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NJ REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA 2021 CALENDAR

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2021 AACA National Activities Calendar

Apr 8-10 Southeastern Spring Nationals Concord, NC

Apr 15-16* AACA Annual Convention Philadelphia, PA

Apr 20-22* Southeastern Divisional Tour Howey in the Hills, FL

May 6-8 Central Spring Nationals Auburn, IN

May 20-25 Founders Tour Davis, WV

Jun 2-5 Eastern Divisional Tour Eastern Shore of MD

Jun 17-19 Eastern Spring Nationals Saratoga Springs, NY

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

Jul 22-24 Grand Nationals New Ulm, MN

Aug 13-14* Western Fall Nationals Loveland, CO

Sep 9-11 Southeastern Fall Nationals Greenville, SC

Sep 12-17 Revival AAA Glidden Tour Saratoga Springs, NY

Oct 6-9 Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA

Oct 11-16 Southeastern Divisional Tour Mount Airey, NC

Oct 18-22 Central Divisional Tour Broken Arrow, OK

Nov 4-6 Special Western Nationals Phoenix, AZ

Nov 7-11 Western Divisional Tour Phoenix, AZ

* Note the change in dates for this activity



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A Message from the President

January 2021



he New Jersey Region of the AACA will be holding a Zoom meeting of the membership on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 8:00 PM. You will be getting an email from Bill Pritchett with the link to the meeting. Simply make sure your sound is on and click on the link and you will be in the meeting. I you have any diffi-

culty, call Rich Reina or Bill Pritchett while you are trying to log in and they will help you.

Due to the fact that we were forced to cancel most of our meetings in 2020, we do need to at least try to get back on track. Please attend the meeting as we have several important issues to discuss. I expect go through the normal Committee Chair reports, then when it comes to new business, I will be bringing up two new matters.

First: I intend to put forth a question for consideration by the membership regarding soliciting donations sufficient to create a new National Award in honor of one of the founding members and the first Director (the title of the President at that time), Herb Singe, Region Number 11 (1 through 10 were never assigned). The Award would most likely pertain to a brass era car as that's wheel. I'm sure he had never seen a car without power what Herb was mostly involved in.

In round numbers we would have to drum up \$5,000 minimum to make this happen. This will not cost the region anything, as the Region will simply spearhead obtaining contributions.

I will be one of those contributors. Herb singe gave me my first ride in an antique car, his 1904 Curved Dash Oldsmobile, when I was 10 years old, and the Region was holding their Spring Meet in Burnham Park in Morristown. Herb was followed that same year by Tommy Wiss, who gave me a ride in his Stanley Steamer when I was decorating the window of a store for Halloween next to his Dodge dealership. And that is where my love for antique automobiles started.

lin Tucker, who was a President of AACA National and also a founding member of the Region and Harold Becker, lobbied for and got the Historic QQ license plate rules the spark advance? What is a spark advance anyway? passed in New Jersey? Prior to QQ license plates, the New Jersey DMV required sealed beam headlights and tor Vehicle "safety" inspection in place at that time.

Second: Mark McAlpine, AACA VP of National Activities, has requested that the New Jersey Region consider hosting the 2022 Glidden Tour.

We have several people who are capable of running

successful tours. AACA will help us every step of the way. Therefore, time permitting, I will also bring this subject up in the meeting.

If we run out of time to discuss this matter, we will bring it up in the February meeting, which will be held on February 4th at 8:00 PM, most likely on Zoom again.

Respectfully submitted, Art Briggs, President NJAACA #1469



Surprises Kids find in Old Cars

By Wayne Tuck **Executive Vice President**



eatures we find in old cars can be a new discovery for kids. I still laugh to myself every time I think about the time my youngest grandson came out to the garage for a visit with grandad. I was working on my 1952 Hudson at the time and put him in the front seat. The first thing he noticed was the size of the steering

steering. This was a new discovery for him. He was even more surprised with the window crank handles. How many kids today have never seen crank down windows? Not only a crank down window, but crank open vent windows. Most of today's youth have never seen a vent window. He spent the next half hour working his way around the interior cranking windows up and down.

We found an entire new world of things he never knew existed. A cigar lighter? That is known as a power outlet today. You mean you need to push down the buttons individually to lock the car? You need a key to unlock it? Ash trays? Turn the knobs to change the radio station? Where are the seat belts? What is that button on the floor? No padding on the dashboard?

Now let's take a look at an even older car. A tas-Did you know that Herb Singe, along with Frank- sel on the string that pulls the shade down over the back window? You mean you need to put your arm out the window to signal a turn? That lever on the left controls Step on a floor pedal to start it?

All you need to do to get their attention is show it that antique cars registered in New Jersey pass the Mo- to them. Kids are even more thrilled if you take them for a ride. Let's all do something to pique their interest. The future of the old car hobby depends on it!





Rich's Repair Ramblings,

JANUARY 2021 : Brakes 202: Connecting the (brake fluid) DOTS

n last month's edition of Rich's Repair Ramblings, I introduced you to the basics of a vehicle's hydraulic braking system, including Pascal's Law. That article explained ever so briefly that we cannot use just any old fluid (such as water or gasoline) as the hydraulic component, and that we must use a product specifically labeled as "brake fluid". This month, I will explain brake fluid in more detail.

Brake fluid must have certain properties for it to function as designed: besides being non-compressible, it must have a low freezing point (so it doesn't turn to ice on cold days), a high boiling point (so that it doesn't become a vapor when the brakes get hot), consistent viscosity (so that it easily flows through the brake pipes and hoses), and be non-corrosive to metal and rubber brake system components. In other word, we're asking a lot of our brake fluid.

The vast majority of car makers have long specified the use of brake fluids based on glycol-ether compounds. Such brake fluids meet all the requirements specified above; however, one downside is that glycol-ether compounds are "hygroscopic", meaning that they absorb water, which I'll address below. (Some French cars use mineral oil fluids in their braking systems, a discussion which is beyond the scope of this article.)

In the U.S., the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), a division of the Department of Transportation, specifies brake fluid engineering properties as part of FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehi-

cle Safety Standard) #116. Brake fluid is labeled according to the extent to which it meets those properties. You have very likely seen or owned a can of brake fluid, perhaps labeled "DOT 3", or "DOT 4", or "DOT 5". Have you ever wondered if "DOT" stood for something? It does! It stands for "Department of Transportation". Now you know. (Common usage has led to the pronunciation of "DOT" the same as the word "dot", rather than "DEE OH TEE".)

DOT 3 is the oldest glycol-ether based brake fluid. Following it numerically, formula improvements have given us DOT 4, DOT 4+, DOT 5, and DOT 5.1 brake fluids. For EACH grade, a specified standard is set for "dry boiling point" and "wet boiling point". Dry boiling point is for new virgin fluid. Wet boiling point is for brake fluid which has absorbed up to 3.7% of water by volume. These boiling points are important because brake fluid cannot be allowed to boil, no matter how hot the brakes become.

I had previously mentioned that many brake fluids are hygroscopic, meaning they absorb water. If you've been following along with previous articles, then you can imagine what happens once some water is absorbed. The boiling point drops, which increases the risk of high fluid temperature turning that water to vapor, which is compressible – you would lose your brakes.



A can of DOT 4 Brake fluid with important info attached.

To put real numbers to this, here are the "dry boiling points" and "wet boiling points" for DOT 3, DOT 4, and DOT 4+ brake fluids (all temperatures are in Fahrenheit):

DOT 3: 401 degrees dry; 284 degrees wet DOT 4: 446 degrees dry; 311 degrees wet DOT 4+: 446 degrees dry; 311 degrees wet

Note two things: one, in all cases, the wet boiling point is lower than the dry. And two, there is no difference between DOT 4 and DOT 4+; the only improvement offered by DOT 4+ is better viscosity (flow).

I have included a photo of a can of DOT 4 brake fluid which I own. Metal cans protect against moisture better than plastic cans or bottles. I have also labeled the purchase date and whether the can has been opened or not. In general, I discard opened cans of brake fluid once they are more than two years old.

DOT 5 brake fluid is a different animal altogether, as instead of using glycol-ether, it's siliconebased. The big advantage of silicone is that it is NOT hygroscopic, that is, it does not absorb water. Twenty-five years ago, I recall reading that the collector car hobby was embracing DOT 5 brake fluid for that reason, as it does not require regular flushing and replacing. However, those who have used it have faced a few challenges. First, since it is completely incompatible with DOT 3 or DOT 4 fluid, changing an existing vehicle over to DOT 5 requires that a car's hydraulic brake system be completely disassembled and cleaned to remove any trace of old brake fluid. Second, there were reports that DOT 5 might be harmful to rubber components such as seals, and could cause them to swell. Third, some users reported spongy brake pedals with DOT 5 installed.

Following this trend as I have, it seems that car collectors have moved away from DOT 5 brake fluid, deciding to stick with tried-and-true DOT 3 or DOT 4. DOT 5 brake fluid is generally used by the military whose vehicles face much harsher conditions than most of us do on a day-to-day basis.

To add to the confusion, brake fluid manufacturers then introduced "DOT 5.1" brake fluid. Many presumed that it too was silicone-based like DOT 5, but it's not! It is glycol-ether based, but has dry and wet boiling points which are superior to any DOT 3 or DOT 4 fluids:

DOT 5.1: 500 degrees dry; 356 degrees wet

There is a very important bottom line to this discussion, and it's this: ALL glycol-ether based brake fluids (DOT 3, DOT 4, DOT 4+ and DOT 5.1) are hygroscopic. From the moment you open that brand-

new bottle, or remove the cap on the car's master cylinder, the brake fluid begins to absorb some of the moisture in the air. According to my copy of the Bosch Automotive Handbook (6th Edition), "Brake fluid absorbs moisture, mostly by diffusion through brake-system hoses". If that's true, then ALL of our vehicles, new and old, daily driver and trailer queen, are absorbing moisture into the brake fluid, reducing the effective boiling point. This is why it is critically important to replace the brake fluid on our cars with a "flush and fill" every few years.

Next month in Rich's Repair Ramblings: Brakes 203: How to Perform a Brake Fluid Flush



Avoiding Scams

By Steve Moskowitz, CEO, AACA National, aaca1@aaca.org

Just another reminder to everyone to be extra diligent and avoid scams. There are many different scams going on lately, so make sure you do your homework. If you get an email from a region officer stating he/she needs a wire transfer or gift cards immediately, call him/her and verify. Most likely it is a scam. Any request for a wire transfer for parts or car sales, etc. needs to be vetted out completely. If a buyer wants to overpay you for something and asks you to send back the difference, be very wary. Unfortunately, there are way too many scammers out there and you need to make sure you know who you are dealing with. The old adage usually fits ... "If it seems to be too good to be true, it is!!" Click here to read about a scam experience that recently happened to AACA member Larry Irwin. Special thanks to Larry for sharing his experience and to Linda McFarland for sharing the article from the South Jersey Region AACA newsletter with us.

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BY BRENDA ZIMMERMAN. NJ AACA REGION #1238

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Watchung New Jersey Story by Rich Nalavany with Photos by Rich Nalavany and Abe Platt

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thought it might be of interest to our club members to hear the decades-long story of my acquisition and restoration of my 1938 LaSalle Model 5011 5-Passenger Touring Coupe.

In August, 1983, a relative of mine was traveling through Long Valley, NJ and noticed the LaSalle with a for-sale sign, and knowing of my interest in Cadillacs and LaSalles, he passed on the phone number of the owner to me. I called the owner and made

arrangements to see the car, and upon seeing it, I noticed that it was forlorn, to say the least!

All of the pieces were scattered in different areas; everything was there, but it was like a puzzle. The owner had sand-blasted the car with the windows up and uncovered, so you couldn't see out of them, so I knew that I had to replace all of the widows. Also, I realized that the engine was apparently not the correct original, because it looked like a mili-

tary engine, the block having 90-degree corners on it.

The original interior material was also a mess, but I decided to purchase this project car, and proceeded to store it, untouched, for the next five years. I had a name for it, "Le Miserable," because every time I took it out to drive around the block, I had to tow it back. So, during those first five years, I focused on restoring a couple of Fords instead. I continued to ignore the La Salle to the point that

I forgot to put anti-freeze in it, and one winter, the ice expanded in the engine, destroying it!



The 90 degree L-Head V8 is nicely detailed

Sometime after I purchased the LaSalle, I met a fellow in Englishtown, who brought along a '38 La Salle, and he showed me his car's engine, which was a small-block Chevy. I asked where the original engine was, and he said he had it stored away, and



There's only one way to restore a car frame.

was willing to sell it to me. I got his phone number, and traveled to his home in Union, and picked up not only his original, correct engine, but also a steering column, a great steering wheel, and transmission.



The reassembly is nearing completion.

Five years after my initial purchase of the car, I decided it was time to return to the restoration



The new Interior came out sharp!!

process. The LaSalle was painted prime and yellow when I purchased it, however, the plaque on the firewall indicated that the car was originally painted green, but I initially chose to paint the La Salle tan, not really favoring the green. I didn't like the way it came out in tan, so I decided to paint it Antoinette Blue, which was a classic Cadillac color.



Rich did all the dash work himself, except the clock

During the course of the next year-and-ahalf, I took the body off the chassis and sandblasted the chassis. I installed the engine I had purchased and rebuilt, and replaced virtually all of

1938 LaSalle Model 5011 5-Passenger Touring Coupe.								
DIM	ENSIONS	POWERTRAIN		OVERVIEW				
Weight	3830 lbs.	Engine(s)	125 BHP @ 3400	Manufacturer	Cadillac LaSalle			
Wheelbase	124 in.		rpm 90 deg L head V8	Production	700			
Length	202.5 in.	Transmission(s)	3 Spd Manual with	Body Style(s)	2 and 4 dr Coupes, sedans, convertibles			
Width	in.		Syncro	Assembly				



The finished interior and dash are beautiful.

the mechanics. After putting the body back onto the chassis, I realized that the pads between the body and the chassis were very significant, because if you don't do it right, your doors won't open! So, trial and error finally resulted in a proper fit.

I did not attempt any body or interior work, preferring to leave those tasks to professionals. I was able to buff out the original stainless steel trim pieces, and sent out the two bumpers and the hood ornament for re-chroming. Although, these were pre-internet days, I was successful in tracking down parts that I needed. For instance, Gately in Massa-

chusetts had a lot of parts, and I bought a beautiful grill for \$100 in Hershey.

I sent the clock out for repair, but I did the dash myself, including the replacement of all the instruments, and a new wiring harness. I bought a rough-cast aluminum dash and grill, and restored them to original.

I used a gentleman named Charles for the interior restoration. I believe Charles still has his shop on Morris Avenue in Summit. The complete



Even the Trunk is remarkably detailed.



The LaSalle and it's trademark rounded Grill. The remarkable styling of a Lasalle is evident in this picture.

cloth interior was replaced, including the headliner and carpeting.

Cut to the chase, and by around 1998, the approximately 15-year restoration was finally finished. Since restored, the car has been shown in MA, and two years ago, was driven to Chantilly, VA. I



also drove the LaSalle to shows such as the 2014 CLC Grand National in Lake George, 2002 GN in Detroit, and the car has won too many trophies to count. The most recent trophy was First Junior Prize at the 2019 AACA Eastern Spring National at the Parsippany Hilton.

Rich's Car: The 1938 Model 5011 was the lowest-priced LaSalle on the market at that time, FOB \$1,345. Only around 700 cars were produced in that model in 1938, vs. 9,765 of the 4-door Model 5019. LaSalle was an American brand of luxury automobiles manufactured and marketed, as a separate brand, by General Motors' Cadillac division from 1927 through 1940. Alfred P. Sloan, GM's Chairman of the Board, developed the concept for four new GM

marques brands - LaSalle, Marquette, Viking and Pontiac - paired with already established brands to fill price gaps he perceived in the General Motors product portfolio. Sloan created LaSalle as a companion marque for Cadillac. LaSalle automobiles were manufactured by Cadillac, but were priced lower than Cadillac-branded automobiles, were smaller, and were marketed as the second-most prestigious marque in the General Motors portfolio. LaSalles were titled as LaSalles, and not as Cadillacs.

Like Cadillac, named after Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, the LaSalle brand name was based on that of another French explorer, René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle.

The final 1940 LaSalles were introduced in October 1939 with a full array of semi-custom body styles, as it had in its first year, including a convertible sedan. Harley Earl oversaw this redesign. The LaSalle emerged with a smooth-flowing design, its thin radiator flanked by a series of thin chrome slots. In its final year, sales of the LaSalle reached the second-highest level ever at 24,133. In addition to the Series 50, there was also the lower, wider Special Series 52 using General Motors' new "Torpedo" style body.

LaSalle sales had consistently exceeded Cadillac's since 1933, but since its introduction in 1935 the medium-priced Packard One-Twenty had consistently outsold the LaSalle by an average of 72 percent over the six-year period 1935-40 inclusively. It was decided to fold the LaSalle into the more prestigious Cadillac marque. LaSalle did not have the time to develop a prestigious name before the onset of the great depression and did not have the opportunity afterward.



With their stunning body lines, dependability and unique features, it's easy to see why the LaSalles were popular, even if it was for a short time.



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1952 Ford Custom. – Flathead V8, stick with OD, excellent condition, runs great. Great touring car. \$14,500. Ray 732-873-3094 (New Jersey)

Lost Model A—Looking to find the 1930 Model A coupe I sold 35 year ago in Cranford NJ. Have no record of who I sold it to. Car was Blk w/Blk fenders, red wheels had tail light on each rear fender and dealer decal on gas tank. Rumble seat converted from trunk. Bought the car in High School and would love to get it back. If anyone has a 1930 Model A coupe or knows someone who owns a 1930 Ford Coupe it may be the one Rweingart@comcast.net Cell 908 418 1980 Office 908 276 6984



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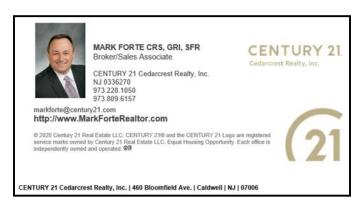
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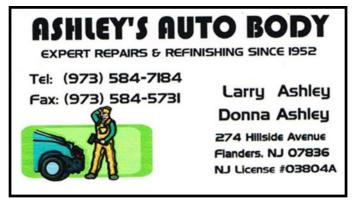
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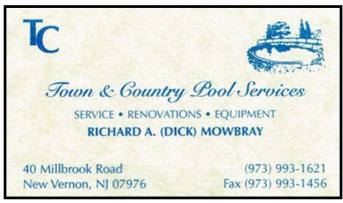
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New La Salle for Christmas-

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