I enjoy a car show just as much as any other car guy, I like to find other events that offer a different way to have fun with old cars that don't include parking lots and lawn chairs.

Last fall I learned about the Vintage Dirt Drags that are held at the fairgrounds in Allentown, PA. The fairgrounds opened in 1889 and speedway racing began on a ½ mile dirt oval in 1919 and ended in 1968. Racing was revived at the fairgrounds in 2019 in the form of dirt drag racing with a flag starter down the front stretch past the historic grandstands. The event is held in May and October and is open to pre-1954 flathead and OHV powered cars and pre-1980 motorcycles.

My son Eddie and I took my Model T Ford speedster to the races in May. Although we had the slowest car there, I think we definitely had the most fun! We are looking forward to the next race and hope to return to Allentown in October. Reprinted with permission from South Jersey Region AACA HEADLIGHTS









New Members

1694 EDWARDS, James, Jr.,

P.O. Box 40, Martinsville, NJ 08836 201-832-5489 jpejr@aol.com

James is the son of late member Jim Edwards and has his 1927 Model T.

1695 FEHLEY Jr., Thomas

703 South Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 908-292-8998 thomasfehley@gmail.com

Tom is the father of Sarah Pritchett and has a 1992 Chevrolet pickup.



70th ANNUAL COLLECTIBLE CAR SHOW



Note NEW LOCATION! Nielsen Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram 175 NJ Route 10, East Hanover, NJ

With a Swap Meet & Vendors

(Show open to all cars, trucks, and motorcycles) **SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023** (Rain or Shine)

Sponsored by:

New Jersey Region of The Antique Automobile Club of America



Gates open at 9:00 A.M. Judging Starts at Noon

Spectator Donation \$3.00

Vehicle Pre-Registration: \$15.00 - Day of Show \$25.00 No charge for pre-1928 vehicles if pre-registered



10' X 20' Vendor Spaces:

Pre-Registration \$20.00 - Day of Show \$30.00 Car Corral 8' X 20' \$20.00 - Day of Show \$30.00

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies in 17 classes

Special display class for original, unrestored cars (AACA HPOF)





All 17 Classes Will be Judged!



Additional awards for the best '1923 & older', and 1973 vehicles

A UL approved fire extinguisher is required for entrance to show field.

For Registration and Vendor Info:

Vince DeLisi, 326 East Oak Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057 Tel: 908-803-1570 (cell & text); email – vincentdelisi@comcast.net Show Info: Pete Cullen - 973-650-2957; oldcarz57@aol.com

Additional show details, as well as forms may be found at: www.NJRegionAACA.com

NEW LOCATION: Nielsen Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, 175 Rt 10, East Hanover, NJ

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ALL ABOARD! The 2023 AACA Winter Nationals.

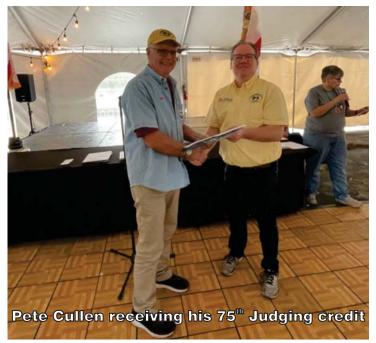
The 2023 AACA Winter Nationals were held January 26th – 28th, 2023 at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, Florida. The South Florida Region AACA put on a fantastic car show, wonderful activities, and managed to work a partnership that benefitted all parties involved. The Gold Coast Railroad Museum sits tucked away on the grounds of Zoo Miami, the Museum itself resides on the grounds of a decommissioned military base that formerly housed blimps during World War II. The blimps, of course, patrolled our coastlines looking for enemy submarines. Not only did the South Florida Region have access to the Railroad Museum, the South Florida Region also managed a partnership with the Miami Military Museum, tucked away in the same corner of the Zoo Miami property. The 2023 Winter Nationals is



typically the first national for the new National President, but current President and Region Member Wayne Tuck got to begin, and complete, his presidential duties in Florida. Congratulations Wayne on a successful year and term as 2022 National President!



I had the honor of serving as Hulon McCraw's (Great Smoky Mountain Region) assistant Chief Judge for the National and volunteered with the South Florida Region to assist where I could. Thursday's activities started with a Backyard Museum Tour, which I unfortunately could not attend, but I heard nothing but positive reviews about it. Thursday's main activity was a Caribbean Nights Themed Dinner at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum. On top of the delicious Caribbean style food, and desserts (Guava cheesecake must be on everyone's try list), members were able to attempt the calypso. The Museums main attraction was Car #1 - The Ferdinand Magellan, The Presidential Train Car. As the Tour Guide said the Air Force One of its generation; used by Presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Truman, and briefly Reagan. It shows the true evolution of history, and what safety modifications have been used. The armor-plated door leading to the Presidential Podium at the rear of the car felt like it was 200 plus pounds, and took all my body weight to close it.



Friday evening's festivities started off at the Wings of Miami Aviation Museum. Guests saw many military planes in the process of restoration, restored, or general maintenance. I was intrigued by Albert Santos-Dumont's Demoiselle, a light-weight monoplane. The most obvious would be the F14, not because of the movie Top Gun, but because it just screams American Muscle. Once again guests concluded the evening at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum for a Greek themed dinner.



Saturdays AACA National had approximately ninety-five national judges, New Jersey Region Member Pete Cullen received his 75th Judging credit. Over 200 cars came out to support the South Florida Region Antique Automobile Club of America. AACA National President and NJ Region Member Wayne Tuck handed out the dash plaques, finishing out his term as National President alongside meet registrar Joe Pinson, and chairs Manny and Millie Garcia at the entrance to the show field. My personal favorites from the show were a



1930 Ford Pickup "Coca-Cola" Delivery Truck, owned by Eduard Dauer. The coke bottles are from the era, and yes, the bottles are filled with coke. The 1930 Marquette



Phaeton DX 351. was once owned by the US Chilean Ambassador William Culbertson. Restoration was completed in mid 2021. Following a long day in the South Florida heat, participants had a delicious meal topped off with Caribbean desserts. One hundred seventy-one members received their first junior, senior, DPC and HPOF awards to conclude the evening.

Once again, I want to thank the South Florida Region, Manny & Millie Garica, and Hulon McCraw for their hospitality. To Denise Tuck, sorry if I was kneeing the back of your seat on the flight home. Respectfully, Leif Mangulson #1510



Dairy Queen Car Display Saturday April 29, 11 AM-2:00 PM

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. It will be held from 11-2:00 on Saturday, April 29. If the weather is questionable or for any questions, please call me on my cell phone at 908-581-0411.

Directions:

Intersection of Route 57 and Route 31: Head south on Route 31, the Dairy Queen will be on the right 0.8 mile Intersection of I-78 and Route 31: Head north on Route 31, the Dairy Queen will be on the left 10.4 miles

Bill Pritchett NJAACA #963 908-534-

AUTUMN LAKE HEALTHCARE at BERKELEY HEIGHTS Wednesday, May 17, 2023 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the request of Ms. Lisa Washington, we are scheduled to conduct our Third Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event at Autumn Lake Healthcare, which is a nursing & rehabilitation center, located at 35 Cottage Street, Berkely Heights, NJ 07922. Please note that this is a weekday event. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 12:30 PM and we will assemble in our designated parking area located at the front of the facility. The car display is from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. The Autumn Lake Healthcare facility will have music for the event and will provide our members with lunch. Please let me know by Friday, May 12th if you would like to attend so that we can provide Ms. Washington with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect.

Come join your friends, and the residents and staff of this healthcare facility. If you have any questions, please contact me at (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 (732) 433-5319 to confirm day of event activity. The rain date is Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Thank you for your participation.

DIRECTIONS: Cottage Street is off of Plainfield Ave. in Berkeley Heights. The facility is on the right at the end of Cottage St.

Submitted by: Abe Platt, Event Chair Member #1524

Judging Seminar, Sunday April 30

We will have a judging seminar at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 30th prior to the Spring Meet on the following Sunday. It will be held rain or shine at Ashley's Auto Body, 274 Hillside Ave, Flanders, NJ 07836. A modified form of the National judging system is used for our Spring Meet. There will be an overview of the judging system and a chance to judge a couple of cars for those attending.

This is a great opportunity to brush up on your judging, or, if you have not done it before, to learn what is looked for in judging a car. Also, if you are new to the Region, it is a way to meet fellow members.

Directions to Ashley's Auto Body:

From Chester at intersection of Route 206 and Route 24

- 1. Take Route 206 North 5.0mi
- 2. Turn right onto Main St / County Hwy-619 at stoplight. 0.2mi
- 3. Turn left to stay on North Rd / County Hwy-619. 0.8mi
- 4. Arrive at S Hillside Ave / County Hwy-619 on left.

From I-80 and Route 206

- 1. Take Route 206 South, 2.8mi
- 2. Turn left onto Main St / County Hwy-619 at stoplight and follow directions above.

NJAACA #1328 Ed Geller 908-362-6378

The Staten Island Region AACA presents its

16th Annual Spring Dust-Off **Car Show & Flea Market April 23, 2023**



- \$20 vehicle entry fee no classes no cut-off year rain date April 30 no points judging • red carpet awards in expanded categories
 - gates open at 8:00 am dash plaques to first 200 vehicles •
 - spectator entry fee: adults \$5, children \$2 \$40 vendor fee •
 - food & drinks music 50/50 drawings raffle car tickets •
 - info: call 917-626-0233 or e-mail siraaca@yahoo.com •
 - visit us on www.siraaca.aaca.com or facebook.com/siraaca

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ALL COVER CARS WILL APPEAR ON THE CLUB CALENDAR

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Jerry Peck's 1964 Pontiac Bonneville

The Bonneville name first appeared on a pair of bubble-topped GM Motorama concept cars in 1954. It entered the production line up in 1957 as a two-door, high performance, fuel-injected luxury convertible. Loaded with every conceivable option as standard equipment (less an optional A/C), it could cost more than a Cadillac. It endured until 2005 as the division's top-of-the-line model. Incidentally, its name was taken from a US Army Brigadier General and the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, the site of much early auto racing and most of the world's land speed records.



In 1959, Pontiac introduced a full, top-line series with both a four-door, hard top sedan and body styles. Safari station wagon. That year brought two of Pontiac's greatest marketing aspirations – the split grill and the Wide-Track slogan.



GM stylists were so impressed with Plymouth's 1957 offerings featuring Chrysler's "Forward Look" that they drafted the lower-longer-wider lines that many revere today. The wider wheelbase (about five inches), gave the Bonneville a more aggressive, but stately appearance and superior traction and stability, for a full sized car. They were 220" long and 123" wide. As its result, the term "Wide Track" was born.

With the addition of its aggressive and different split grill, bumper design, wider stance, luxurious interior and quad headlights, in vertical positions the Bonneville became Pontiac's costliest and most luxurious model, throughout the 1960's. These features were instrumental in pushing Pontiac to third place in sales. In 1964, Pontiac's total production was 715,000 vehicles, with total Bonneville sales of 120,250.





With the exception of design changes to the tail lights and front grill, and the removal of the 3-1/2" chrome trim on its front doors, the 1963 and 1964 models are very similar. The standard engine was a two-barrel 389 which generated 235 horsepower, with a Hydra-Matic transmission and rear-wheel drive. Their cost varied between \$3,360 and \$3,640, depending on selected options. As an item of interest, the average household income was \$6,800.00, a home was \$13,050 and a gallon of gas was thirty cents.

Most of you are already familiar with the Pontiac logo. It was derived from the famous Ottawa chief who organized an inter tribe revolt against British power in 1763-64. It represents a nod to American Indian art. An earlier Indian head profile adorned a Pontiac hood but was retired in 1956. In an effort to appeal to younger, more affluent consumers, it was replaced by a subtler, more elegant emblem. It became a downward-facing red arrow with a star, which was officially introduced, on the 1959 Bonneville hood. It was a testament to Pontiac's American Indian heritage.

Submitted by Jerry Peck #1462

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Suspension Parts Springs and Shocks Replacing Shocks

On our older AACA-eligible cars, most shocks are of the tube type (see Photo #1). We will focus on the replacement of those in this article. Lever shocks, especially those in the front, may require that the coil spring be compressed or supported by a floor jack. MacPherson strut replacements can involve significantly more work and may require special tools such as special spring compressors. In all cases, it is vital that factory service literature be consulted, and that the safest workshop procedures be followed when working with springs. As stated in a previous article, a coil spring is under tremendous tension and uncontrolled loosening can cause a coil spring to violently launch itself resulting in serious, even fatal, injury.



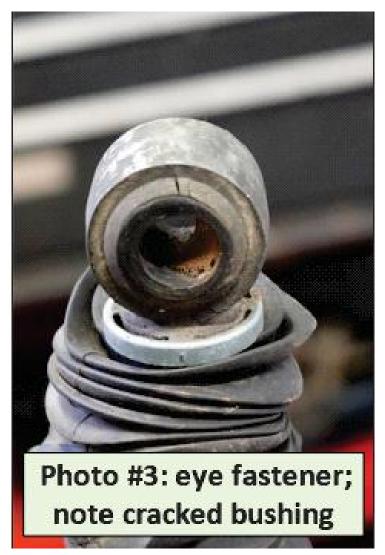
Many tube shocks, front and rear, can be replaced without concern for the coil springs (leaf springs, although also under tension, do not present the same potential dangers as coil springs). On any older vehicle, especially one that has not had its shocks replaced for many years, the major impediment will be loosening the attachment hardware. (Please refer to the March 2022 edition of Rich's Repair Ramblings for the article "Removing Stubborn Fasteners"). In preparing for shock replacement, begin by applying liberal amounts of your favorite rust-busting solvent, whether that is Liquid Wrench, PB'Blaster, or as I've read as a recommendation, a 50/50 mix of ATF and acetone.

Another potential challenge is simply accessing the shock absorber mounting points. In the front, the top mounts may offer limited clearance, and raising the car via use of a floor jack and jack stands may be called for. On some vehicles, the top mounts are accessed within the engine compartment. In the rear, the top shock mounts might only be accessible from within the truck or station wagon rear storage area. Some manufacturers put covers over the rear shock mounts which need to be removed first.



When describing shock absorber fittings, the technical parlance is to use the terms "pins" and "eyes". The "pins" are narrow threaded shafts which would pass through a body or chassis mount and would be held in place by a series of nuts (see Photo #2). The "eyes" are round metal openings which always have a rubber or polyurethane bushing in them (see Photo #3). A bolt would pass through a suspension mount, then through the shock's "eye", and the bolt would be held in place with a nut and washer.

When dealing with a "pin" type fastener: after accessing the nuts and applying solvent, ensure that you are using the correct size wrenches (SAE for American



cars, metric or Whitworth for European and Asian cars). If there is only one nut on the pin, it would not be surprising to find that you can rotate the nut, but, the entire threaded shaft also turns, which means that you are not loosening anything! Note that there is a flat surface at the top of the pin. While you may have a small enough wrench to fit on this flat, it can be difficult to get a tight enough grip on it. Instead, try using locking pliers such as Vice Grips on the flat (see Photo #4). With one hand on the locking pliers, use the other hand to loosen the nut.

If there are two nuts on the threaded shaft, use two wrenches, one on each nut. The nuts may be of the same size so you might need two wrenches of the same size. A trick I've used to loosen two nuts locked against each other is to position the two wrenches so that they are about 30 degrees apart. Presuming that it's the upper nut which needs to be turned counter-clockwise, I would place the upper wrench to my left and the lower wrench, which is on the lower nut, to my right. So positioned, I am then able to use both hands to "squeeze" the two wrenches toward each other. You may need to adjust how close or far apart the two wrenches are based on the size of your hands. Try it!



When dealing with an "eye" type fastener: after accessing the bolt and nut and applying solvent, ensure that you are using the correct size wrenches (SAE for American cars, metric or Whitworth for European and Asian cars). A common mistake is to use only one wrench. If that wrench is placed on the nut, you may find that you can spin the entire bolt, but you are not loosening anything! If you place the wrench on the bolt head, you may find it very difficult if not impossible to budge it at all. The trick here is to always use two wrenches; one can be a socket on a ratchet, ideally with the ratchet on the nut and the wrench on the bolt head. You want to turn the nut while keeping the bolt stationary. Sometimes, an every-so-slight movement clockwise (as if you're tightening it) can break stubborn fasteners free.

Once all the shock mounts are free, wiggle the shock out from its home. Most tube shocks can be compressed by hand, which is good, as you may be unable to remove it without shortening it. Grab one end of the shock in each hand and push your hands toward each other. Old ,worn-out, hydraulic shocks will compress rather easily. Compressing gas-filled shocks may feel like a gym workout. Once the old shock is removed, compare it to the new shock. The mounting styles must match. Ensure that you mount the new units correctly oriented. In most cases, the larger-diameter side is the upper half. It is essential that any rubber bushings be checked for integrity. Sometimes they are built into the new shocks, or are included as part of the shock absorber kit. Other times, rubber bushings must be ordered separately.

Whether you are dealing with pin or eye fasteners, once the bolts, nuts, and washers, are free, considering replacing them with fresh hardware. Reassembly will be easier and this gives you the opportunity to use stronger hardware and undamaged hex heads. Also check your service literature for torque specs for tightening the hardware.

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