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## NEXT MEETING

The July (755th) meeting of the  
 New Jersey Region AACA will be held at  
 the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains  
**8:00 PM July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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 by  
**Vince Delisi**

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## *A Message from the President July 2022*



Welcome to July and the heat of the summer. Our calendar is quite full and I hope to see many of you at these events. June is still not "tour ready" as she is still nursing her injured ankle. We will definitely be attending the Fall Foliage Tour to Lukan's Farm Resort in the Pocono Mountains, one of our favorite places to go.

I promised to highlight a special region member each month, someone who goes over and above to serve the club. Abraham Platt chairs so many of our activities that I wanted to thank him publicly. Though he states that he has no desire to become a club officer, he does plenty of work behind the scenes. Abe, member #1524, joined the region back in 2016, during my then third term as Region President. He told me that I inspired him, and for that I am grateful. Abe regenerated our activities and visits to assisted living and nursing homes, and to other senior facilities. We had been doing these visits for many years, but he suggested that we ask for donations as these are mostly for profit organizations. Abe succeeded in bringing in much needed revenue to the region ever since. Though many of these visits were canceled during 2020 and 2021, he is back in full force scheduling and collecting donations. Abe is also a member of the Nominating Committee, and he succeeded in persuading me to come back as President after five years. I have been working very hard getting this club back on track this year, and hope to leave it in capable hands for 2023 with your next President. I applaud Abraham for all he continues to do, and you should do likewise.

Thanks and congratulations are due to Dick Bettel for a great June issue of the Road Map. He has great ideas to continue our newsletter as an outstanding publication. As previously approved by the membership at a recent meeting, I sent a thank you letter along with a \$200 donation from the club to region members Marc and Grace Bernstein for hosting the region members and friends at their Dairy Queen store for many years. They graciously offered us lunch and ice cream at no charge. This has become a spring tradition for the club. Pete Cullen recently made final arrangements for our annual region picnic in August. We will be back at the VFW in PA for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. These are beautiful facilities and a short ride over the Delaware River bridge.

I hope to see more members at our activities. It gives you a chance to meet more members and have a good time. As always, I am available to speak to you about your concerns and suggestions. I am retired so I can be reached at any time before 9PM. I look forward to hearing from you.

Gregory Roser #1398 / NJ Region AACA President  
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



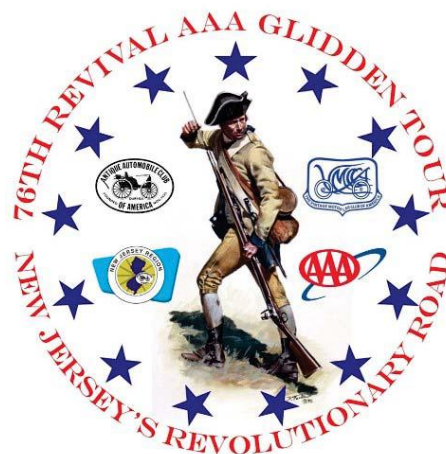
Wow, I can't believe that this is my second issue already. Thanks Vince DeLisi for this month's "Car of the Month" and what a car it is. This car was truly a labor of love (emphasis on the word Labor). Next month we will feature Pat & Bob's new acquisition, a 1957 Dodge that has been in Pat's family since it was brand new.

I'm now looking for a vehicle for the September issue. A couple of paragraphs about how you came to possess your 4 wheeled baby, with lots of pictures. Although a portrait shot is best for the front cover, I'll work with whatever I have. Just get the article to me at njraacaroadmapeditor@gmail.com.

I also want to mention all the upcoming events: picnics, tours, car shows that are being planned. Check them out and see how many you can attend. There are still a few days to get your rooms for the Summer Tour. With all the activities Pete Cullen and Bill Pritchett have planned, it is sure to be a great time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bettel, #1614, Editor



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# 76<sup>TH</sup> Revival AAA Glidden Tour®

## New Jersey's Revolutionary Roads

September 25 – 30, 2022 - Princeton, New Jersey

### Planned itineraries of the

#### 76th Revival AAA Glidden Tour ®

##### Sunday, Sept. 25th

Princeton/Princeton University self-directed tours of the University and surrounding town.  
Followed by a barbeque.

##### Monday, Sept. 26th

A lecture at a local college theater entitled, "Ten Crucial Days of the American Revolution", followed by a tour of Bucks County, PA.

Covered Bridges, Barns and Stone Homes

##### Tuesday, Sept. 27th

Visit Washington Crossing on both sides of the Delaware River, which includes presentations, movies and touring a colonial village.

##### Wednesday, Sept 28th

We'll tour Monmouth Battlefield and nearby sites. A historical interpreter will detail both battles.

##### Thursday, Sept. 29th

Roebling Museum's contribution to major bridges will be explored, followed by lunch aboard the battleship USS New Jersey.

##### Friday, Sept. 30th

Enjoy Princeton Battlefield and Morven Museum, then finish our tour by driving the Millstone, followed by our closing banquet



### Tour Contacts

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### REGISTRATION

Registration begins on May1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2022, or until filled, with a 175 car limit. Hotel Details will be included in the confirmation email. Applications will be available on:  
NJ Region website: <https://njregionaaca.com>  
and the VMCCA website: <https://vmcca.org>



For cars manufacture prior to 1943 as originally built, only safety modifications permitted

### History

New Jersey played a central role and critical role during the Revolutionary War. In fact, George Washington and his armies spent over a third of their time here. Nearly 300 engagements occurred in New Jersey, more than the combined total of all clashes within all of the remaining 12 original American Colonies!





# upcoming EVENTS



## NJ AACAA EVENTS

### JULY

- 16 Tour of Two Private CarCollections 9:00 AM  
Joe's Garage, 2670 Allaire Road, Wall, NJ Abe Platt
- 19 12:30PM - 4:00 PM; Plaza Healthcare,  
Elizabeth NJ; Abe Platt;
- 28-8/1 Region Summer Tour; Bill Pritchett/ Pete  
Cullen; Syracuse NY (base)

### AUGUST

- 13 Annual picnic & tour Sarah & Brian
- 14 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; NJAACAA 756th  
Meeting and Picnic; Pete Cullen; 540  
Fawn Rd, East Stroudsburg PA
- 21 12:00PM - 3:00 PM; BrightView Senior  
Living Warren, NJ; Abe Platt
- 28 2:00PM - 3:00 PM; Warren Haven  
Home, Oxford, NJ; Carole Durna

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 8:00 PM; 10:00 PM; 757th Meeting
- 5 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM; So Planfield Labor  
Day Parade; Abe Platt
- 11 12:00PM; - 4:00PM; NJ Veterans  
Memorial Home; Edison NJ Abe Platt;
- 17 11:30AM - 3:00 PM; Brookdale Sr  
Living, W. Orange, Abe Platt

### OCTOBER

- 2 Autumn Outing--Hunterdon Hills  
Playhouse; CANCELLED
- 6 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM 758th Meeting;
- 14-16 Fall Follage Tour, Lukan's Farm  
Pete Cullen & Anthony Cecala;
- 22 9:00AM; Fall Mystery Tour; Bill  
Pritchett; (it's a mystery!)

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

- 22 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM; 760th Meeting and  
Holiday Dinner

## NATIONAL AACAA EVENTS

### JULY

- 31 10:30 am - 3:00 pm Zoar Harvest Festival Car  
Show – Zoar Village, Ohio

### AUGUST

- 5 - 7 Das Awkscht Fescht – Macungie, PA  
Macungie Memorial Park
- 11-13 Central Fall Nationals - East Moline, IL
- 22 - 26 Snapper's Brass and Gas – 'Puttering Around  
Princeton' Tour

### SEPTEMBER

- 10-16 Sentimental Tour - Gettysburg, PA
- 18-23 Reliability Tour - Shepherdsville, KY
- 25-30 Revival AAA Glidden Tour® - New Jersey  
Region, Princeton, NJ

### OCTOBER

- 4-7 Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA







# upcoming EVENTS



## LOCAL EVENTS

### Cruise-In this Summer

5/10 - 10/18 Galloping Hill Cruisers Every Monday  
Night (except Labor Day) 5pm - 9 pm Aviation  
Plaza 601 West Edgar Road (Rt 1) Linden, NJ

5/7 - Sept. Garden State Street Rod Association TGI  
Fridays, (Blue Star Shopping Center) 1701 US 22,  
Watchung, NJ 07069

### Car Shows in July

1 Shoppes at Old Bridge Monthly Car Show/Cruise  
Night 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
3777 Texas Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

2 Lakehurst 4th of July Car Show  
301 Union Ave, Lakehurst, NJ 08733

2 Flemington Car Show (Show Hours: 5:30 pm -  
8:30 pm) 75 Main Street Flemington, NJ 08822

3 22nd Annual All American Corvette Club Car  
Show 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Kohl's Shopping  
Center, 165 Rte 4 West, Paramus, NJ 07653

4 Livingston 27th Autofest 9:00 am - 3:00 pm)  
30 Robert Harp Drive Livingston, NJ 07039

7 Manasquan Main Street Car Show/Cruise  
Night 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
117 Main Street, Manasquan, NJ 08736

9 Annual Buick Car Show 9:00 am - 3:00 pm)  
2700 Allaire Road, Wall, NJ 07719

10 Red Bank Firefighters Car Show: 9:00 am -  
5:00 pm White St. Parking lot, Red Bank, NJ

10 River Edge Car Show: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm  
S River Dell HS, Oradell, NJ 07661

15 Summer Classic Car Show 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

69 Broad St, Manasquan, NJ 08736

16 Neshanic Station Car Show 8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
11 Elm Street, Branchburg, NJ 08853

16 Flemington Car Show 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
5 Main Street Flemington, NJ 08822

16 2nd Annual Haledon PBA Backyard Party &  
Car Show 10:00 am - 4:00 pm 289 Belmont  
Avenue Haledon, NJ 07508

19 TGIF Cruise Night/Car Show 5:30 - 9:00pm  
1001 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, NJ 09957 .

21 Texas Roadhouse Car Show 4:00 pm - 8:00  
2105 Route 35, Holmdel, NJ 07733

21 New Brunswick Monthly Car Show 4:00 - 9:00  
George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

23 Sentimental Cruisers Car Club Mid-Summer  
Car & Truck Show 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
102 Manchester Avenue, Forked River, NJ

24 4th Annual Sahara Club Car Show & BBQ  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
24 River Road, Bogota, NJ 07603

30 Flemington Car Show 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
75 Main Street Flemington, NJ 08822

31 27th Annual Cruise to the Jersey Shore Car  
Show 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Show Address: 100  
Ocean Avenue N, Long Branch, NJ 07740

31 Christmas in July (Show Hours: 9:00 am - 1:00  
pm 4680 Dante Avenue Vineland, NJ 08361

### Car Shows in September

5 Scotch Plains Labor Day Parade

### Car Shows in October

8 & 9 Fall Festival in Allentown, NJ

22 Britfest - MGCCNJ.org page 27



## NJ REGION AACA

### Minutes June 2, 2022, #754

The 754<sup>th</sup> NJ Region AACA meeting was held in person at the Morris Plains VFW and called to order at approximately 8:00 P.M. by President Gregory Roser, who led members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests and New members in attendance:** New members Dom Speranza and Michael Cilurso- welcome, guys!

**Meeting Minutes:** Member Abe Platt pointed out an error in the May meeting minutes as printed in the June edition of The Road Map. The Cadillac Corral collection is located in Wall, NJ; those interested in attending this event will meet in Piscataway, NJ. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes with this change by Abe and seconded by Bob Kelly; all in attendance were in favor and no one opposed.

**Correspondence, Sarah Pritchett:** We received letters from the following:

1. AACA National Library & Research Center Head Librarian Chris Ritter thanking us for the \$50 donation in memoriam of Gene Napolioello.
2. David Mace sent another box of AACA memorabilia from his deceased parents.

**Treasurer's Report, Tim Schimmel:** A motion was made by Abe Platt, seconded by Duffy Bell, and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report.

**President's Report, Gregory Roser:**

1. Greg congratulated Dick Bettel on a great first Road Map publication.
2. Greg thanked members for supporting the Memorial Day Parades in Hillsborough and Madison and other revenue-generating events.

**Activities, Paul Wolfmeyer:**

1. Paul explained the procedure for getting events on the Region calendar:
  - a. Once you decide you want to chair an event, fill out the form completely on the NJ Region website and submit it to Paul for review and approval.
  - b. An article describing your event should appear in at least two issues of The Road Map.
  - c. Copy the attendance sheet to Vince DeLisi for point assignments.
  - d. A final report of the event should appear in The Road Map and sent to Paul
    - i. In your report to Paul, indicate how the event went- did people enjoy it? Is this an event we should do again? And other comments.
2. Paul reviewed the events that have been scheduled for June through August. Details can be found on the NJ Region website calendar and in The Road Map.

**Other activities:**

- a. Somerset Run Condominium Association car show on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This event provides a \$300 donation to the club. A free meal ticket will be given to each participant. Staging begins around 10:30am; the show runs from 11am-2pm.
- b. Abe Platt discussed his upcoming tour on June 11<sup>th</sup> to the Cadillac Corral private collection in Wall, NJ (Joe Puleo' collection). Meet at River Road Park by 9am departure. Contact Abe Platt if interested in attending. He will cancel this event if there isn't a good response to attend as he only has three couples signed up as of now.
- c. On June 18<sup>th</sup> Tex Sorrell is chairing an event at the Arbor Terrace Senior Living facility in Teaneck, NJ. Please contact him for more information and if interested in attending.
- d. June 19<sup>th</sup> Brookdale Senior Living in West Orange, rain date 6/26.
- e. June 24<sup>th</sup> Lantern Hill Senior Living Community in New Providence, NJ
- f. Abe mentioned the return of the TGIF car show in Watchung- member Jack Diana runs this event every Friday (weather permitting).
- g. June 17<sup>th</sup> The Mid-Jersey Region AACA is holding an event at TK Ice cream.

**Glidden Tour, Vince DeLisi & Jerry Peck:**

1. Vince stated that Old Cars has an article on the Glidden Tour.
2. The event is in good shape- all tour drafts are done
3. 111 registered cars so far; expecting about 130-135, but about 120 on tour.
4. Nineteen passengers
5. Fifty-two shirts sold
6. Nine extra tour books have been sold
7. 1907 Ford Model K is registered, some Model T's. Less than a third will be Model A's.
8. Budget is in good shape.
9. Vince and Jerry thanked those that are helping out.
10. They need items for a silent auction. If interested in providing an item, contact Vince or Jerry.
11. They will need LOTS of volunteers throughout the week- please contact Vince or Jerry to sign up!

**Fall Foliage Tour/Lukan's Farm Resort, Pete Cullen:** This event will take place the weekend after Hershey in October. There is \$100 deposit; email Pete if interested.

1. There are approximately twelve rooms and seven people are interested. commitments are needed by early July.



2. He would like to have ten cars.
3. Bill will send out an email blast.

**Tour Masters, Pete Cullen & Bill Pritchett:** The Summer Tour will be held from July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> in the Syracuse area. Host hotel is Homewood Suites \$129/night. email Bill and/or Pete if interested!

1. We will be going to Tex Sorrell's for a barbecue, Fort Ontario, a maritime museum, a boat ride on the Finger Lakes, underground railroad home, possibly Dinosaur BBQ
2. Thursday stop is Rockaway Truck Museum
3. Also looking at Norwich Auto Museum
4. Cutoff to register this event is the end of June.

**Road Map Editor, Dick Bettel:**

1. The deadline for Road Map articles is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.
2. There is a specific email for Road Map submissions:  
[NJRAACARoadmapEditor@gmail.com](mailto:NJRAACARoadmapEditor@gmail.com)

**Membership, Bill Pritchett:** Fun fact: about four or five of the last eight new members came in via the region website and most are already National members.

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

**Participation Points, Vince DeLisi:** He crunched the numbers up through tonight; here are the top few, in order:

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Dick Bettel     | 4. Vince Delisi |
| 2. Bill Pritchett  | 5. Greg Roser   |
| 3. Brian Pritchett | 6. Greg Kuhns   |
| & Abe Platt        |                 |

**Welcoming Committee, Denise Tuck:** No report as she was absent.

**Sunshine Report, Sarah Pritchett:**

1. LeRoy Gearhart had an MRI on his collarbone; there is no sign of healing, and it looks like he will be stuck in a brace permanently; his next MRI is in six months. Marlene has been mixing up her days and nights. A fruit basket or flowers will be sent.
2. Brendan Hogan fell and broke his hip and foot. A fruit basket or flowers will be sent.
3. George Ernst's wife is not doing well. A card will be sent.

**Refreshments, John Pieczynski:** The following members brought treats for all: John Pieczynski, Greg Roser, Sam James, Carole Durna, Sarah Pritchett, Richard Reina, Gayle Stroh, Bob Kelly, Jan Eyerman, Alexander Soultanis. Thank you all for the delicious treats!

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

**Government Liaison & Safety, Bob Hedderick:** No report.

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

**Properties, Art Briggs:** No report.

**Clothing & Accessories, Bob Kelly:** Bob has the following items in stock:

Polo shirts	Sweatshirts
jackets	T-shirts
Hats	jackets
Hoodies	

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

**Old Business:**

1. 2021 Awards are listed in the May edition of The Road Map. Awards were handed to those in attendance that weren't at the banquet or last month's meeting.
2. The Pacemakers are still looking for a driver to carry their speaker so they can dance through the Labor Day Parade. They will pay \$50.
3. Abe Platt was contacted about the Region participating in the Labor Day Parade in South Plainfield; they are looking for about twelve cars and will be donating \$400 to us if we participate. Contact Abe for more information.

**New Business:**

1. Donations are needed for veterans- hygiene and cleaning items, clothing, etc. You can bring the donations to the Region meeting and Abe Platt or Greg Roser will take them up.
  - a. If giving money, the money will be used to buy gas or grocery gift cards and given to the residents.
2. Bob Hudak asked if we can make a donation to the Menlo Park Veteran's Home
  - a. Abe said they have a "wish list" with clothing and will accept donations of goods as well.
3. It was also asked if we could make monetary donations since we are a 503c?

**Items for Sale or Wanted:**

1. Abe Platt is still looking for a 1946/47 Mercury 8, two-door preferred.
2. Rick Wagstaff has a 1-bedroom condo for rent with new lighting. He left fliers on the table for anyone interested.
3. Mike Deliberto announced that there are a few cars for sale; contact him if interested:
  - a. 1968 Mustang Coupe that is an award-winning car, for \$27k. It's a 289 automatic.
  - b. There's also a Dodge '6 sedan that is "very, very rough"
  - c. A 1964 ½ mustang 260 manual transmission is also for sale and "it's pretty far gone"
4. Sue Schmidt has two V-8 flathead engines for sale in Morris County. Contact her for more information.
5. Jack Diana is selling his 1931 Ford hot rod and his



1941 Ford four-door sedan-bone stock, 10k miles.

6. Abe announced that there is a Mercury Marauder and 1988 Mercury Cougar LS with 35k miles and a small rust spot for sale. The info is in The Road Map.

**50/50, Bob Smith:** Tim Schimmel and Craig Kunz won tonight's drawing- congratulations Tim and Craig!

**Adjournment:** 9:00 P.M.

**Next meeting will be held July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 P.M. at Morris Plains VFW.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sarah Pritchett, Secretary*

## **Tour of Two Private Car Collections Saturday, July 16, 2022**

We will meet at the Cadillac Corral (Joe's Garage) located in Wall Township, NJ at 9:00 AM to start our tour. Our host is Joe Puleo, who is a member of several car clubs including the NJ Region AACA and the Raritan River Region Cadillac LaSalle Club. Joe welcomes us to tour his collection and will provide us with coffee, bagels, and pastries for a light breakfast as we look at his collection of antique vehicles housed in a beautiful building which includes automotive displays such as a gas station, café, etc. After a couple of hours to mingle, ogle, and socialize, we will hop into our vehicles and drive over to Sea Girt, a 10 to 15 minute drive, to visit with John Shibbles, who is a member of the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA). John's collection includes approximately 15 mostly pre-war classic automobiles. Those of you who went on our tour of Steven Babinski's restoration shop approximately three-years ago saw John's red 1939 Lagonda V-12 Drophead Coupe named Lipstick in the shop. I had the opportunity to see Lipstick on display at the Hershey Concours D'Elegance later that year and to speak to John about his car collection.

Please arrive on time and if the weather is favorable, please drive your antique or show vehicle. There is no Rain Date for this event, so drive modern if there is inclement weather. **WHATEVER THE WEATHER MAY BE, DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.**

If you are interested in this tour, please contact me by Wednesday, July 13, 2022, so that we can let our hosts know how many tourists to expect. I can be reached via email at [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com) or by phone at (732) 752-6341 (home office). Day of event only call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319

Meeting location: Joe's Garage, 2670 Allaire Road, Wall, NJ 07791

Thank you for Participating  
Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

## **Plaza Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center July 19, 2022**

Plaza Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center 456 Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, (908-354-1300) Tuesday, July 19, 2022 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM

The NJ Region AACA website was contacted by Ms. Michelle Hat, of the Plaza Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center requesting that we present a Car Show for their residents. We will conduct our First Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents and staff of this facility on July 19, 2022. We need to arrive around 11:30AM in order to be in our designated parking area located at the rear of the facility. The car display is from 12:00 noon until 4:00 PM, so that both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifts can view our vehicles. There will be music for the event as well and they will provide our members with lunch. Face masks may be required for all participants and must be worn at all times, if required, except when eating lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 or via email [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com).

As space is limited, please let me know by July 17th if you would like to attend so that we can provide Ms. Hart with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. Please note that this event is not open to the general public. 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 Thursday, July 21, 2022. Thank you for your participation.

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

### **DIRECTIONS:**

From Westfield Avenue in Elizabeth: At the traffic light at the intersection of Westfield Avenue and Elmora Ave., turn south onto Elmora Ave. and proceed on Elmora Ave. until you reach Rahway Avenue. Turn left onto Rahway Ave. and the facility will be on your right after you cross Hayes Ave.



## Revival Car Tour & Picnic

**August 13, 2022**

Come out and join us on Saturday, August 13th for a leisurely drive to New Brunswick where we will tour the lovely Buccleuch Mansion. Afterward, we will take another leisurely drive back to Brian & Sarah Pritchett's house for some delicious food and fun! A headcount is needed by August 8th for the Docents of the museum. The cost to tour the museum is \$10 per person. For the picnic, we will have the main dishes catered and supply an assortment of soda, water, and juice boxes. We ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert, a chair (because we don't have a lot), and your own alcohol if you want that. There will be cake or cupcakes to celebrate Sarah's birthday (no gifts are needed). Please contact Brian (908) 319-2357, Sarah (908) 319-2093, or Larry (908) 240-2893 by end of day on August 8th if you plan to attend all or part of the event. Assembly time and location TBD. We look forward to a great tour with you! Brian & Sarah Pritchett (# 1404), and Larry Somayer (# 1280), Co-Chairs.

## AACA Monthly Meeting &

**Picnic;**

**August 14, 2022**

VFW 546 Fawn Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

The Region will return to a short day trip to this Poconos venue again for this year's Region Picnic and August meeting! NJ Region members are once again invited to share their favorite side dish or dessert, some chairs, and drive their vintage vehicles this year's event! As we have use of a large modern covered pavilion, and all available picnic tables will be protected from both sunny and not so sunny weather, this will be a 'rain or shine' type of event. Please bring your classic cars, but modern cars are also welcomed, as long as YOU get to the picnic and meet with your friends. Members may arrive any time around 11:00 am. Be sure to wear your Region name badges, as an abbreviated August monthly Club business meeting will be conducted in lieu of the 'first Thursday' regular meeting. You can expect to stay as long as you want to, hang around longer and chat! The Region will also supply individual cans of soft drinks and bottled water.

I hope to see many members - and all their cars - at this year's Region Picnic.

Pete Cullen, Jr. Picnic Chairman  
NJAACA #1140 973-650-2957

## The NJ Region Summer Tour,

**July 28 - August 1.**

### New Information:

Pete and Bill want to give you an update on the Region tour that will be held from July 28-August 1. First, please get your room reservations (details below) as the cutoff date is June 28. Even if you are not sure about going on the tour, please get your room reservations as they can be cancelled at no cost. Details are still being finalized. However, tentative plans are:

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|----------------|---|
| Thursday, 7/2  | Brockway truck museum and related museums   |
| Friday, 7/29   | Boat ride and TBD.  |
| Saturday, 7/30 | Sacketts Harbor activities and BBQ with Region members Tex and Linda Sorrel. Swimming in Lake Ontario. UFO sightings at night depending upon drink consumption. |
| Sunday, 7/31   | Fort Ontario and TBD.   |
| Monday, 8/1    | Norwich Auto Museum   |

We have rooms reserved at the Syracuse area Homewood Suites, 275 Elwood Davis Rd. Liverpool, New York 13088. There are two choices of rooms, a king size bed suite for \$129.00/night or a two-queen bed suite for a \$149.00/night. Please let Pete Cullen or Bill Pritchett know if you think you will be going for planning purposes. You can call the hotel directly at 315-451-3800 using the group code AACA. Alternatively, you can book it directly <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=SYRHHWW&groupCode=CHWACA&arrivaldate=2022-07-28&departuredate=2022-08-01&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Contact Pete or Bill if you have any questions.

Pete Cullen (NJAACA #1140) and Bill Pritchett (NJAACA #963) Event Co-Chairs



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## BrightView Senior Living of Warren

**Sunday, August 21 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM**

We are scheduled to conduct our Fourth 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 again this year. 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 1:00 PM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the front (east side) of the facility. The car display is from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM. We will be provided with lunch in an appropriate area of the Senior Living facility depending on prevailing Health Department 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 note that BrightView of Warren will provide a donation to the NJ Region for our participation.** Please let me know by August 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you for your participation.

If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 (home office) or via email:

abep Platt@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, August 28, 2022.

Thank you,

Abe Platt, Event Chair NJ Region Member #1524

### DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 22 (East or West): Take the exit to Warrentville Road north. Warrentville 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)".

## Warren Haven Nursing Home Oxford, NJ

**Sunday, August 28, 12:00 - 3:00 pm.**

We will be visiting Warren Haven Nursing Home at 350 Oxford Road, Oxford, NJ. The Activities Director said the residents are looking forward to us being there again and inspecting our cars. The Nursing Home will be providing us lunch as well as other food/desserts.

Please let me know by August 22<sup>nd</sup> if you will be able to attend as I need to provide a head count of how many are coming.

### Directions:

Route 80 West to Exit 19. Turn left onto Route 517, then turn right onto Route 46 West (at the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light). Take Route 46 W 9.6 miles from the last traffic light in Hackettstown). When you pass Lynch Trucking on the right, you will see signs for "The County Home, Warren County Health Department, Warren Acres, Warren Haven, 625 South". Just a short way from the trucking company, turn left onto Pequest Furnace Road, 625 South. Go .6 miles to Stop Sign, turn left onto Pequest Road (there should be a sign for Warren Haven). Go approximately 1 mile, turn right onto 525 south. (Pass The County Home and Warren County Health Department on left). Drive a short distance and turn left at the Stop Sign, go up a hill and you are there.

Thank you

Joe & Carole Durna NJAACA #1335

908-852-3422



## New Members

**Michael Cilurso**  
(Lake Hopatcong, NJ)

**Jay Lavroff**  
Bridgewater, NJ

**Robert & Ellen Brodowski**  
Cranford, NJ

## 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SOUTH PLAINFIELD LABOR DAY PARADE

Monday, September 5, 2022

10:30 AM (Line-up and Check-in) Parade kicks off at Noon

At our June meeting I mentioned that I had been communicating with the organizers of the annual Labor Day Parade in South Plainfield and that they have agreed to allow us to join the parade this year. **They will provide a donation of \$400 to the NJ Region for our participation.** In order to receive that donation, we need to have 12 or more antique vehicles, including one open-top vehicles to receive the donation. The open-top vehicle will carry the Honorary Grand Marshall. The Parade Theme is "PARADE AROUND THE WORLD". There are awards for parade entries and one of them is Best Antique Vehicle.

Please let me know which vehicle (year, make, model) you will be driving so that they can announce your vehicle as it passes the reviewing stand.

Dick is driving the Model A as a rolling speaker.

We are to assemble at 10:30 AM at the South Plainfield P.A.L. Recreation Center, 1250 Maple Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. The parade kicks off at Noon and we will be at or near the front of the parade. Immediately after the parade, we can display our antique vehicles at the Veteran's Memorial Park at 327 Elm Street (behind the South Plainfield Senior Center). They will provide us with some spaces for our vehicles. Directions will be provided to reach the display area without interfering with the parade that is still proceeding. Come join your fellow NJ Region Members. Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact me (see below). 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. There may or may not be a rain date as that has yet to be determined.

Abe Platt Event Chair NJ Region Member #1524  
Home office: (732) 752-6341  
Email: [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com)

## NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park Sunday, September 11, 2022 12:30 to 4:00 PM

Location: 132 Evergreen Road, Edison, NJ (732) 452-4258.

On Sunday, September 11, 2022 (National Grandparents' Day) we are scheduled to conduct our Fourth Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Veterans at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park. This is an event to honor and appreciate the sacrifices made by these veterans to keep this country safe. The Supervisor of Recreation, Christine Caratozzolo, will again be our hostess for this event. The NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park is located at 132 Evergreen Road, Edison, NJ 08837; (732) 452-4258. Our arrival is scheduled for around 12:30 PM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the east side of the facility, prior to the main parking lots. The car display is from 1:00 until 4:00 PM. Since we participate in this event for our military veterans, we have asked our friends in the Central Jersey Military Motor Pool as well as any NJ Region members with military vehicles to participate. In 2021 we had 38 antique vehicles including two military jeeps participating. Christine and I would like to exceed that number in 2022. We will be provided with lunch while the veterans, accompanied/assisted by family members and the facility's staff, venture outside to look at our beautiful antique automobiles. Our friend DJ "Hot Rod" Mike will again be providing the music as he has for the previous three events. As they did in past years, residents, family, and staff will be selecting their favorite vehicles. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA and other car clubs as well as the members of this community. Please let me know by Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Caratozzolo with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 or via email [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com). If the weather is threatening, please contact me on my mobile phone (732) 433-5319. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 18, 2022.

I will need a couple of helpers to assist in parking vehicles for this event, and, since Ms. Caratozzolo has asked that we handle the voting process for people's choice again, we will need to collect and count the votes cast. As in the past, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be presented. I have included both the 2022 WISH LIST and the 2022 CLOTHING ROOM WISH LIST for the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park and ask that you consider making either a monetary or material





donation to the Veterans' Home (See page 21) for either or both of these lists regardless of whether or not you participate in this event. However, I do encourage you to participate.

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

#### DIRECTIONS:

From US Route 1 North or South: Take the Exit for Parsonage Road north (Menlo Park Mall).

Proceed north on Parsonage Road (County Rd 627) to Oakwood Ave. Turn right onto Oakwood Ave.

and proceed to the entrance to the NJ Veterans Memorial Home ground (big sign on side of road).

Evergreen Road is just before the sign. **DO NOT TURN ONTO EVERGREEN ROAD.** Turn right onto the entrance road just past the Big Sign and follow the drive around the front of the facility to our designated area, which will be to the left of the Big American Eagle at the front of the complex. Turn left as you pass the Eagle and proceed straight to our assembly area. From Route 27 North or South: Turn right or left onto Parsonage Road south (Menlo Park Mall). Proceed south on Parsonage Road (County Rd 627) to Oakwood Ave. Turn left onto Oakwood Ave. and proceed as above.

Respectfully Submitted

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

## Brookdale West Orange Senior Living

Saturday, September 17, 2022

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM We have re-scheduled our SECOND Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents and staff of the Brookdale West Orange Senior Living facility, 520 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052 (973) 325-5700, to Saturday, September 17, 2022, which is the last day of National Assisted Living Week. We have been requested to participate in this event by the Claire Bridge Program Manager (Memory Care Unit), Mariam Andalibi. We have a history with Ms. Andalibi on conducting Antique Automobile Enjoyment Events at other facilities since 2017. Our arrival time is scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the rear of the facility. The car display is from 12:00 until 3:00 PM. We will be provided with lunch as a thank you for our participation while the residents, their families, the staff, and the public walk around to look at our beautiful antique automobiles. There will be music and other activities for all to enjoy. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA as well as members of the assisted living and senior living communities. Please note that

**Brookdale West Orange will provide a donation to the NJ Region for our participation.** Please let me know by September 13 th if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Andalibi with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 (home office) or via email [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto: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 for this event Sunday, October 9, 2022.

Thank you for your participation.

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

#### DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. I-287 (North): Take Exit 39 to NJ Rt 10 East (Mount Pleasant Ave.). Continue on Rt 10 to Prospect Ave. Turn right at the traffic light onto Prospect Ave. The Brookdale facility is on the left. Turn left into the drive with the blue and white Arden Courts sign. Brookdale and Arden Courts occupy the same campus. Proceed to the rear of the Brookdale building which is on your right as you drive in.

From Rt. I-287 (South): Take Exit 40A to Parsippany Rd. South (Rt 511). Continue to NJ Rt 10 East (Mount Pleasant Ave.). Turn right onto Rt 10 East and follow the directions above.

From Rt. I-280 (East or West): Take exit 8A or 8B onto Prospect Avenue and proceed south to the Mount Pleasant Ave. / Prospect Ave intersection (traffic light). Continue on Prospect Ave. to the Brookdale facility, which is on the left. Turn into the drive with the blue and white Arden Courts sign. Proceed to the rear of the Brookdale building which is on your right as you drive in.

From Rt. I-78 or NJ Rts 22, 24 & 124): Head to "The Mall in Short Hills" and take JFK Blvd north to NJ Rt 10. Turn right onto Rt 10 and proceed as above (I-287 North directions).



# CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman, NJ AACA Region #1238

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

5 . . . Mary Ann Wary  
 8 . . . Brenda Zimmerman  
 10 . . . Bob Kapral  
 10 . . . Helen Newman  
 11 . . . Jen Kapral  
 15 . . . Barbara Kefalonitis  
 20 . . . Lucille Napoliello  
 20 . . . George Ernst  
 20 . . . Jay DeBoey  
 21 . . . Ron Olexa  
 22 . . . Brian Kapral  
 25 . . . Tex Sorrell  
 27 . . . Tony D'Agostino  
 28 . . . Jacquelyn Symonds

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Abraham & Ann Platt . . . . (45 years)  
 9 Don & Nancy Bell . . . . (62 years)  
 12 Arnold & Rita Kantor . . . . (52 years)  
 18 Tex & Linda Sorrell . . . . (58 years)  
 24 LeRoy & Marlene Gearhart . . (70 years)

## Lukan's Farm Resort

Hawley, PA

October 14-16, 2022: .

After two years with COVID-19 headlines, which are hopefully fading away, I just wanted to let the membership know that there will be a Fall Foliage Tour this autumn! John at Lukan's has advised that our 'normal weekend', right after Hershey, has been reserved, and I asked him to hold the above dates for our 12th annual visit. As local vacation venues have become very popular destinations recently, I was only able to reserve about half of the rooms for the Region.

Watch for more information about our reservations process and rates in future Road Map articles. So, there is no need to call Lukan's to reserve your room at this time. But if you are interested, please drop Pete an email at [oldcarz57@aol.com](mailto:oldcarz57@aol.com) so we can start planning our excursions. Also mention any area attractions you would like to explore, or revisit. At this time, I'm thinking about the popular train ride again, hopefully its running all the way east, to Lackawaxan, and the Zane Gray Museum last visited 10+ years ago. 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!

## Arbor Terrace Independent Senior Living

June 18, 2022



These photos are from the Arbor Rest senior residence home in Teaneck NJ sponsored by the Garden State Region



AACA. About 20 antique automobiles were present. Nice weather, plenty of sunshine. Turnout could have been better, but there were no complaints about the weather.

Photos by Duffy Bell. - Tex Sorrell, Event Chair #866

Pete Cullen #1140 and Anthony Cecala #1507  
 Fall Foliage Co-Tour Masters







## Rich' Repair Ramblings

July 2022

### My Favorite Shop Tools Part 3

#### The Brake Caliper Piston Spreader

Two months ago, in the May 2022 Road Map, I rambled on about my hammer-driven impact driver. In June, it was my vernier calipers. For my third and final installment in this series, I've chosen another simple hand tool: the brake caliper piston spreader. Disc brake system servicing is straightforward, actually easier than many people realize. One step that sometimes befuddles the home mechanic is that the new brake pads will only fit inside the caliper if the caliper pistons are pushed back into their bores. (Go way back to the October 2020 Road Map and read about the components of a disc brake system.)

Many instruction books advise using a large C clamp for this job, which is certainly doable. However, I find its use to be cumbersome. The C clamp itself is often larger and heavier than needed. An inexpensive and purpose-made tool is the "Piston spreader" which comes in a variety of shapes and sizes.

for decades. Frankly, I have no recollection of purchasing it; it doesn't even have a brand name on it. But mine, compared to every other version I've ever handled, is the model of simplicity. It's nothing more than two almost identical pieces of metal, hinged in the middle, with a thumb screw inserted into a threaded hole in one end. As the thumb screw is turned clockwise, the screw pushes against the opposing piece, effectively also spreading the ends on the opposite side. If these ends on the opposite side are placed inside the caliper, the resulting force pushes the piston back home in the caliper. It takes twice as long to explain as it does to do.



(Above: as the thumb screw is turned, it pushes the ends farther away from each other)

The tool is light and consists of only three pieces. Once I set it up, I can perform the operation with one hand, something which cannot be said for a heavy C clamp. As vehicle brake systems evolved from fixed position calipers with pistons on both sides, to sliding calipers with only one piston per side, some improvisation has become necessary. There isn't always something for my tool to push against opposite the piston, so I simply use the worn-out pad as a 'top' for the spreader tool.

When using this tool or any other tool to return the caliper piston home, remember to loosen the cap on the brake master cylinder reservoir. Should the hydraulic fluid be very full, it may not be possible to push the piston all the way back. me fluid may need to be withdrawn; you also want to be careful that you don't spill any fluid out of the reservoir when driving the piston back.



(Above: my old and simple caliper piston spreader)

The tool I own, like so many of mine, has been in my toolbox



(Above: the tool at work. Note placement of worn pad on each side to provide a pushing surface)



## Rich's Repair Ramblings

continued

It's now interesting to reflect back on the choices I've made for "three of my favorite shop tools" None of the tools is electric, electronic, or hydraulic. Each tool cost me \$100 or less, so my choices are far from the most expensive tools I've owned. And two of the choices, the impact driver and the vernier calipers, have very general uses. This month's choice is specific to brake jobs, but is needed whenever brake pads are being replaced. Without realizing it beforehand, my three 'favorite' choices are small, simple, light, and affordable tools that make automotive repair work more convenient!

*(Next month: we're going back to brakes to have a more detailed look at brake pad replacement)*



## Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event at Somerset Run



On Saturday, June 4, 2022, which was an absolutely beautiful, sunny, and warm day with nice cooling breezes, the NJ Region AACA and friends participated in our Second Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of the Somerset Run Condominium Association. Our arrival time was scheduled for 10:30 AM and when Ann and I arrived just prior to 10:00 AM, three of our car community friends was already there. I set up our Car Show sign and started to direct early arrivals to their parking spots. Judy Clickner, the Lifestyle Director, and our hostess, bid us welcome, handed me lunch vouchers and a donation check for our participation, and told us to reach out to her if we needed any assistance as she went off to help set up the lunch service. The car display was scheduled to start at 11:00



Our beautiful cars on display



Jim's  
1966  
Olds Starfire

AM and continue until 2:00 PM. Cars were parked to occupy one and one-half spaces so that there was plenty of room for the spectators to walk around our beautiful antique automobiles. The display area is surrounded by shade trees making this a wonderful venue for a car show. A great selection of 1950's through 1980's music was provided by one of the residents, "DJ" Tim Sommer. The Somerset Run Association provided lunch for all of the car owners and their co-pilots. A Mr. Softee truck arrived to provide Ice Cream for purchase, which many



Wayne's 2022 Harley  
Davidson is a tribute to his service

residents and car hobbyists did.

The 22 vehicles presented by the 35 car hobby enthusiasts participating included vehicles from every decade from the 1920's through the 2000's, except for the 1940's. NJ Region members included: Craig Kunz with his 1929 LaSalle 328, Dick and Bobbi Bettel with their 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe, Walter and Veronica Lacz with their 1936 Packard 120, Brian and Sarah Pritchett with their 1950 Olds 88, Barry Rosenberg with his 1953 Cadillac Series 62, Bob Rankin with his 1955 Cadillac Series 62, Bill and Gayle Stroh with their 1956 Olds Holiday 88, Greg Roser with his 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo, Roy Hardgrove with his 1976



Some of our beautiful cars





Dick, Sarah, Wayne,  
Brian, Craig, and Yvonne

Lincoln Town Car, Jan Eyerman with his 1978 Ford Granada, Yvonne Kunz with her 1988 Pontiac Fiero GT, Abraham and Ann Platt with her 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition, Peter Cullen with his 1993 Chevy Corsica, Bill Pritchett with his 1995 Chevy Cavalier, Wayne Tuck with his 2002 Harley Davidson, and Bob Hudak driving modern. Ann and Bob were my able and



More of our beautiful cars

willing assistants again this year and allowed me to talk to everyone once they were parked and registered. I invited antique automobile enthusiasts that Ann and I have met and become friends with at local cruise-ins over that past several years. Those that attended included: Carmen Dalessandro with his 1932 Ford



Our beautiful  
automobiles  
from another angle

Phaeton, Bob Toth with his 1939 Ford Coupe, Duke Matero with his 1953 Ford F-100 pick-up, Daren McCann with his 1962 Lincoln Continental, Jim Marchione with his 1966 Olds Starfire, John and Linda Sommer with their 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix, George and



Residents checking out  
our beautiful automobiles

Darlene Fender with their 1970 Chevy Corvette, and one of our neighbors, Nelson Rosado with his 1967 Toyota Corona. Residents of Somerset Run presenting their vehicles included: Constantine and Doreen Dukas with his 1966 Cadillac Eldorado and her 1988 Chevy Corvette, and Marty Jacob and Barry Rosner with



Craig's 1929 LaSalle 328

Marty's 2017 Chevy Corvette.

Please go to the News & Photos section of the NJ Region's website to see additional pictures of this event <https://njregionaaca.com/photo-galleries/> . or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyRegionAACA>.



Walter and Veronica's  
1936 Packard 120

Also, click on the following link to go to my Photo Album for all of my pictures of this event:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nPxoYTGp9APV6Rtq5>

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

### **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](mailto:njaaca@gmail.com)

## **THE ROADMAP NEEDS YOUR CAR AND IT'S STORY**

COVER CARS ARE NEEDED FOR THE COMING MONTHS. WE WILL HELP WITH THE ARTICLE AND THE PHOTOS.

ALL COVER CARS WILL APPEAR ON THE CLUB CALENDAR

Contact: [NJRAACARoadmapEditor@gmail.com](mailto:NJRAACARoadmapEditor@gmail.com)



## Mid-Jersey Region AACA's Monthly Cruise-in Tk's Ice Cream in Cream Ridge NJ June 17, 2022



After approximately a year and a half of previous obligations and rain-outs, John Pieczynski and I finally had the stars align properly for us to join the members of the Mid-Jersey Region AACA at their monthly cruise-in at TK's Ice Cream in Cream Ridge, NJ. The Mid-Jersey Region runs their cruise-in on the third Friday of the month from May through September starting at 4:30 PM.

On Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, John and I met in the parking lot for Ninuzzo's Trattoria and drove together to TK's so that we could park together. By-the-way, Ninuzzo's is an excellent place to eat. I have eaten there dozens of times over the years and have been there four times this year with my former employer and friend, and with Ann on separate occasions.



Friday was a beautifully sunny day with slight cooling breezes, and we were able to park on the grass in the shade of the trees which surround this venue. There is no registration fee for participating in the cruise-in, however, there is donation jar for the Mid-Jersey Region's charity which is a scholarship award for students at Brookdale Community College. I spoke to John Tiene prior to going and John and I were greeted by Jimmy Spence, the Region's president when we arrived. We were presented with a 10% off coupon for one item at TK's. During the evening we also spoke with other NJR members, Bob, and Carl. It turned out that Carl remembered me, or I should rather say, Ann's Cougar from the 2019 Hershey National Meet, as I followed Carl back to New Jersey as he was having minor issues with his 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery, which I clearly remember. John and I had a wonderful time speaking to many of the participants and

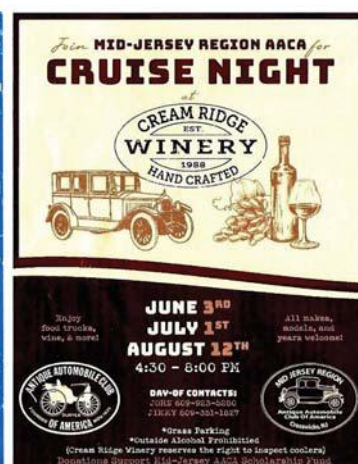


discussing their vehicles, their passions, and in a couple of cases about the benefits of being an AACA member as well as being a Region member. This is a cruise-in venue that I will definitely be back to and hope to see more NJ Region members come to. There were more than 40 vehicles and unlike many cruise-ins and car shows lately, the number of modern muscle cars was very minimal.



The next cruise-in is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>. If the weather is favorable, we will be there. I hope to bring Ann for a late lunch at Ninuzzo's and desert at TK's. What more could you ask for, great food, homemade ice cream, and a beautiful venue for a car show? See you there in July. In addition, the Mid-Jersey Region AACA also runs a couple of cruise-ins at the Cream Ridge Winery. The remaining dates for 2022 are July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. Please see the Flyers associated with this article. Click on the following link to see all of the pictures for this article: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xMqPszYQ8ihAY6Qe8>

Article and photographs submitted by:  
Abe Platt NJ Region Member #1524



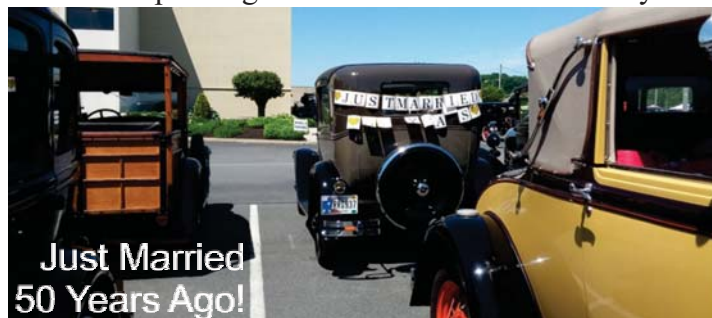


## Our Busy Week at the Morgantown MARC Meet



### Sunday:

This 1<sup>st</sup> day started out on a high note. We actually left our house to get on the road on time. The construction on Rt 222 didn't help, but we made it to Morgantown with 3 minutes to spare. Bobbi was supposed to start working at Registration at Noon, and we got there at 11:57. How's that for timing. Working at registration she got to meet and chat with the registrants, getting to know people we would be spending time with for the next 5 days. I



wandered around the Meet Merchandise booths, auction items, raffle items, the Auto Mall, and some of the classic cars, then it was time for me to head over to the repair tent. Put on my coveralls and got to work. The first day was pretty quiet as a lot of the people were not there yet - just tightening loose fan belts, finding leaks and refilling fluids, adjusting points, etc.

### Monday

I was scheduled to work on Tuesday at the repair tent, but decided to venture over there on Monday just in time to help Jesse James from Lehigh Valley Model A Club replace a front spring. It seems, according to the owner, that the spring 'broke on the way in'. However, it was totally rusty, including where the break was. He also,



rather conveniently, had a brand new spring and shackles in the back of his truck. How lucky can you be! Jesse on one side of the car, me on the other side, Herb Farnsler in the middle working the jack and Tim Litzenberger was a great help handing out the tools. We also fixed this guy's brakes which were rather sketchy. I was a little late getting back to our hotel to pick up Bobbi, but we did a quick tour to a pretzel shop that makes wraps with pretzels. Fantastic, and rather inexpensive. Monday night was also the Welcome Banquet. Plenty to eat, and good too!



### Tuesday



I went down to the repair tent to work from 8:00 to 10:00 am and wound up helping until 12:30pm. Bobbi and I then did a tour of a few covered bridges in the area. I must have crossed Cocaliko Creek a dozen times. Quite a nice ride on the back roads through the farms.

### Wednesday

This day was more at the repair tent (again, 2.5 hours longer than I was supposed to be there), then off to explore. A buggy ride was the highlight of the day.

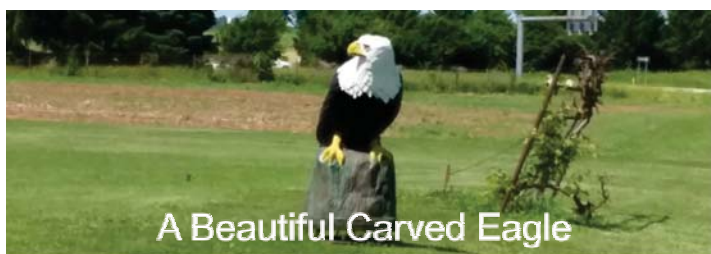
### Thursday

We did the Grand Tour up Rt 10 and then should have made a left onto Alleghenyville Rd. The directions said at the "T" (actually a "+") and Pacific Pride on the corner. We went this way each day back to our hotel. The clue for us was the 20+ school buses on the corner! But it was fun to see all the cars who had to turn around and come back





to the corner. Quite a sight. Landis Farms was the destination. Interesting history and buildings, but the lunch left something to be desired!



A Beautiful Carved Eagle

### Friday

It was Bobbi's turn to drive on an official tour, with me navigating. We did the "These Ladies Drive Model A's" tour. First stop was a pastry shop (I had a cinnamon roll),



Looks more like a Paddy Wagon

then on to wooden toys and furniture (neat cars & airplanes), next was quilts (not exactly my thing) and finally home-made ICE CREAM (and boy was that good). 3 out of 4 ain't bad.



After the "Ladies" Tour, I stopped back at the repair tent just as it was closing. The car was acting up quite a bit, so Jesse and I looked at it. It had been doing it since before we left home, but I couldn't figure out what was wrong. Jesse stuck his hand into the radius arm ball, and



At Landis' Farms

pulled out pieces of the rubber. Bobbi and I decided to go back to the hotel, go for a swim and skip the Awards Banquet instead of putting another 20 miles each way on



the car. We planned on leaving in the morning and maybe picking up a tennis ball or racket ball and trying to rig up a temporary fix.



Seen at Landis Farms

### Saturday

One of the guys in the hotel suggested: "if it isn't moving and it's supposed to, use WD40; if it's loose and it isn't supposed to be, use duct tape." Went to Lowe's down the





## Morgantown MARC Meet Continued

street, bought duct tape and acetone, wrapped it up and it made it all the way home. Got to go get the correct radius arm socket set in as soon as possible. Duct tape doesn't last forever!

### Home at Last!

FYI: When we got home, I replaced the rubber ball set up with the OEM assembly - Great improvement!

Dick Bettel #1614



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## The story of Vince's Wooden Model "A" Pick-up Truck.

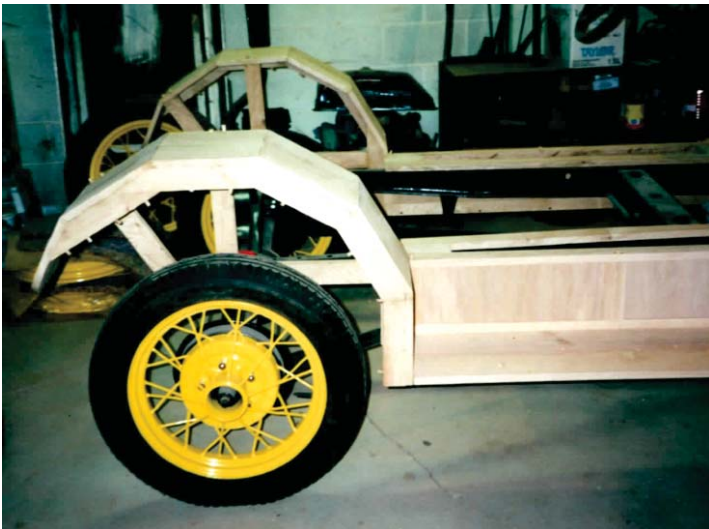


*Vince's Wooden Truck*

In 1968, I was 15 years old and my father, brother and I were looking for a project. The three of us went to look at a 1930 Model "A" Ford Tudor Sedan found in a classified advertisement that was located in Allendale, NJ. It looked terrible, but came with a pick-up truck load of extra parts.

We immediately decided to purchase the car and parts, and returned home to get my Grandfather and his pick-up, "a chain and a pipe", and some money. My mother was not happy because, we had left my brother as the "deposit".

We shortly thereafter found another 1930 Tudor Sedan that was about to be hot rodded. This vehicle had only a frame, body and front end. However, we were confident that we now had enough parts to assemble two complete cars. Over the next couple of years, we did just that.



*Rear Fender and Running Board*

These cars were not "restored" – they were rebuilt using whatever we had for parts. I drove the "A" as my only means of transportation for almost a year while in High School. Though it knocked, it proved to be very reliable. I still have the car. My brother drove his to High

School, but then sold it to gather the funds to buy a Corvette which is long since gone. My family eventually purchased a 1930 Model "A" Ford Coupe that was to become my sisters. I was off to college – so my brother and father rebuilt this one. However, she never really wanted the car.

When my girls were learning to drive, I often thought of my father's genius for getting us involved in those two cars. First, it encouraged us to spend plenty of time together. Secondly, once we began driving them, he knew that we would not be going to far, or too fast, nor would we do anything dumb since we had spent two years of our lives assembling those vehicles.



*Chassis and Front Fenders*

Fast-forward 23 years – married, two daughters – moved into our 3rd home 3 years earlier. We had completed the restoration of our 22 "T" Depot Hack while living in Fanwood in 1990. This vehicle started out as a 22 Model "T" Touring car that was converted into a small flat bed truck by removing the rear seat section. Rather than keeping it this way, after a significant amount of research, we purchased plans and hardware from Hudson Wagon Works and built the body which is a very detailed replication of bodies produced in York, PA in the teen's and twenties, and then installed by Ford dealers on Ford chassis. We moved into our new home in Scotch Plains in 1992. In 1995, we were settled to the point where the idea of taking on another project was appealing, so we tore apart the "A" so that it could be properly restored. The engine was sent to Perth Amboy for a complete rebuild, and I tackled the chassis. The body was sent to a guy in Paterson who fixed and strengthened the sub-floor, re-skinned the passenger door, and generally made it much more structurally sound. The chassis was completed in 1997.

About this time, my brother decided to "hot rod" the "A" Coupe. His original thought was to restore it. However, the block was cracked, and he really wanted



something that he could drive on a regular basis. I inherited another complete 1930 chassis. Surprisingly, the Coupe chassis was “better” than my Tudor chassis. In addition, both of my daughters were in college, so we were not anxious to spend money on “fun projects” like the Model “A”.



### *Preliminary Assembly*

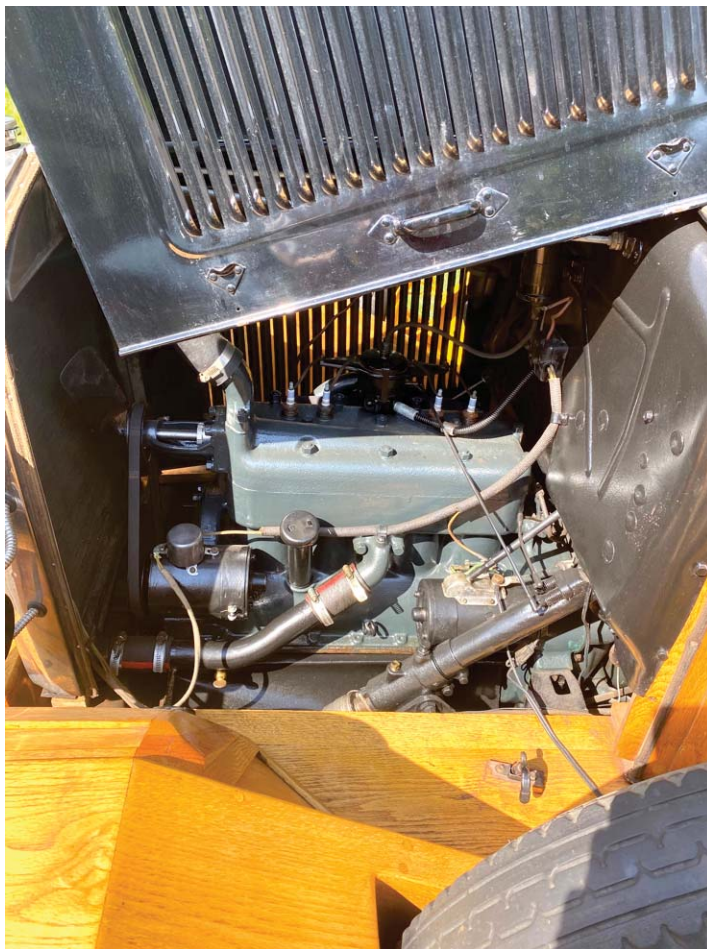
However, I had a basement full of woodworking tools, and a large pile of rough oak planks. The idea to build another wooden car took shape. The frame from the Coupe was cleaned, painted and assembled, less the engine, in the basement. It became the “stand” for the pick-up. Over the next couple of years, piece by piece the vehicle was assembled, with the knowledge that when it was completed, it needed to fit through a 30” door and go up a flight of steps, if it was ever to see the light of day! During this time period, anyone that entered our basement was in for quite a shock!



### *It Sees the Light of Day!*

Except for the hood, gas tank, and radiator, there are no metal parts above the frame. The chassis is pure stock 1930 Model “A”. Fenders are all  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch oak, with all of the angles secured with biscuits. The paneling in the doors and cowl is double thick  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch oak veneer plywood. The field of the pick-up bed is oak wanes

coating. The floor in the cab and the bed is red oak flooring. It’s finished with three coats of high gloss spar varnish.



### *Original METAL Pieces*

Several parts have special significance to me. The door locks, knobs and hinges were taken from my Grandparents home in Scotch Plains, shortly before it was demolished. They likely date from the late 1800’s. The rear view mirrors are from the Model “A” I drove to high school and were taken from an old Volkswagen. It now has the 4-speed transmission that my grandfather had used in a doodle bug. The shift knob was made for me by my brother many years ago. The Copenhagen Model “A” Club emblem on the radiator was given to me by a friend in Denmark after I brought a speedometer gear for his friend’s “AA” that could not be located in Europe. We also added dual side mounts to free-up the bed for luggage storage as we’ve taken this truck on a couple of tours. It also allowed for the fitment of a tonneau cover to keep our luggage covered and dry.

The truck has now been on the road for almost 25 years. It has held up better than I ever dreamed. To date, there have been no repairs to any of the wooden parts. Surprisingly, there have been no cracks or problems at all to deal with. Everybody who sees it really loves the truck!





### *The Interior*

When it was all assembled, my wife suggested that the truck needed "a story". So here it is; and I'm sticking to it! "It was 1943, and a farmer needed a truck. He could not have afforded to buy one, even if he could have found one. Equally as distressing, his neighbor had a Model "A" that was in a serious roll over accident. While it ran well, the body was completely destroyed. The only salvageable parts, in addition to the chassis, were the hood, gas tank, and radiator. The farmer, purchased the wreck for \$10.00, dragged it home, threw away the body, and then began to assemble a small pick-up from the remaining parts. Thankfully, the farmer was a skilled wood worker, with a stock of oak to work with. What you see before you, is my take on what he would have built!

The real story here is that my brother wanted to hot-rod the body that was originally on this chassis, a 1930 Coupe. With tuition for the two daughters in college, we were not looking to spend a lot of money. I did have the oak so I designed and built this vehicle so that I could have a Model A for parades and touring. In addition to this A, I also have a 1930 Tudor which is still in 1,000 pieces. I drove this vehicle to High School in 1970. The body is in excellent condition. It will eventually be restored. While I have no intention of making a "show car", I do intend to be sure that it is "really nice".



### *The Finished Truck*

I've now almost completed the Coupe chassis so that the Tudor body will have a home.

Vince Delisi #1505



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