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NEXT MEETING

The June (742nd) meeting of the
New Jersey Region AACA will be held at
the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains

7:30 PM June 10th, 2021

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upcoming EVENTS



NJ AACAA EVENTS

JUNE

10th NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Online 8:00 PM

12th Brightview Senior Living of Paramus
396 Forest Ave, Paramus NJ

26th The Delaney of Bridgewater - Drive by Parade
9:30-2pm 901 Frontier Rd, Bridgewater

26th Brightview Senior Living of Warren
57 Mount Bethel Road, Warren NJ

JULY

1st NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Online 8:00 PM

4th July 4th Parade - Washington 231 State
Route 31 S (Dairy Queen)

10th Sunrise Senior Living of Warren
209 Littleton Road (Route 202), Morris Plains, NJ

29th NJ Region Summer Tour - Finger Lakes
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AUGUST

8th 2021 Metuchen Rescue Squad Benefit Car-Truck-Motorcycle Show. Halsey St. Parking Lot, Metuchen

15th NJ Region AACAA Meeting and Picnic 8am to 10pm
East Stroudsburg VFW Pavilion

22nd David Markel Collection
2019 Bridge Road, Skippack, PA

SEPTEMBER

2nd NJ Region AACAA monthly meeting Online 8:00 PM

9th Spring Hills Assisted Living of Morristown
17 Spring Place, Morristown, NJ

12th NJ Veterans Memorial Home 1—4pm
132 Evergreen Rd, Edison, NJ 08837

18th Brookdale Senior Living Solutions 12-3pm
520 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ

25th Lantern Hill Senior Living 11-2pm
535 Mountain Ave, New Providence, NJ

2021 AACAA NATIONAL EVENTS

June

2-5 Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore of MD

17-19 Eastern Spring Nationals - Saratoga Springs, NY

July

1-3 Central Spring Nationals AACAA National Auburn IN

11-16 Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) Lock Have/
Wellsboro PA

22-24 Grand Nationals - New Ulm, MN

August

6-8 DAS Awkscht Fescht Macungie PA

13-14 Western Fall Nationals - Loveland, CO

September

9-11 Southeastern Fall Nationals - Greenville, SC

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

October

6-9 Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA

18-22 Central Divisional Tour - Broken Arrow, OK

November 4-6

4-6 Special Western Nationals - Phoenix, AZ

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



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



A Message from the President

June 2021



Art was busy with the Glidden tour contract reviews and at the Annual meeting and wasn't able to share his unique wisdom this month. But I will say that he made a good point of advertising the Glidden tour next year. And when he was asked the dates he responded in true Art Briggs fashion saying "I'm not totally sure on that, I'm the president of the club and I have good people that know that stuff" Stay tuned for more words from our President in later issues.

One more note, Brenda Zimmermann would like everyone to know that the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse event for 2021 will not go on due to lingering COVID issues. Look for the event to resume in 2022

Respectfully submitted,
Art Briggs, President
NJAACA #1469



Art and many others visited Jim Elliot's Garage in Virginia at the Annual Meeting and offered up many photos of the visit. See them throughout the Roadmap for June

UNDER THE HOOD Notes from the editor



WHEW!! Just got back from the annual meeting in Williamsburg Virginia and I have to say it was awful nice to feel normal again. Nice crowd of old and new friends, got judging school taken care of and got a nice enamel chit for the effort.

The NJ Region was well represented with Ray Fischer and Brenda Zimmerman taking home awards that are reserved for only the hardest of working AACA members. Leif Mangulson and I took home more consecutive awards for the website and the newsletter. And of course there was Wayne and Denise sitting at the head table taking their place in the history of the AACA. Sue and I had a great time and as always the atmosphere was happy, bright and cheerful. What more could you want?

I had a thought while I was there and I'll toss it out to all of you. Many of the club members have never been to a national event, not a national meet or the annual meeting. What if we put one or more national events on OUR schedule, then make the arrangements for anyone that wanted to attend to do so. Maybe that's an overnight, maybe that's a day trip, I don't know. For a day trip we could arrange for a charter bus and food as part of a small fee. Or for the Annual meeting in Philadelphia, again facilitate a mass NJ Region attendance so that all of the members can begin to see what goes on at a national meet. Some of you old timers are sitting back saying "been there, done that" but I have information from a good source that a crazy high percentage of members never attend a national meet and take part in some of the social events that surround them.

Find me, take the time to bend my ear on this. I'd love to share the fun of a national meet with as many members as possible.

On My honor.....
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NJ REGION AACA

Minutes – May 6th, 2021 #741



The 741st Region Meeting via Zoom was called to order at 8:05PM by President Art Briggs.

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

Opening Comments and President's

Report: Art Briggs – Art thanked all members for attending this Zoom meeting. He asked the members to encourage other members to attend. Art asked for suggestions on how we could hold a regular in-person meeting. None were received.

Guest Sally Murray was introduced.

Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 2021 Zoom Region Meeting (as printed in The Road Map) was made, seconded and approved. The minutes for the April meeting will stand as reported.

Correspondence: None

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

Awards Chairman: Jerry Peck "awarded" 2020 awards to the following members: Abe Platt received three pewter plates in place of the permanent trophies he turned in, Rich Reina received the "Editor's Award" for his contributions to The Road Map. and Jay DeBoey received the "Most Honored Member" award. Jerry presented all of the trophies in person.

Glidden Tour Update: Vince DeLisi, Chairman. Vince gave an overview of the tour's planning. The proposed dates are Sept. 25 to 30, 2022. Suds Reddy volunteered to be the Treasurer, Jerry Peck volunteered to be Tour Master, Vince will handle the registration, and Jay DeBoey will handle the brochures and newsletters. Volunteers are still needed for lunch and ice cream stops, social media, dinners, sound system, tour & advertising book, hospitality room, shirts & hats, parking, car inspection, and Dean of Freshman.

Region Activities: Vice-President Suds Reddy presented a detailed listing of all upcoming Regional and National activities for the upcoming months with input from the various chairs. Bill Pritchett is chairing the Spring Fling day trips which will include mystery tours, the Stein Home visit which is yet to be confirmed, and the Summer Tour with Pete Cullen. Abe Platt has nursing home, assisted living home and senior com-

munity events in Elizabeth, Somerset, Paramus, Bridgewater and Warren. Bob Hudak is chairing the Hillsborough Memorial Day parade. The new dates for the AACA Annual Convention are June 3 to 5. The June Region Meeting has been re-scheduled to June 10. All Regional and National events are displayed in The Road Map.

The Road Map Editor: Jay DeBoey – No report

Membership: Bill Pritchett – Bill reported that we welcomed 3-4 new members last month.

Welcoming Committee: Denise Tuck – No report

Sunshine: Sarah Pritchett – No report

Participation Points: Vince DeLisi – No report

Spring Meet: Pete Cullen – No report

AACA National Award in Herb Singe's memory:

Rich Reina – Rich stated that we have met our goal of \$5000.00. No money is to be sent at this time. The people who pledged will be contacted.

Region Clothing: . Bob Kelly sold several items at the Dairy Queen event.

Old Business: none

New Business: \$5000 will be forwarded to the region from AACA National as seed money for the Glidden Tour. A new checking account will be opened.

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

The next meeting will be June 10, 2021. Please note that this is the second Thursday, changed for June only.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Roser #1398
Region Secretary*



Antique Automobile Road Trip to Dave Markel's Car Museums – PART 3

Attention antique automobile enthusiasts, I have recently spoken with Michael Casale, the curator for this collection, to set up our third visit to David Markel's Car Collection. We will be touring and seeing additional collections not observed during the two previous road trips. We will see special cars and motorcycles from the 1910's through the 1970's. The vehicles include American and European sports, racers and classic cars and motorcycles, including AACA and Concours D'Elegance veterans. The narrated tour takes around 4 to 5 hours with a break for lunch.

The cost is \$25.00 per person for the tour is limited to 40 people, with a minimum of 20 tourists required. The options for lunch are varied at the many eateries in the immediate area. The tour has been scheduled for Sunday, August 22, 2021. If interested, please contact Abraham Platt as soon as possible at (732) 752-6341 or via email at abeplatt@aol.com. Please let me know by Monday, August 16th if you are planning to attend. I need to determine how many cars and attendees we can expect and whether we have enough tourists to proceed with this tour.

We will be meeting at and leaving from the Wegman's Grocery Store located at 724 Route 202 South Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807. Please drive your antique or modern vehicles and depart your starting location in plenty of time to arrive at the meeting location by 8:15 AM as we will depart at 8:30 AM for a leisurely caravan drive to Skippack (Schwenksville), PA. We will meet Mr. Casale and proceed to the first building and start the tour at 10:30



A dual cowl Packard, from the last visit to Dave Markel's Museum

AM. We will be touring several buildings, with a lunch break at an appropriate point in the tour. Please note that there are approximately 8 restaurants in the immediate area of the museum buildings.

For those interested in something to do after the tour. There is a Cars and Cigars event at the Parc Bistro from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Thank you for your interest.

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

Day of event call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319
 If you get separated or are lost call Michael Casale for directions at (610) 584.0511



So, the doors open at Dave Markel's Museum and you see this.....



Juan Manuel Fangio's Alfa Romeo 158 this is royalty

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

Thursday July 29 to Monday August 1, 2021

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

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

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

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

Thank you, Summer Co-Tour masters

Pete Cullen - 973-650-2957

Bill Pritchett - 908-534-9069



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

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

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

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

Pete Cullen and Anthony Cecala
Fall Foliage Tour Co-Masters

Washington, NJ July 4 Parade 2:00pm

On Sunday, July 4 the NJ Region has been invited to participate in their annual July 4 parade. We will meet by 2:00 at Grace and Marc Bernstein's Dairy Queen, 231 NJ-31 S, Washington, NJ 07882. The parade will kick off promptly at 3:00. The cars will be at the front of the parade. The Bernsteins have offered free ice cream to Region members for participating in the parade. Marc has asked us to participate as a favor to him. I hope some of you can make it as there are no other July 4 parades scheduled for the Region.

If the weather is questionable or for any questions, please call me on my cell phone at 908-581-0411. There is no rain date.

Submitted by:
Bill Pritchett, Event Chair
NJ Region Member #963



CELEBRATIONS

BY BRENDA ZIMMERMAN, NJ AACA REGION #1238

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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Happy Anniversary!



More from the Jim Elliot Collection in Williamsburg Va.



A money maker from the Jim Elliot Collection, need a coke?

FEATURED COVER CAR

1962 Buick Electra 225 Convertible



*Owned by Carol Weingart
Cranford New Jersey
Story by Rick & Carol Weingart NJAACA #1513
Photos by Adriane Vadimsky*

In early 2014 my wife Carol was coming up to a REALLY BIG July birthday and I was pondering what I could do that would be special and something we could both enjoy. I had a Model A's from the time I was in high school and dated Carol in my 1930 coupe (which I am still looking to get back) I kept the coupe thru college, and my Air Force service in Orlando, FL at McCoy AFB now the site of the Orlando International AP.

After we came back to New Jersey in 1970 we continued driving the A and our two children didn't enjoy riding in the rumble seat so I sold the coupe and bought a basket case 29 Brigg's Leatherback which I had restored and we still drive frequently. However, we are restricted on how far we can go, which roads we can travel on and a variety of safety issues sometimes makes it difficult to go out and enjoy the Model A.

So with that in mind I began thinking about looking for a modern car, something we could just jump into and not worry about any of that travel stuff, you know, just get in and enjoy the road. Like everyone else I started surfing the internet at cars and not knowing just what I was looking for, but I would know it when I found it. One day a pretty 1962 Buick Electra 225 Convertible comes up for sale in Warminster PA at a GMC dealership. I think that's a strange trade-in but it wasn't it belonged to the owner of the dealership. I wasn't looking for a particular make or model as I like all old cars because they are so unique but a car we could drive anywhere and have fun with. After seeing the Buick I kept looking to see what else



Exclusive to the Electra 225 was the Mirromatic Instrument Panel

is out there.

The Buick shows up a few times so I took a further look at it. It was a convertible I started leaning

towards a convertible as I never had one so that became a plus. The car presented itself very nicely with



Buicks largest, plushiest and most expensive model for 1962 the Electra 225

great paint, excellent chrome, original leather bucket seats and only 62,000 original miles. It was big it was flashy it was in PA but not that far so I figured what the heck let's go take a look. With my daughter in tow to keep me grounded off we went.

When we get to the dealership it was out front and it was flashy and 18 feet long so right away I know it won't go in the garage. It has P/W, P/B, P/A. P/S, power bucket seats A/C and it's a convertible. I said to my daughter you don't see one of these every day my daughter chimes in ARE YOU CRAZY Mom will kill you! Well what is life without some adventure.

This a car Carol and I can get in go anywhere it looks great mechanically it is in good condition so I decided to take the plunge I buy the car and the owner offers to deliver it to Union Collision in Union while we wait for the big Birthday.. The BIG BIRTHDAY DAY finally arrives for Carol and the Buick is parked in front of the house the car went over very well everyone took turns driving and riding in it. We have enjoyed driving places quicker and in more comfort than the Model A. BUT the Model A is still the family favorite.

After driving the Buick for about a year I felt it was time to make some improvements and upgrades to make the Buick more reliable, comfortable and get

items on the car working as they should I took the Buick to Somerset Hills Classic's In Bernardsville for work as I have with other cars and as always their work was very good.

We started with a simple fix replacing the old weather stripping around the vents, doors and trunk .We got a little more serious with a new exhaust system and mufflers that with the weather stripping made a difference with less noise and more pep. People say why do you need air conditioning if you have a convertible well there are days when it's hot it is nice to have A/C. After trying to get the old duct work and flaps to open and close it was decided to replace the old dried out A/C duct work with new material to allow the system to function as it was designed.

All this brought us to the next item in a 50 plus year old car wiring. It was decided to replace the wiring with a new color coded harness making the car safer for the long term. Then we looked at convenience items the cigarette lighter was changed into a charging port for the cellphone or a



Standard on Electra 225 were back up lights and parking lamps.

GPS, the clock was rebuilt with quartz movement while keeping the original appearance, they didn't have FM in 1962 but the Buick has it now the radio was rebuild with new technology allowing us to change from AM to

1962 Buick Electra 225					
DIMENSIONS		POWERTRAIN		OVERVIEW	
Weight	4,600 lbs.	Engine	6.6L , 401 Ci V8	Manufacturer	Buick
Wheelbase	126 in.			Production	7,894 2dr Convertible
Length	220.1 in.	Transmission	2 Spd Dynaflo AT 3 Speed TH Auto	Body Style(s)	2 dr Coupe, Fastback & Convertibles
Width	77.9 in.			Assembly	Flint MI South Gate CA Linden NJ.



The Safety Option Group included a padded dash, accessory group and custom moldings and a glove box light.

FM with the twist of the off and on knob while keeping the original appearance. The last and coolest upgrade was replacing the original dash lights with LED, most original dash lighting comes from old bulbs and is very dull but LED brings the dash and all the gauges to life makes the car interior pop and easier to see while night driving. The Buick has been displayed in the Car Museum in Point Pleasant with other Buicks to Somerville cruise nights, Cranford car shows, a drive-in movie event in Wall Township and with other cars from the AACA we got to drive around the warning track at Patriot Stadium.

The improvements and upgrades brought the Buick into the 21st century the only mechanical issue has been the generator and alternator which I recently had rebuilt other than that there have been no problem with car which the previous owner took very good care of it. It runs great, looks great especially with the top down Carol and I look forward to enjoying it for many more miles and years.



Super Deluxe wheel cover with Gold accents were standard on the Electra



The Big Buick carries four VentiPorts per front fender, a trademark, and features a rakish restyle from 1961.

BrightView Senior Living of Paramus
Saturday, June 12, 2021
11:30 AM to 3:00 PM



On Saturday, June 12, 2021 we are scheduled to conduct our First Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of The BrightView Senior Living facility of Paramus, NJ. The Vibrant Living Director, Allison Vovk, reached out to the NJ Region AACA to conduct an antique car show, and will be our hostess for this event. The BrightView facility is located at 396 Forest Avenue in Paramus, NJ 07652: (201) 957-1955. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the south side (right side) of the facility. The car display is from 12:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will be provided with lunch in an appropriate area of the Senior Living facility depending on Pandemic Restrictions; while the residents, their families, and the staff look at our beautiful antique vehicles. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA as well as members of the assisted living and senior living communities. Please let me know by June 8th if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Vovk with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. Thank you for your participation. Based on the available parking and to comply with social distancing requirements, this event is limited to 35 antique vehicles.

Face masks are required for all participants and must be worn at all times while on the premises, except when eating lunch. Social distancing is required of all participants (presenters and spectators). There will be no exceptions to these requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 (home office) or via email abeplatt@aol.com. If there is a chance of rain or it is raining, please call my mobile phone to confirm day of event activity. Day of event call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319. The rain date is Sunday, June 13, 2021

Submitted by:

*Abraham Platt, Event Chair
 NJ Region Member #1524*

DIRECTIONS:

BrightView Senior Living of Paramus is located east of the Garden State Parkway and Route 17 and north of Route 4.

From Rt. 17 (South or North): Take the exit for Midland Ave. towards River Edge. Proceed east on Midland Ave. to Forest Ave. Turn right onto Forest Ave. The BrightView facility is on the left (east side of Forest Ave).

From the Garden State Parkway (South or North): Take Exit 165 onto Oradell Ave. towards Oradell. Proceed on Oradell Ave. to Forest Ave. Turn right onto Forest Ave. The BrightView facility is on the left (east side of Forest Ave) just after crossing Midland Ave.

From Route I-80 (East): Take the exit for the Garden State Parkway North and follow the directions above.

From Route 4 (East or West): Take the exit for Forest Ave. and proceed north on Forest Ave. for approximately 2.5 miles. The BrightView facility is on the right (east side of Forest Ave).

From Route 208 (East): Merge onto Route 4 East and follow the Directions above for Route 4.

Enter the facility's driveway and turn right in the parking lot and proceed to the south side of the building.

My Long Time acquaintance with Annabelle

A story of a boy and his dog

by Robert S. Smith NJ Region #420

As an old man, let me tell you of my affiliation with now, an old car. In the late 1930's and up until 1943, a local doctor, Dr. Harry Maxwell would visit our house about once a month to care for my grandmother. It was always on a Saturday and he would arrive in his little green car. As a young man I didn't care about the car, it was his bird dog that interested me! I would sit on the running board and toss a ball for the dog to retrieve and enjoy the time playing fetch. As for the car? I didn't even know the make, didn't care to know, it was the dog that kept me entertained. The fun all ceased in 1943 as my grandmother passed away and the doctor stopped coming.

Fast forward to 1950 when I had the chance to buy my first car, a 1930 Model A Ford Roadster, all original. one owner, low mileage, Washington Blue with black fenders. But, like all people living in Morristown at the time, I patronized the local Texaco station and I would often see that green '32 Dodge roadster now owned by Dr. Maxwell's nurse Rita Minnaugh. The doctor gave her the car in 1950. I started to compare the Dodge to my Model A and soon came to realize that the Dodge Brothers Roadster came with a 6 cylinder engine, free wheeling juice brakes, better suspension, more interior room, a larger rumble seat and was generally lower to the ground. I would see the car often and ideas started to form.

After college and some Army time, I returned home and met Sam Alpert who introduced me to the NJ Region AACA. He was the one who urged me to buy a '27 Model T 4 door, then another and another and even a '30 roadster in partnership with a good friend. In 1950 I attended the Spring meet at the armory and met Herb Singe, he joined the club in 1965 receiving #420 as my membership number.

As time passed I learned that the Dodge was ordered and sold through the Wiss Brothers dealership in town (the location where the first NJ region meeting was held in 1951) and a mechanic there, Vince Penepede advised that the green Dodge was actually a '31, originally licensed in '32. Research proved this to be accurate and that Dodge Brothers had actually only built 160 roadsters that year having moved onto cabriolets to keep up with the competition.

In 1969 I learned from one of the mechanics at the Texaco station that the Dodge might be up for sale. I immediately went the 2 block to see Rita, now 88 years young, and offered to purchase the car. She agreed and left me with the



Annabelle all dressed up for an AACA National meet in Parsippany



Why not have some fun while you ride in a parade??

statement "don't you ever sell my Annabelle". I drove it home the very next day in a snow storm. I immediately replaced the side curtains and top because the resembled burnt toast. For many years it was my go to car for NJ region events and I maintained it's original condition. In 1990, being a recently retired individual I gained access to a local garage bay and began the chore of restoring the Green Dodge. Over the course of the next 3 years it was a complete body off, engine out restoration with a new top and complete upholstery. Over time I kept a complete log of the work and hours spent and wondered why I had taken on this project. The frustration at times was worth it as I am proud of the outcome and have continued to enjoy the use of Annabelle in activities with the NJ Region and beyond.

That's the story of a boy and a dog years ago, and now, and old man with his car.

BRIGHTVIEW SENIOR LIVING OF WARREN **11:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

On Saturday, June 26, 2021 we are scheduled to conduct our **THIRD** Annual Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of The BrightView Senior Living facility of Warren, NJ. The Vibrant Living Director, Gayla Zieser, will be our hostess for this event. The BrightView facility is located at 57 Mount Bethel Road in Warren, NJ 07059: (908) 756-3790. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the front (east side) of the facility. **The car display is from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM.** We will be provided with lunch in an appropriate area of the Senior Living facility depending on Pandemic Restrictions; while the residents, their families, and the staff look at our beautiful antique vehicles. Ms. Zieser is a car person and is planning a carnival-like affair. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA as well as members of the assisted living and senior living communities. Please let me know by June 23rd if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Zieser with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect.

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 22 (East or West): Take the exit to Warrentown Road north. Warrentown Road turns into Mount Bethel Road at the intersection with Mountain Boulevard (traffic light). The BrightView facility is on the left (west side of King George Road) just after the intersection (approximately 0.3 miles).

From Mountain Blvd/Washington Valley Road (East or West): Turn north onto Mount Bethel Road (traffic light). The BrightView facility is on the left (west side of King George Road) just after the intersection (approximately 0.3 miles).

From Interstate Rt. 78 (East or West): Take Exit 36 onto King George Road south. Proceed south on King George Road as it changes into Mount Bethel Road. The BrightView facility is on the right (west side of King George Road) just prior to the intersection (approximately 0.3 miles) with Mountain Boulevard (traffic light).

From the North: Take South Maple Ave. south to South Finely Ave. to Stonehouse Road to Valley Road to King George Road. Follow the directions above for **"From Interstate Rt. 78 (East or West)"**.

Submitted by:

Abraham Platt, Event Chair

NJ Region Member #1524

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



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

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

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

Please note that since the Delaney of Bridgewater and the Brightview of Warren are only about 20 minutes apart (approximately 7 miles), please consider joining us for both the Drive-by Parade at the Delaney of Bridgewater and the Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event at the BrightView of Warren. See the write-up for the Brightview of Warren for additional details.

DIRECTIONS:

From US Route 22 (East): Immediately after traveling under route I-287, take the exit ramp for the Service Road for US Route 22, Route 28, Chimney Rock Road, and Martinsville. Stay to the left and turn left at the traffic light. Cross over US Route 22 and proceed to the first traffic light and turn left onto the access road for the shopping center. The Container Store is to your right and Whole Foods is on your left.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM 2020

For many of us, 2020 may seem to have been a lost year. Given the lack of activities throughout 2020 New Jersey Region members have had little opportunity to accumulate points, plan activities that we would enjoy, nor participate in other club activities to any extent. Therefore, the broad range of awards that are typically awarded were very limited. However, three of our own distinguished themselves last year, despite Covid, and we should take the time to recognize these men and their valued accomplishments.

Abe Platt was awarded the "Participation Trophy", for the most points earned, the "Editor's Trophy" for his many contributions to the Roadmap and the "Memberships Trophy", for having recruited the most new members. For each of these achievements, he was awarded trophies and, at a short time ago, he was given three commemorative, silver plates to further recognize his continual efforts. A photo of his receiving them from Jerry Peck is included with this article.



Rich receives his award from Jerry

Rich's Repair Ramblings has been a featured article in our Roadmap throughout 2020. Rich's articles have become so popular, in fact, that many AACA regions, have requested his permission to use his articles, in their monthly club publications. This is a great testament to the variety, thoroughness, quality and educational benefits of each and every one of his articles. For Rich's excellent contributions to the Roadmap, Jay DeBoey, the Roadmap's Editor, selected Rich to be last



Abe Receives his Award from Jerry

year's recipient of the "Editor's Award". A photo of Rich receiving the Editor's Trophy is included.

Our most coveted recognition is the "Most Honored Award", which is presented to the individual, who has done the most for our club, during the prior year. That honor is determined by a ballot, from our membership. For 2020, it was no contest. Jay DeBoey clearly won the award, hands down. Jay continues to collect, organize and put into a superb and ever-evolving format, which is our monthly Roadmap. It's a herculean task each month and he spends countless hours of time in making the publication available for everyone. It's consistently first class and it's presentation is always improving. Regrettably, Jay wasn't available for a photo opportunity.

Congratulations to Abe and Rich and Jay. Despite Covid, you still managed to truly stand out among your peers. We all thank you for your efforts in 2020 and hope that you will always continue to help move the New Jersey Region forward.



Rich's Repair Ramblings May 2021 : The Care and Feeding of Vehicle Tires

Spark plugs are a small but critical component of an engine's ignition system. It is the delivery of a high-voltage spark at precisely the correct moment which ignites the fuel-air mixture in the cylinder's combustion chamber, creating the explosive power to drive the piston downward and rotate the crankshaft. The spark plug must do this thousands of times per minute at high engine speeds, must tolerate voltages up to 30,000V, and must operate in temperatures which can approach 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Engineers who design internal combustion engines specify spark plugs which will optimally function in an increasingly complex environment. There is no "one size fits all" spark plug.

According to Wikipedia, the spark plug was originally invented by a Belgian/French engineer, Étienne Lenoir, who in 1860 patented a spark plug for his early internal combustion engine. But it was the German engineer Gottlob Honold, working for Robert Bosch, who patented his invention of a combination high-voltage spark plug/magneto system in 1902, enabling the gasoline-powered engine to become the powertrain of choice for motor vehicles.

While that work was going on in Germany, a Frenchman named Albert Champion moved to Boston MA, and with knowledge he had gained from working in French auto factories, began manufacturing Champion brand spark plugs in 1907. Champion met Billy Durant, who persuaded him to move to Flint MI to provide spark plugs for Buicks. A short time later, Du-

rant incorporated General Motors, while Champion incorporated the Champion Ignition Company. But Champion's former partners moved from Boston to Toledo OH and incorporated the Champion Spark Plug Company. In the best of American traditions, the former partners sued Mr. Champion over the rights to use his own name. Albert Champion eventually settled out of court and changed his company's name to the AC Spark Plug Company. Now you know that both Champion and AC spark plugs are named after the same person!



An AC spark plug ad from 1919

From the automobile's earliest days, spark plugs were recognized as a regular maintenance item, so spark plug makers put money and effort into advertising. It's fun to scan the spark plug ads available for viewing on the AACA Library's online website and see how the various plug companies fought for name recognition and market share. Lest we forget about the more frequent maintenance these old jalopies required, here's a quote from MOTOR'S Auto Repair Manual, Sixteenth Edition, published in 1953:

"Under normal operating conditions, spark plugs must be cleaned and adjusted every 3,000 to 5,000 miles. To clean plugs, soak them in a carburetor cleaning solvent from 15 to 30 minutes.... Scrape out all carbon and oxide deposits from the shells and insulators with a pointed steel scraper. Blow out all scrapings and use sand-blasting equipment to complete the job." Can you imagine doing this on your Hemi-powered Ram 1500 pickup today? Thanks to huge improvements in technology, most modern vehi-

cles have spark plug replacement intervals which hover around 100,000 miles.



An ad from 1954 for Champion spark plugs

Among the many important engineering design elements of spark plugs, “heat range” is one of the more confusing and less-understood ones. First, it’s important to understand that ideally, a spark plug’s tip operates best at a temperature close to 500 degrees C (900 degrees F). This temperature is preferred as it is hot enough to self-clean the tip by burning off deposits. Below this temperature, residue from the combustion process can remain. Above this temperature, the plug itself might become hot enough to ignite the fuel/air mixture, causing pre-ignition.

Spark plug material and size play a role in transferring combustion heat from the spark plug to the cylinder head. Simply put, the less heat which is transferred, the hotter the spark plug; the more heat which is transferred, the colder the spark plug. So a ‘hot’ spark plug does a better job of burning off deposits, which can extend spark plug life. But using too hot a plug can damage the plug and cause pre-ignition. A ‘cold’ spark plug is generally better for performance engines, as their higher RPMs and hotter temperatures help keep spark plugs clean. But using too cold a plug can prevent a plug from self-cleaning and may cause the plug to foul.

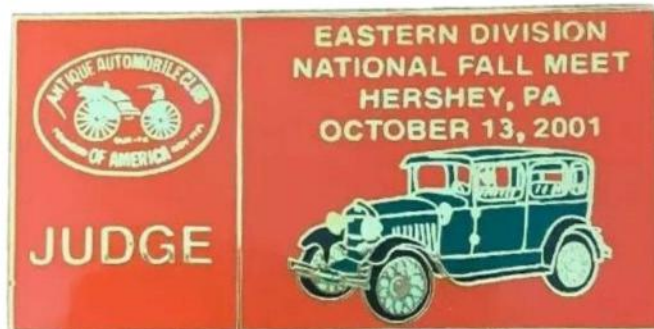
(Special thanks to Chris Ritter of the AACA Library for permission to use the spark plug ads from the Library’s archives.)

Next month in *Rich’s Repair Ramblings: Spark Plugs, Part 2: Purchase and Replacement*

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

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Bring an Extra Pair of Pants

By Fred Trusty

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I want to tell you about an adventure I had while on the 2019 AACA Founders Tour in Seward, Nebraska. The Founders Tour is for vehicles from 1932 all the way up to vehicles 25 years old. This was a hub tour which means each day you travel from the motel to different attractions and back to the same motel each night. The tour would be covering about 150 miles per day so I decided to drive my 1966 Chevy Bel Air since it has air conditioning.

A couple of weeks before I left, I checked the mechanicals on the Bel Air and found the a/c compressor that was replaced 7 years ago was leaking and all the bushings in the front suspension were just plain worn out. Normally, I would have done the suspension work myself but I found myself really pressed for time so I took it to the auto repair shop that I have done business with for many years. They replaced the a/c compressor, inner and outer tie rod ends, idler arm, and center link.

The tour started on a Monday but the AACA National at Auburn, Indiana was the Saturday before the tour. Pretty tight schedule but doable. My plan was to leave Auburn right after the awards dinner and drive part of the way to Seward. I already had a motel room reserved about 5 hours from Auburn so I would have a leisurely drive to Seward on Sunday with plenty of time to unload the car from the trailer and relax on Sunday evening.

I slipped out of the awards dinner early and walked to my truck and trailer and what a shock. Someone had hit the trailer fender on the driver side and I had a flat on the other side of the trailer. On top of that the right side of the trailer was in very soft grass so the small floor jack I had would just sink into the ground. Fortunately, a man parked around the corner from me asked if I needed help. He had one of those little portable air compressors so we put air in the tire and I was able to pull it onto the asphalt where I changed the tire. Now I had no trailer spare for my long trip to Seward. Worse though was the fender would rub the tire if you hit a hole or uneven pavement. What to do? Fortunately, my trailer has removable fenders so I took it off and armed with a hammer and a piece of 2 x 4, I performed some metal bumping on the tailgate of my truck. It looked pretty good so off I went. I made it to my motel about 2:00 AM that night and had no problem falling asleep.

The tour was great. One day I rode with Dave Kontor in his 1967 Camaro and another day Dave and I rode with Marty Roth in his 1954 Cadillac convertible. We're lucky that we didn't end up in jail that day. One morning it was raining so Marty rode with me in the front seat and John and Paulette LaBarr rode in the back seat of the Bel Air. In Nebraska, the roads are mostly laid out in large grids and it's always windy. I had been complaining that morning that the wind was so strong it was causing the car to drift side to side. Right after lunch we were driving down a two lane road and came to a T intersection with a four lane highway. Not long after we turned right we heard a loud pop. Keep in mind that we're travelling about 60 mph down a flat perfectly straight four lane undivided highway. The car seemed to be drifting to the right so I turned the steering wheel to the left but nothing happened. I kept turning until it stopped. Then I turned it all the way to the right and nothing happened. I looked over at Marty and said, "We have no steering." Talk about that deer in the headlight look from my 3 passengers! A 1966 Bel Air has drum brakes front and rear and my car has no power brakes. If not adjusted correctly, drum brakes can pull to one side or the other so I decided to let the car coast as far as it could before I applied the brakes. Did I mention that there had been flooding in Nebraska and the drainage ditch on the right side of the road was full? We had semi-trucks whizzing by on the left which left us in the proverbial "stuck between a rock and a hard place" scenario. The car was slowing down but then it started to drift to the right. The right wheels were already at the edge of the emergency lane and the grass. Since I already had a shower that morning, there was no need for a bath. Time to gently apply the brakes. By this time the right side tires were already in the grass so when I hit the brakes they locked up and slid straight until we were stopped. And then came that big sigh of relief from everyone, ah.....ah.

Crawling under the car revealed that the nut on the pitman arm was gone and the pop we heard was the stud coming out of the socket. Obviously, the cotter pin was never installed, the nut was not tight, so it backed off. Several other drivers on the tour stopped to lend a hand with a jack and some tools. John Nikodym went to the next little town and bought a nut and cotter pin assortment at Napa Auto Parts. Less than an hour later the roadside repair was finished and I was on the way again. I can't understand why my passengers rode back with someone else. Rumor has it that Marty had to get back to the motel to change his pants. We laugh about it now but this was an adventure that we will never forget. Part of the fun of the old car hobby are the friends and the memories you make.

And yes, two mechanics lost their jobs because of this negligence. In the next issue we will cover what not to do and say if you're driving a 1954 Cadillac convertible and get pulled over by the sheriff in a small Nebraska town.



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Based on our very successful visit on October 10, 2020 with twenty members with their spouses and friends presenting fourteen antique automobiles from every decade from the 1930's thru the 1980's, the NJ Region AACA has been invited back to conduct another antique automobile display. Therefore, we are scheduled to conduct our **Second** Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of The Sunrise Senior Living facility of Morris Plains, NJ on Saturday, July 10, 2021. The Activity & Volunteer Coordinator, Anna Marie Bergus, will be our hostess for this event. The Sunrise facility is located at 209 Littleton Road (U.S. Route 202) in Morris Plains, NJ 07950: (973) 538-7878. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 12:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the rear (east side) of the facility. **The car display is from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.** We will be provided with lunch in an appropriate area of the Senior Living facility depending on Pandemic Restrictions; while the residents, their families, and the staff wander about to look at our beautiful antique automobiles. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA as well as members of the assisted living and senior living communities. Please let me know by July 6th if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Bergus with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. Thank you for your participation.

Please note that face masks are required for all participants and must be worn at all times except when eating lunch. Social distancing is required of all participants (presenters and spectators). **There will be no exceptions to these requirements.**

If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 (home office) or via email abeplatt@aol.com. **If there is a chance of rain or it is raining, please call my mobile phone to confirm day of event activity.** Day of event call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319. The rain date is Sunday, July 11, 2021

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From NJ Route 10 East: Take the exit for US Route 202 (Boonton / Morristown) prior to the intersection of NJ Rt 10 and US Rt 202 and turn right proceeding south on Littleton Road (US Route 202) towards Morristown. Proceed south on Littleton Road, past the traffic light for the shopping malls, and the entrance to the Sunrise facility will be on your left.

From US Route 202 South: Proceed through the intersection of NJ Rt 10 and US Rt 202 and proceed south on Littleton Road (US Route 202) past the traffic light for the shopping malls, and the entrance to the Sunrise facility will be on your left.

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