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NEXT MEETING

The October (770th) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at
American Legion Post #279,
133 Main Street, Lincoln Park, NJ
7:30 PM
TUESDAY October 10th 2023

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A Message from the President



I hope your “car season” of shows and tours and other events has been going well. The landscape seems very full of car event opportunities, maybe spreading us “too thin”. For example, Saturday September 9th was just packed with events—there were three I wanted to participate in; I wound up choosing the Mahan Collection Open House and spent the day directing the parking of visitor vehicles, still seeing the fabulous collection and visiting with friends..

How do you choose the events you participate in? Is it proximity to your residence and consideration of the particular vehicle you want to take? Is it what and who you expect to see and visit with? How does the weather forecast affect you? (Lots of times it is more threatening than “reality”.) How has the pandemic and just the ease of “not going out” impacted you?

How should we adjust our event schedule to better meet your desires?

I have visited with other club leaders and lack of participation is a big concern. And finding volunteers to engage in conducting the activities is more difficult. And it's not just car clubs having this problem; it's other clubs ...and churches, too.

Duane mentioned this issue at the close of his excellent interview at our September meeting. We want to have vibrant organizations that meet the needs and help-levels and willingness of our members.

Let me know your thoughts on how we can better engage you in participation and help. (I don't mean this as a “downer message”—just looking for how we can better engage you and your skills.)

Now—we are working on 2024 meeting location. Expect a change that “feels” closer and more central to the club member base. Our current location has met our needs as a good physical facility and with very cooperative staff, but it feels “distant” to many of you.

Finally, I think some of you believe my under restoration DeSoto is imaginary...but my restorer and I made excellent progress in the last two days (as of this writing) and I have actually driven it on county roads!!

Good motoring!

Paul

201-404-6914

Notice!

Bill will be collecting dues for 2024 starting at the October meeting!
Still only \$20.00



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



It has been a busy month. As many of you already know, a bolt decided to fly under and behind the flywheel during the NJAAACA Summer Tour, and that entailed removing everything from the engine back- again! Then putting it all back together. As the clutch disc was rattling, I decided to order a new one. It was supposed to arrive on September 6th, so on the 5th, I pulled it all back out again in anticipation of the “overnight” delivery. Well, the best laid plans (you know the rest), the package got stuck in Tennessee and did not arrive until Thursday, September 7th. We were leaving for the VMCCA Heritage Tour on Saturday. Needless to say, I was up until 11:00 pm both Thursday and Friday, trying to get it all back together for the tour. Bobbi had given up on me and went to bed. We put on over 1,500 miles on the car during the tour, visiting Jamestown Settlement, Williamsburg, and Yorktown as well as visiting two plantations.

Check out the write-ups of my fellow travelers on the NJAAACA Summer Tour. We visited an eclectic variety of locations. Each location was written up by a different person, including a number of “younger” tourists. Gives us a different perspective on the events. If you haven't tried touring, it is well worth your time. Pete, Anthony and Bill put in many hours of planning to make sure that we all have a good time, and it shows.



On August 17, 2023 my Model A turned into a new car! Check out the odometers.





upcoming EVENTS



NJ AACAA EVENTS

October

- 10 NJ Region AACAA 770th Meeting, American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt. 202), Lincoln Park
Slate of Candidates for 2024 NJ Region Officers to be presented
- 12 First Annual Antique and Classic Car Display, Inglemoor Rehabilitation & Care Center, 311 S Livingston Ave, Livingston, NJ – Abe Platt - Rain Date: Thursday, October 18
- 13-15 Fall Foliage Tour ~~Cancelled~~ - Pete Cullen & Anthony Cecala
- 21 Flemington Speedway Car Show - 4H Fairgrounds, 1207 Rte 179, Ringoes, NJ - Jerry Peck - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Adm \$15., we will have dedicated parking area
- 22 BrightView Senior Living Warren, 57 Mount Bethel Rd., Warren NJ– Abraham Platt – Rain Date: TBD
- 26 BrightView Senior Living Paramus, 396 Forest Ave., Paramus, NJ – Abe Platt – Rain Date: November 2, 2023
- 28. Mystery Tour Bill Pritchett

November

- 2 NJ Region AACAA 771st meeting and Old Timer's Recognition American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ
- 4 Antique and Classic Vehicle Display, Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing facility located at 2005 Route 22 West, Bridgewater, NJ, – Abe Platt – Rain Date: Sunday, November 5
- 8 Antique and Classic Vehicle Display at Laurel Circle Independent Senior Living Community located at 100 Monroe Street, Bridgewater, NJ –Abe Platt – Rain Date: Thursday, November 9
- 12 Antique & Classic Vehicle Display, PH Steakhouse at the Publick House Tavern & Inn located at 111 Main Street (NJ Rte 24), Chester, NJ – Abe Platt – Rain Date: Sunday, November 19, 2023.

December

- 7 NJ Region AACAA 772nd meeting and Holiday Party, American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt 202), Lincoln Park, NJ

NATIONAL AACAA EVENTS

October

- 3-6 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Flea Market set-up is Monday; Show date is Friday.
Important 2023 Hershey Reminders Show will run Tuesday, October 3 through Friday, October 6
Flea Market set-up will be Monday, October 2
Judging School will be Thursday, October 5, at 2 p.m.
Judges Breakfast will be Friday, October 6, at 7 a.m.
Car show will be Friday, October 6
- 11-14 58th Annual Grand Ole Tour – San Angelo, Texas West Texas Region AACAA - Contact: Ron Backer - 432-352-9696; toxmantx@aol.com
- 21 Exmore Town Park Auto Show – 3398 Main St, Exmore, VA 23350- Sponsor: Accomack-Northhampton Region AACAA - Contact: 757-442-4843 or 757-414-3025 or rb55ford55f@yahoo.com
- 22-27 Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Thomasville, Georgia VMCCA hosting

November

- 5 TCVCC Cars Of Our Lives (COOL) Show 2023 (42nd Annual COOL Car Show) - Location: 301 SE Stypmann Blvd, Stuart, FL 34994 - Host: Treasure Coast Region AACAA
- 11 Ancient City Auto Club Car Show - Sponsored by Ancient City Auto Club Region AACAA
Location: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084
Contact: Joe Greeves, President - (904) 347-4602 Website: <http://ancientcity.aaca.com>

February 2024

- 8 - 10 2024 AACAA Annual Convention. Location: Chantilly, Virginia Hotel: Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA



upcoming EVENTS



OTHER AACA EVENTS

- 14 Mount Holly 20th Annual Car Show - Mt Holly,
NJHigh Octane Region - Tom 856-524-2588 or
Rodger 856-535-0004

Program report:

I'm pleased to report that the first two programs, an interview with Wayne Tuck in June and the Singe collection auction by Bob Abbott, appeared to be very well received. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the programs and the format. Please let me have your comments and criticisms so that we can make improvements. I'm also pleased to report that the following individuals have been scheduled through February of 2024:

October	Art Briggs will discuss the AACA judging program, and specifically how it works with "race cars".
November	No program - as it is "old timers night"
December	No program - club holiday dinner!
January	No program - club annual awards dinner!
February	Rich Reina will discuss an event that he attended for 10 consecutive years in the Northeast.
March	Jerry Peck will discuss his Naval experience as well as a recent conference he attended on U.S. defense readiness.

I hope that you will find these programs add a level of enjoyment and fun to our monthly gatherings.

Vince DeLisi #1505, Chair Program Committee
(vincentdelisi@comcast.net, 908-803-1570 cell & text)



AREA EVENTS

Galloping Hill Cruisers, Aviation Plaza: Every Monday, May 15th through October 23rd, 5pm to 9pm. Food available at the restaurants in the Plaza.

October

- 1 Annual Fall Car, Bike & Truck Show -
Stuyvesant/Morris Avenues, Union, NJ - Pre-Reg:
\$20/DOS \$25/Veterans and Seniors 62 and older
\$20 - Rain Date: Oct. 8
- 1 All American Corvette Club 2023 Charitable Car
Show - Panera Bread, 165 Route 4 West,
Paramus, NJ - Info: Mario (201) 270-8321 - Rain
Date: Oct. 15 (Oct 29 if needed)
- 1 RRR-CLC & Gold Coast Cadillac - Annual Dealer
Show - 2123 Hwy 35, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 -
Contact: Jeff Montgomery (732) 406-9120 or
monty5131@gmail.com
- 1 43rd Annual All Pontiac & GMC Fall Car Show -
Clifton Masonic Lodge, 1476 VanHouten Ave,
Clifton, NJ - Info: Steve (201) 264-8521 or John
(973) 941-9955 - Rain Date: Oct. 8
- 7 New Providence PBA Local #132, 6th Annual Car
Show, Community Pool, 1378 Springfield Ave.,
New Providence, NJ - Info: nppba132@gmail.com
- 7 Edison Police Department Wheels for Paws Car
Show - Papaanni Park, 100 Municipal Blvd.,
Edison, NJ - Info: Neel (732) 512-8673
- 7 Island Dragway 2023 Fall Swap Meet - Island
Dragway, 20 Island Rd., Great Meadows, NJ - Info:
(908) 637-6060
- 7 5th Annual Classic Car Show & Men's Brain Health
Fair - Messiah Baptist Church, 13-17 Oak Street,
East Orange, NJ
- 7 Fair Lawn Fire Company 3 Car Show - Memorial
Pool, Fair Lawn, NJ
- 7 1st Annual Sunrise of Morris Plains Classic Car



upcoming EVENTS



AREA EVENTS

- Show - Sunrise of Morris Plains, 209 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ - 1974 and older preferred - Rain Date: Oct. 8 - Info: (862) 684-5800
- 8 Valley Forge Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club Annual Fall Meet, 167 Crousel Lane, Lahaska, PA 18931, Peddler's Village behind Bank of America Parking Lot - Rain Date: Oct. 15 - Info: John Wood (267) 939-5925 or renopa@verizon.net
- 8 37th Annual Corvette, Classic Car & Truck Show, Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ - All Makes & Models welcome. - Info: (908) 240-2021
- 8 Union Elks 33rd Annual Kustom Car and Motorcycle Show - Union Elks Lodge 1583, 281 Chestnut St, Union, NJ - Rain Date: Oct. 15
- 8 Autoberfest Open Car Show - Garden State Region Mustang Club - Nielsen Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM, 175 Rt 10, East Hanover, NJ 07936 - Contact: Tom A. (973) 229-7735 or tomaddeo@yahoo.com or Stacey Y. (1992FoxMustang@gmail.com) - Rain Date: Oct. 22
- 8 Forever Friends Car/Bike Show - Sussex County Fairgrounds, 37 Plains Rd., Augusta, NJ
- 8 Car Show & Trunk or Treat - 100 Third St., Cresskill, NJ
- 9 Galloping Hill Cruisers Cool Cars and Costumes - Aviation Plaza, 601 W. Edgar Rd., Linden, NJ - Rain Date: Oct. 16
- 14 Veterans Car Show 2023 - Lodi Fall Festival, Memorial Drive, Lodi, NJ - Contact: vetcarshow2023@gmail.com - Rain Date: 10/15/2023
- 15 Hot Rods, Hooks & Ladders - 6th Annual Car Show - Dunellen Train Station, South Washington & Prospect Avenues, Dunellen, NJ - Food and Merchant Vendors - Info: Karl (908) 500-1837
- 21 Britfest 2023 - Horseshoe Lake Park, Roxbury Twp. Recreation and Municipal Complex, 72 Eyland Ave., Succasunna, NJ - Info: (201) 791-6675

AREA EVENTS

- 21 Flemington Speedway Historical Society 12th Annual Car Show - Roger K. Everitt (Hunterdon County Fairgrounds, South County Park, 1207 Rte. 179, Lambertville, NJ
- 22 9th Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show, Aviation Plaza, 601 W. Edgar Rd, Linden, NJ - Rain Date: Oct. 29 - Info: Mark (908) 494-7644
- 29 Closter Halloween Car Show & Trunk or Treat - Memorial Field, Closter, NJ - Info: Bill (201) 519-3168
- 29 New Jersey Highlands Coalition Fall Car Trek - Camden County College, 1889 Route 70 East Cherry Hill, NJ

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9 am til 4 pm
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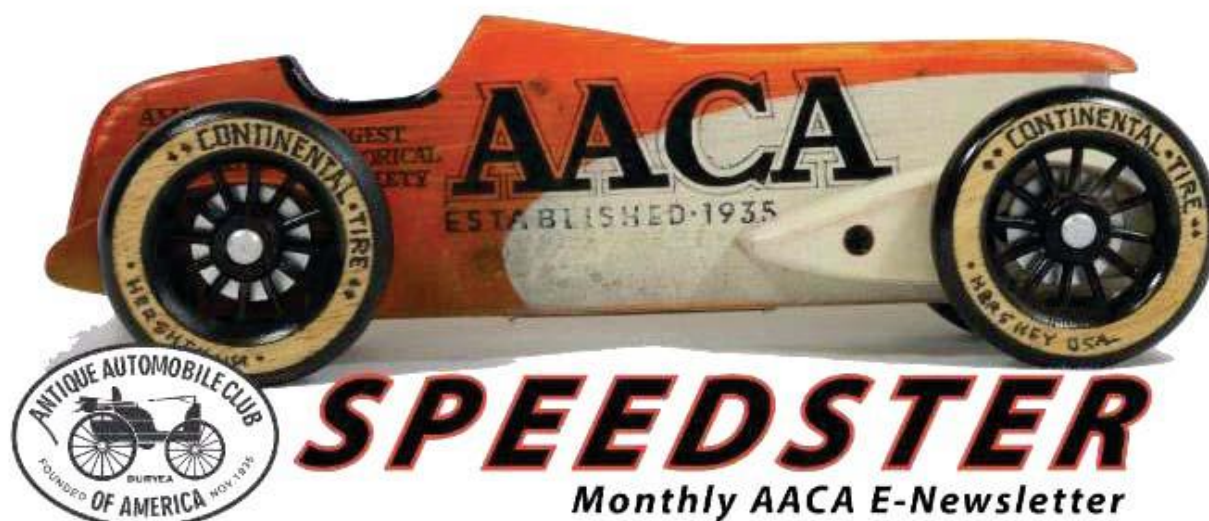
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Best In Show Award



Looking Forward: 2024 Annual Convention

By Stacy Zimmerman, Speedster Editor, zimmerman@aaca.org



I know Hershey is right around the corner and we are all VERY excited to see everyone here in Chocolatetown, but I have to say I'm also getting VERY excited about the Annual Convention in February. I had the opportunity to go down to the Chantilly/Dulles area for a

site visit at the end of last month, and I have to say that the property we are going to be at is just beautiful.

The Westfields Marriott sits on 26 tranquil wooded acres only 10 miles from the Washington Dulles International Airport. It was recently named "Marriott's Premium Hotel of the Year," and they will be finishing up another whole-property renovation in the next month or so. The conference center area has lots of seminar rooms, a theater, several ballrooms to accommodate the trade show, judging schools and membership meeting, and a gorgeous space for our meal functions including the National Awards Banquet. Even though everything is newly renovated, they have still managed to keep some of the older charm from when it was originally built. If the food at the onsite restaurant is any indication of the quality of meals we will be getting there, I think everyone will be super happy with the food options during convention.

We are thrilled to announce that Thursday's pre-convention excursion will be to the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. The center is the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum annex that displays thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including the Space Shuttle Discovery, a Blackbird SR-71, the Enola Gay, and a Concorde. The 760,000-square-foot facility also houses

the restoration shop for the museum. During your visit you will have time to meander on your own, go on a guided tour and maybe even take in a show at the IMAX theater. You will also be treated to a luncheon in an awesome space overlooking the Space Shuttle and the restoration shop. I really hope you will consider coming to convention early for this special outing.

We will start announcing more and more details about the convention after Hershey, so make sure to pay attention to both Antique Automobile and Speedster. In the meantime, you can find information about making your hotel reservations later in this issue, and I am still looking for a few more good seminars for the schedule so let me know if you are interested or have a topic you would like to hear about.

Hotel Information:

Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750
Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151

Room Rate: \$129 per night OR \$169 per night includes breakfast for two people

Reservation Link:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50584547>

Reservation Phone: (800) 266-9432 (mention Antique Automobile Club of America)

Reservation Deadline: January 16, 2024

NJ REGION AACA

Minutes September 13th, 2023, #769



The 769th meeting of the NJ Region of the AACA was called to order at 7:30 pm at the American Legion Post #279 by President Paul.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Paul welcomed all those in attendance both in person and via zoom.

No new guests were introduced.

A moment of silence was given in memory of Bob Graham. Concerns were also given for Jerry Peck with hopes of him feeling better soon.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the August meeting as printed in the Road Map. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as given. Motion so carried.

President Paul's report included the following:

1. Since there has not been a Board of Directors' meeting since May, there would likely be another Board of Directors' meeting in later September.
2. The nominating committee has been formed and includes the chair, Greg Roser, and members, Brenda Zimmerman and Vince DeLisi. He also indicated the committee was coming along well with their nominations.
3. Ed Geller is retiring as chief judge and Anthony Cecala is stepping up to take over the position.
4. The club is still looking for a property manager, but are doing okay with the equipment storage.
5. Program Chairman, Vince DeLisi, has programs scheduled to the end of the year with tonight's program interviewing Duane Copley.
6. The Hybrid Meeting Committee continues, thanks to Rich Reina, Bill Pritchett and Dick Bettie.
7. Thanks were given to Bill Pritchett, Pete Cullen, Dan Edwards and all those who participated in the Summer Tour to CT.
8. Another call was made asking for judges for the Mustang Club, which is having their show on October 15 in Columbia, NJ, at the Brookhollow Winery. Some of the members volunteered at tonight's meeting, so we have Dick Bettie, Anthony C, Pete C, Rich Reina, and Craig Kunz.
9. Arrangements were made to have the October meeting moved a week later because of the Hershey meet, however, there was a conflict with that date with the American Legion. It was decided that the October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th.
10. President Paul reminded everyone that Wayne Tuck is running for re-election to the National Board and Vince DeLisi is running as a new candidate. He encouraged everyone to support these members.

Vice President and Activities Chairman, Abe Platt, reported on activities, both regionally and nationally, for the next several months. All activities can be found in the Road Map. Abe is also asking for volunteers/participants for the many home visits he has scheduled. Abe also pointed out that the Flemington Speedway Car show is on October 21st – not Oct 15th as indicated in the write up that was published in the last issue of the Road Map – the calendar of events was correct but the article was not.

Bill P reported on the planned Mystery Tour in late October. See the Road Map.

No new report on the Summer Tour other than to get any money due Bill to him as soon as possible.

Bill reported that two new members joined the club. Information should be in the newsletter.

Denise Tuck, Welcoming Chairwoman, reported that we were all caught up with the welcoming. No report from the Road Map Editor.

No report from the webmaster.

Vince reported that progress is being made with the participation points.

Bill Pritchett announced that refreshments were provided by Pete Davis, Rich Reina, John Pieczynski, Jan Eyeran, Ann Platt and Dick Bettie. Thanks.

Watchung Mountain chapter had no report.

No reports were submitted for Government Liaison, Archivist, Properties (which is still unfilled), or Clothing/Accessories chairpersons.

No badge fines were incurred this evening as it was a free pass for the evening.

There was no 50/50 for the evening.

There was no old business to report.

Under new business: Abe Platt reported that Sue Danner has stated that Al Danner has settled into his new facility.

Mike Deliberto reported that the Mustang Car Show will be held on October 8th at the Nielsen Dodge where our Spring meet was held.

Wayne Tuck reported the sudden passing of Dolly Webber from National organization who was in charge of judging administration for many years.

As the evening's featured program, Vince DeLisi interviewed Duane Copley and asked him about the VMCCA (Vintage Motor Car Club of America). Duane went on to explain how long he and his wife have been members and what initially got him interested in old cars. He explained that he's had an old Plymouth ever since he was in high school. Duane also went on to explain how he volunteered to become VP of VMCCA and then took over the role of President. He explained that one of the major differences between AACA and VMCCA is that VMCCA is more geared for touring – not judging like

AACA – but a car can be judged if the owner wishes it to be. It was also explained that, although VMCCA does not have the number of members that AACA does, there are regions and chapters also. One of the topics of discussion was the 2024 Annual Business meeting that will be held on a cruise ship. It's a new idea and several members have signed up already. Another question and point that was brought up was how the two clubs should

work together and keep each other aware of what the other is doing. Duane also commented on the issues of apathy in clubs these days and encouraged volunteering and participating.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:45 and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Trisha Copley, Acting Secretary

Mystery Tour - October 28 (Rain or Shine)

On Saturday, October 28, rev up your engines because we will be off on another adventure. This will be an indoor venue, so you do not need to worry about the weather. This time of year should be great for leaf watching. Make sure you have a full tank of gas as we will be driving through the countryside. This year's clue is "not again". Bring some cash with you to pay the admission (\$15).

We will meet at and leave around 10:00 at the Hampton Diner, 36 Hampton House Rd (Route 206 N), Newton, NJ 07860.

After a drive through the country to our destination,

we will arrive and be confounded by what we see and hear. We will see the dirt but not get dirty, and you must hold on. We will then have a pizza type lunch for which I will then collect. This is tentative, but looks like it I got it locked in.

Any questions, please call me at 908-534-9069.

Day of tour please call my cell phone at 908-581-0411.

Directions: The Hampton Diner is about 13 miles north on Route 206 from I-80, exit 25. It is about ½ mile on the right side after you pass ShopRite.

Bill Pritchett

In Memoriam



Bob Graham, member # 701

Robert I. Graham, June 26, 1930-
September 6, 2023

Bob was born in N.Y.C. and then lived in Cliffside Park, N.J. He attended Fordham University School of Business, Delahanty Institute-Automotive Technical Training and Ford Marketing Institute. He began his career with Ford Motor Co. Lincoln-Mercury Division and left there to co-found the corporation, Zip Systems, selling and installing pneumatic tube systems and elevators. Bob was one of the earlier members of the N.J. Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America and served more than 10 years as a volunteer member of the Office on Aging Handy Man Project providing a wide variety of general house maintenance services. He retired from Foothills Acres Nursing Home as maintenance manager.

Bob will be missed by his wife Margaret, his seven children, thirteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

The family welcomes donations in Bob's name to the Alzheimer's Association as an expression of sympathy.



Anthony R. Fontana, 82,

of Pohatcong Township passed away Thursday, September 7, 2023. Born in Brooklyn, NY and was a 1960 graduate of Phillipsburg High School. He and his wife, Linda (Shelly) Fontana were married September 29, 1962. Anthony was a Patternmaker with the former Ingersoll Rand until 1997; an Animal

Control Officer for Pohatcong Township for more than 30 years and served as Weigh Master for the Delaware River Shad Tournament. On Tuesday nights Anthony enjoyed helping his childhood friend, Joe with Joe's Steak Shop car show.

He was a member of the New Jersey Region AACA (#1480) and the British MGTD Car Club in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He and Linda enjoyed driving his 1952 MGTD on various trips with friends. Highlights included driving it on the Indianapolis Speedway and up and down the Florida coast.

In addition to his wife, Linda, he is survived by two sons; Russell and Richard, and two grandchildren Abigail and Anthony. The family welcomes memorials to the Phillipsburg Emergency Squad, 360 Prospect Street, PO Box 215, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.



Air Conditioning, Part 1: History

Packard was the first automobile manufacturer to offer optional air conditioning, which it did for the 1940 model year. The systems were installed by an aftermarket company, requiring completed factory cars to be shipped offsite for the installation. About 2,000 such cars were built, but the units were bulky, inefficient, and expensive. With most of the system installed in the trunk, these A/C systems also consumed considerable trunk space. Cadillac briefly experimented with an A/C option in 1941, as did Chrysler in 1941-1942. The auto industry had nothing to offer for the next 9 years until Chrysler tried again, still with no success, in 1951-1952. But then in 1953, Chrysler, having invented "Airtemp" A/C for the Chrysler building, began to install Airtemp in cars. This system was more advanced than earlier systems, but still mounted some components in the trunk. Also in 1953, some Buick, Olds, and Cadillac models offered optional Frigidaire trunk-mounted systems.

The big breakthrough came in 1954 when Nash introduced the first A/C system to be completely front-mounted and fully integrated with the car's heating and ventilation systems. Called "All-Weather Eye", it marked the first use of an electric clutch on the A/C compressor. System service was easier with all componentry mounted under the hood, and best of all, its 1954 price of \$345 was less expensive than the competition. That same year, GM tried to compete with an A/C system developed by its Harrison Division and offered on Pontiacs with inline eights. However, it was not integrated with the heating system, so there were separate controls and ducts for each. The Nash all-in-one front-mounted system became the industry standard, and continues to be the basic layout still used in today's more sophisticated vehicles.

The availability of automobile air conditioning caught on quickly with the American public, especially with those living in southern climes. By 1960, just 6 years after Nash's All-Weather Eye came to market, about 20% of all new cars had A/C. That number climbed to 54% by 1969,

at least for domestic vehicles. European and Asian cars were slower to embrace air conditioning as an option. Another huge advancement was the 1964 introduction of "Comfort Control" by Cadillac. The driver simply selected the desired temperature and the system regulated the heating and air conditioning to maintain that temperature. Today we take such systems for granted in our modern cars. Note in the attached ad, provided courtesy of the AACA Library, that in 1963, GM touted its so-called "Four Season Climate Control" which still required the driver to manually adjust the heater and A/C controls.

While the percentage of vehicles sold with A/C continued to rise, many, but not all, systems were factory-installed. Depending on the model and the predicated "take rate", some systems were installed at the dealer. To cite one example, a customer ordering A/C in a new 1965 Mustang meant that it would be dealer-installed. One giveaway was the large under-dash unit hanging below the center of the dashboard. This also became an opportunity for aftermarket companies to offer competing systems, often at a price advantage. (From my own personal experience working as a technician at a Volvo dealer in the late 1970s, we performed many A/C installations on new Volvos. Volvo did not offer factory A/C across the board until the mid-1980s.) And as difficult as this may be to believe, in 1968, the only cars with air conditioning as standard equipment were Cadillac and Rolls-Royce. But American Motors, looking for an advantage against the Big Three, decided to make A/C standard in its top-of-the-line Ambassador models, an unheard-of feat especially for a vehicle with an MSRP under \$3,000.

Early non-automotive refrigerant systems used dangerous chemicals such as ammonia. In the 1930s, the Frigidaire Division of GM was seeking a safer alternative, and formed a working group with DuPont. They created a new company called Kinetic Chemicals and produced a nontoxic and nonflammable refrigerant labeled R-12, trademarked as Freon. This was the A/C refrigerant used

by the auto industry up until the early 1990s, when legislative changes inspired by environmental concerns resulted in the phaseout of R-12. Today, I don't think there is a new car or truck in the U.S. market which does not have factory-installed air conditioning as standard equipment. Given AACA's rolling 25-year rule, we now have cars up to 1998 eligible for inclusion, and it is a safe bet that many of our collector cars include air conditioning.

Next month: more about air conditioning.



Inglemoor Rehabilitation & Care Center**Thursday, October 12, 2023****11:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

On Thursday, October 12th, we are scheduled to conduct our First Annual Antique and Classic Car Display at Inglemoor Rehabilitation & Care Center, at 311 S Livingston Ave, Livingston, NJ. Please note that this is a weekday event. Our arrival/assembly time is 11:30 AM and we will assemble in the parking area in front of the facility. The car display is from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM.

The Inglemoor facility will have music for the event and will provide our members with lunch. Please RSVP by Monday, October 9th if you would like to attend so that we can provide them with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect.

Thank you for your participation. Come join your friends, and the residents and staff of this healthcare facility. **Please note that the Inglemoor Care Center will provide a donation for our participation.**

Rain? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319

The rain date is Wednesday, October 18

Abe Platt, Event Chair, #1524

Directions: South Livingston Avenue runs north-south between Columbia Turnpike (Rte. 510) and West Mount Pleasant Avenue (NJ Rte. 10).

Flemington Speedway Car Show**October 21, 2023****9 AM to 3 PM (rain or shine)**

This is the eleventh year for the Flemington Speedway's Car Show. The non-profit organization's mission is to document the events and activities of Flemington, New Jersey's dirt racing track which allowed traditional jalopies and small racing cars to compete against one another. The event will take place at the Hunterdon County 4-H fairgrounds at 1207 Route 179 on the border of Ringoes/Lambertville on Saturday, October 21st from 9 AM to 3 PM (rain or shine). There will be an entrance fee of \$15.00 which supports the organization's many activities throughout the year.

We can expect a large variety of up to 1,000 antique and modified antique vehicles and some modern cars. There will be a display of racing cars and motorcycles as well. We can expect food and beverage vendors galore and the potential of your leaving with a trophy.

Management will set aside an exclusive parking area for our Region's membership. This event is one of our best opportunities to interest potential new members and your help in manning our impressive membership booth for a short period would be greatly appreciated. This will be one of the last NJAACA activities this year. You're all welcome to join.

Jerry Peck #1462.

Bright view Senior Living of Warren**Sunday, October 22, 2023****11:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

On Sunday, October 22, we are scheduled to conduct our Fifth 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. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for 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 Noon until 3:00 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 RSVP by October 18th (732-752-6341 or via email abeplatt@aol.com) 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. Please note that **The BrightView of Warren will be providing the NJ Region with a donation for our participation.**

Thank you for your participation.

Rain? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319

The rain date is Friday, September 15, 2023.

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 22 (East or West): Take the exit to Warrentonville Road north. Warrentonville 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 Smokehouse Road to Valley Road to King George Road. Follow the directions above for "From Interstate Rt. 78 (East or West)".

Bright View Senior Living of Paramus**Thursday, October 26****11:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

We are scheduled to conduct our Second Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event at The BrightView Senior Living facility of Paramus, NJ. at 396 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for 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 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 RSVP by October 22nd if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Mr. Smith with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. Please note that **The Bright View of Paramus will be providing the NJ Region with a donation for our participation.** This event is limited to 35 antique vehicles.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 (home office) or via email abeplatt@aol.com.

Rain? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319

The rain date is Friday, Thursday, November 2nd
Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

**PH Steakhouse at the
Publick House Tavern & Inn**

Sunday, November 12**11:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

The Director of Catering of PH Steakhouse at the Publick House Tavern & Inn in Chester, NJ reached out to the NJ Region expressing an interest in hosting an event with our club this autumn. I responded to Ms. Jennifer Evans via email and later in a telephone conversation about what she had in mind. Since I have participated in car shows on Main Street and at the Chester Lions Octoberfest in the park several times over the past seven years I was familiar with the location and the area around the Publick House Tavern & Inn. We discussed setting up a date and time for an Antique & Classic Vehicle Display in the restaurant's parking lot. We discussed the number of antique vehicles desired (15 to 25 was discussed as a target number), we also discussed discounts on meals for the participants bringing and showing a pre-1999 vehicle.

On Sunday, November 12, we are scheduled to participate by displaying our antique vehicles (older verses newer antique vehicles preferred) in the designated and roped off area at the rear of the restaurant. Our arrival time is 11:30 AM and the car display is from 12 NOON until 3:00 PM. Bring an antique vehicle and receive a 20% discount on your meal. PH Steakhouse will be advertising this event locally. So,

come join your friends and the residents in the surrounding community.

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 9, if you would like to attend and **PLEASE let me know which antique vehicle you will be bringing and the number of people we can expect.** Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 or via email abeplatt@aol.com.
The rain date is November 19th

Rain? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319 Abe Platt, Event Chair NJ Region Member #1524

DIRECTIONS: The PH Steakhouse at the Publick House Tavern & Inn is located at 111 Main Street (NJ Rte 24), Chester, NJ 07930. The Publick House Tavern & Inn is located on the north side of Main Street, east of the intersection of Routes 24 and 206.

Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing**Saturday, November 4****10:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

On Saturday, November 4, the NJ Region AACA will put on an Antique and Classic Vehicle Display at the Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing facility in Bridgewater, NJ in conjunction with their Fall Fest celebration. Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing, is a senior living facility with respite care and an assisted living facility with memory care, located at 2005 U.S. Route 22 West, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, (732) 868-8181.

As you are aware, our fellow member, Al Danner, is a resident of this facility and he would very much appreciate your participation. I have communicated with both Al's wife Sue and the activities director, Katie Hardy to set up this event. When I joined the NJ Region in 2016, former member Bernie Cooney chaired similar events at this facility and at other similar facilities locally for a number of years.

Our arrival time is 10:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area located at the right (east) side of the facility. The car display is from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The facility will have music for the event and will provide our members with lunch and refreshments. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 1st if you would like to attend so that we can provide Ms. Hardy with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect.

Thank you for your participation. Come join your friends, and the residents and their families, and the staff of this facility. If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 or via email abeplatt@aol.com

Rain? Call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319

The rain date is Sunday November 5th

DIRECTIONS: Brandywine Living is on the west bound lane of Route 22 between King George Road to the east and Mountain Avenue to the west.

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

ELIZABETH NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER



The Antique Automobile Display was from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM, which allowed the car owners to have lunch prior to the residents coming out to view our cars and have their lunch. Lunch for all included grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, corn on the cob, soft drinks, and an absolutely delicious Columbian concoction of shaved ice with three to four flavored syrups and fresh chopped fruit on top. This was a favorite with all of the car owners as



most of us went up for seconds and some of us had thirds. The members of the car community included: Robert Rankin (1963 Cadillac Series 62 coupe); Dick Bettel (1965 Lotus Elan convertible); Thomas and JoAnne Terchek (1966 Mercury Comet); Stephen Myers (1973 Pontiac Catalina sedan); Mickey Easse (1975 Pontiac Catalina 400 sedan); and Abraham Platt (Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition).



The sun shone brightly on us and for those that wanted it, there was plenty of shade under the trees as music serenaded us all afternoon. The smiles on the residents' and staff members' faces, the many comments



of appreciation, the interest shown in our vehicles and their histories made this an absolutely wonderful event for all of the car enthusiasts, both owners and spectators alike. While the residents and staff enjoyed the activities,



Ms. Correa canvassed them to determine their favorite antique vehicle(s). Later, the facility's Director, Zev Fishman thanked the car owners for bringing our cars today and proceeded to present Certificates of Appreciation to the owners of the top three vehicles selected by the residents and staff. In third place was Bob Rankin's 1963 Cadillac; second place went to Mickey's 1975 Pontiac; and first place went to Tom and Joanne's 1966 Comet. Tom and JoAnne also received a



bottle of wine.

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 the NJ Region's Facebook page for a pictorial essay of this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyRegionAACA>

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

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CLpuunNy55kEhwc18>

Article and Photographs respectfully submitted by.

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

Warren Haven Nursing Home



On August 27, 2023, 26 members, 4 guests, with 12 cars and 2 shoe leather express, visited Warren Haven Nursing Home in Oxford, New Jersey. We spent the afternoon enjoying the beautiful weather, conversation and fellowship under the maple trees. We were treated to a bag lunch of sandwiches, potato chips, fruit, a cookie and a drink. Also, potato salad, macaroni salad, zucchini squares and brownies were enjoyed by all.



The following members and their cars were in attendance: Brain and Sarah Pritchett with 1961 Oldsmobile 98, Bobby and Kathy Kelly modern; Abraham and Ann Platt in a 1988 Mercury Cougar; Roger and Kathy Bagley in a 1940 Buick Special; Bobbi and Dick Bettel with a 1930 Model A Ford; Paul and Helen Wolfmeyer in a 1954 Chrysler Imperial; Kenneth Dulio in a 1957 Chevy BelAir; Bob and Pat Kapral in a 1957 Dodge



Wagon, Greg and Joan Newell in a 1986 Oldsmobile 442, King and Peggy Schaedel with 1995 Ford XL pickup, Jan Eyerman in a 1978 Ford Granada, Pete Cullen in a 1993 Chevy Corsica, Art Briggs and Max came by Shoe Leather Express and Joe and Carole Durna with a 1964 Ford Galaxie. Guests were Charles and Marianne Gruver with a 1967 Yellow Chevy Camaro and Tim Arico and Dawn Briggs with a 2006 Mustang.



A lot of the residents came out and enjoyed looking at our cars and talking with us about them. As we were leaving, the Activities Director came out and asked us to make sure we come back again next year as the residents of Warren Haven really enjoyed looking at the cars and were looking forward to us coming back next year.

We would like to thank everyone who came out to participate visiting Warren Haven and hope to see you again next year.

Joe and Carole Durna #1335

Photos by Bobbi Bettel

Roosevelt Care Center Edison



After three days of severe weather and almost every outdoor event in northern and north central New Jersey being rained out, the morning on Tuesday, September 12th, was beautiful with crystal clear blue skies dotted with puffy white clouds. As members of the Antique Automobile Club of America started to arrive at the Roosevelt Care Center Edison facility, we were greeted graciously by our hostess Ms. Allison Kruk, the Director of Recreation.



Our arrival/assembly time was scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we assembled in our designated parking area located at the rear of the facility. The car display is from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM. Shortly after Noon, the food service staff provided us with boxed lunches and cold bottled water, which filled us up and kept us cool as the temperature rose to the lower 80's. Roosevelt staff assisted residents, on a floor-by-floor basis, to visit us in the handicap parking area for the facility, which made it very convenient for the residents to access our antique vehicles. The stream of residents was pretty steady the entire time we were there with many of the residents and staff very interested in our vehicles' age and history. Several of them asked if they could sit behind the wheel of their favorite car to have their picture taken, and of course, we were very happy to assist them in doing so.

The AACA members that presented their antique vehicles at this event are members of the Mid-Jersey and

the New Jersey Regions and included: Daniel Ungar (1933 Pontiac Series 601 sedan); Carl Christiansen (1940 Ford Std. coupe); Robert Rankin (1955 Cadillac 62 Series sedan); Craig and Yvonne Kunz (1966 Oldsmobile F85 sedan); Clifford Stern (1974 Triumph TR6 convertible); and Abraham Platt (Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition). This was an unplanned, but wonderful display of vehicles from each decade from the 1930s through the 1980s.



This was our first Antique and Classic Car Display at this facility and by the end of our event at this facility, Ms. Kurk asked if we could do this again next year as she presented us with a donation check for our participation. I told her that we would be happy to do so and I would stay in contact with her.



Please go to the Photo Galleries section of the NJ Region's website to see additional pictures of this event: <https://njregionaaca.com/photo-galleries/> Also, click on the following link to go to my Photo Album for all the pictures of this event. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/G31tRQsNB173j6Ad7>

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

AACA Summer Tour

August 17 - 21, 2023

This year's summer tour promised to be a good one, and it didn't disappoint. On Thursday, August 17, 2023, we all gathered for lunch at the Alexis Diner in Newburg, NY. Carole and Joe Durna had suggested this location as they would often stop here on their way to Maine, and they knew the food was good. After lunch, we headed up to the Institute for American Indian Studies Museum in Washington, CT.

Let's let Carole and Joe tell you more about that.

Day 1 - Thursday

American Indian Studies Museum, by Carole & Joe Durna



What we liked about the Indian Museum was the young fellow explaining what the Indians had to do to survive. The way they made their canoes and how they put them in water to protect them in the winter. Also how the mothers made the backpack so their infants could always be safe and with them and watch their mothers as they worked.

Joe and Carole Durna#1335

Day 2 - Friday

Friday morning brought us to the Lillie Car Collection and Garden Tour in Mystic Seaport, CT, by Craig & Yvonne NJ Region Summer Tour, Day 2, Friday August 18, 2023 Submitted to the Roadmap by Craig and Yvonne Kunz

Bill and Linda Lillie Car Collection



Day 2 of the Summer Tour began with light rain falling. The tour directions led us an hour southeast to Gales Ferry, Connecticut. The route mostly followed US Route 6 and CT Route 87 at posted speed limits between 35 and 50 MPH. Along the way we passed through the historic village of Lebanon where the Council of Safety



met at the War Office during the Revolutionary War to manage the logistics of delivering supplies to the Continental Army. Later along the way, just before crossing the Thames River, we passed the Mohegan Sun (Indian) Casino which served as a modern night and day contrast to colonial era Lebanon. Both of these locations provided opportunities for seeing points of interest above and beyond the tour's formal stops.



The target arrival time at the Lillie's was 10:00, and the rain ended about 9:45, no doubt due to the tourmaster's extraordinary planning. As we arrived, due to the rain having just stopped, Bill Lilley was still backing three cars out of garages and trailers, so we got to see some of the cars in motion. The collection is stored in a



two bay attached garage, a three bay detached garage, and three trailers. Everyone was excited to see the cars; well, I was excited, but Yvonne may already have begun scoping out the view across the Thames River which the property fronted on. Once Bill finished moving the cars,



he and Linda welcomed everyone. Acknowledging some of the tourist's eyes might glaze over if the subjects were limited to gas engines and 84 volt electric motors, Linda welcomed anyone interested in touring their gardens to leave the cars behind and follow her (see garden tour



details below). Amazingly some tourists followed her! The tourmaster's promise that the Summer Tour would have something for everyone was being validated!



The remaining gearhead tourists followed Bill around the yard and through the garages while he proudly recounted highlights of the history and mechanical details of the ten vehicles on the property. To say the least, it is an eclectic collection; more than that though, the Lillie's collective research on each car's provenance, sometimes going back over 100 years to the original owner, and the relative rarity of several cars made the visit exceptional. The cars present included: 1906 Baker Electric Imperial (unrestored, one of two known to remain in existence), 1907 Cadillac Model M Straight Line Touring Car (before Cadillac had electric starters or V-8s!), 1912 Model T Commercial Roadster (sitting on jackstands), 1913 Model T Touring Car, 1919 Detroit Electric Model 98A Brougham (traded in, and modified by the Anderson Electric Car company and resold as a new 1931 model, one two known to remain in existence), 1921 Millburn Light Electric Model 27L, 1922 Detroit Electric Model 90B, 1931 Model A Roadster, 1936

Ford Phaeton, and a 1977 VW Super Beetle, Champagne Edition. If those cars don't represent a wide enough variety of history, the Lillie's collection also includes a 1904 Stanley Steamer which was not on the property when we visited. Detailed information about each car is available at: <https://www.billsvintagecars.com/>. In addition to the cars, examples of an original Edison Nickel Iron battery and battery charger were on display.

When asked where the Model T Commercial Roadster wheels were, Bill reluctantly admitted he had new wheels made a year ago, but hadn't made the time to mount them on the car. After hearing that and spending time walking in between the five cars in the three bay garage, I felt somewhat redeemed realizing that I'm not the only one trying to maximize the number of cars in the storage space available, and staying focused to bring 'simple' projects to completion is not always easy.

The Garden Tour

Craig was right. Upon arrival, I immediately headed for a look at the river. There I was able to see double-crested cormorants, sea gulls, Canadian geese, and a lone American black duck. Not a bad start to the day!



Once I got my fill of the waterfowl, I joined the rest of the group to listen to the Lillie's talk about their amazing car collection. To my surprise, Linda offered an alternate tour of her gardens to anyone that was not a die-hard



gearhead. Awesome! Count me in!

Linda gave me, along with several other non-



gearheads, an informative tour of her beautiful gardens. She named all the plants as she went but I was too busy looking at everything to take note of them. Linda had several different areas planted, from shade to full sun. She said she was a big fan of low maintenance landscapes, and her gardens were planned with this in mind. The butterflies and bees seemed content with Linda's choices. Even a hummingbird came to sample some of the flowers while we were on tour.

After lunch at a local diner with the Lillies, on behalf of NJ Region, we expressed how grateful we were for their time and opening their car collection and gardens to us. It was a great experience.

After lunch in a cozy café recommended by Bill Lillie we journeyed on to the Submarine Force Museum in Groton, CT.

by Craig & Yvonne Kunz

The Submarine Force Museum by Pat & Bob Kapral

One part of the AACA summer tour included a visit to the Submarine Force Museum in Groton, CT. The museum includes models of the different types of submarines that have been used throughout the years. It is amazing to see how small the first submarines were compared to the modern ones.





This museum is very interesting if you have any interest in our Navy or our submarine fleet. In the museum, there was a full wall of scale models of a lot of submarines that have been part of the U.S. Navy. It was cool to see how the submarine has grown in size since the Navy started using them in service.

Also displayed were torpedo and missiles, as well as some ship's controls and ballast controls and a submarine rescue chamber.

As we had visited the museum prior on our own, and Bob's hip was bothering him, we did not go into the submarine this time around.



Just before we left the museum, a submarine was being "towed" out to sea by a tug boat. What a treat.

Mystic Aquarium by Sarah Pritchett

Brooke and I joined Anthony, his sister Melissa, and his niece Savannah for a trip to the Mystic Aquarium instead of going with the group for the private car collection. We were planning to join the group for the submarine museum; however, we were having so much fun exploring the aquarium that we missed the group entirely. We stayed and watched the Belugas playing in their enclosure for quite some time before moving to watch the sea lions' show. Brooke and Savannah got to feed some sting rays, and we all got to pet them as they



swam around the touch tank. We learned a lot about the different types of marine life and conservation efforts, and of course hit up the gift shop! Brooke and Savannah were disappointed they couldn't bring any of the live animals home, but settled on bringing a stuffed one instead. We could have stayed there longer, but our tummies were very hungry, so we found our way to Mystic Diner for lunch before heading back to the hotel and meeting up with the rest of our group.

Day 3 - Saturday

Worcester Art Museum, by Helen & Paul Wolfmeyer 2023 Summer Tour—The Worcester Art Museum



The NJ Region 2023 Summer Tour offered a variety of segments—from cars to non-car transportation to American Indian history to Art. We were fortunate on Saturday August 19th to venture 55 miles from the Hartford Connecticut area up to the Worcester Art Museum in Massachusetts. This museum was founded in 1896 by Stephen Salisbury III and a group of his friends "for the benefit of all". Samuel gave the land the





museum stands on from his family farm and he left the bulk of his estate, about five million dollars (in 1905 dollars), to the Art Museum.



The museum features Roman antique sculpture, Japanese prints, Flemish Renaissance paintings, and a Renaissance French chapter house (moved and rebuilt stone-by-stone). There are over 38,000 works of art in the



museum. More recently acquired (in 2013) was the Worcester Higgins Armory Museum arms and armor collection. The latter items were of particular interest to the tour group. We learned of the large number of pieces in a suit of armor, the weight (about fifty pounds), the dressing assistance required and the sequence of dressing. There was even a painting depicting the creation of a suit of armor from foundry on to individual pieces.



The museum also has a year-round art program for youth up through adults. It is a very large and varied premier museum.

Paul & Helen Wolfmeyer

Springfield Armory National Historic, by Gail & Bill Stroh

It's difficult to describe the Springfield Armory in a few words. Its history is vast and monumental, spanning from the 1700's through the 1900's.



Initially it functioned as a major arsenal after the early battles of the American Revolution showed a need for a place to store weapons and ammunition within reach of American troops and out of British hands.

In 1795, the Springfield Armory began weapons production mainly done by handwork.

In the 1800's, with the development of the Blanchard



lathe, unskilled workers were able to produce identical irregular shapes quickly and easily for consistent mass production of rifle stocks for small arms used during the Civil War.

In the 1900's the Armory made many significant advances in firearms production. It produced the Model 1903 bolt-action rifle used by American troops in WWI. It is still considered one of the most accurate weapons ever made. The Armory used mass production machinery, in the early 1930's, to manufacture 3.5 million M1 rifles used in WWII. In 1957, the M14 rifle was the last shoulder weapon produced at the Springfield Armory. Phased out in 1966, it was the basis for the M21 Sniper Weapon System which became standard-issue to military sniper teams until 1988. The conflict dictated the design and function of the weapon.



Examples of these weapons were on display.

In summary, the Armory manufactured, stored, repaired, tested, and developed functions assigned by the United States Army. It stimulated innovative technology, improved manufacturing processes, and developed increased use of laborsaving machines--having a lasting impact on American industry.

In 1964, the Defense Department under Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, decided that private suppliers could provide the necessary weapons and in 1968 the Armory was closed.

Bill and I were fortunate enough to catch an explanation and demonstration of some of the major firearms I described in this article, (using blanks of course!!!) used from the American Revolution to Vietnam.

In closing, the following quote by George Washington, 1793, was prominently displayed at the Armory:

"If we are to secure peace one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity it must be known that we are at all times ready for war."

Day 4 - Sunday

Cars and Coffee at the Connecticut Valley Brewing Company, by Dan Edwards



There was not a cloud in the sky Sunday morning as 8 cars from the NJ region rolled in at 8am for what has become a regular weekly cars and coffee at this 5 year old local brewery that ships their hoppy deliciousness



around the world. On any given Sunday you will see everything from a 1928 Model T to a 2023 BMW 8 series including some that look like they came off the showroom



floor and others that have seen better days or look like they are ready to hit the drag strip. Our intrepid travelers from NJ fit right in, fueling up with coffee before cruising down Route 5 to the New England Air Museum.



New England Air Museum by Dick Bettie Photos by Yvonne & Bobbi



Having spent many years in my working career, as an Aerospace Instrument engineer, I am always thrilled to visit aircraft assembly plants and museums. I think I got the 'bug' listening to my father who assembled the first APU for the B-52. This museum has a great



collection of aircraft both inside and outside the building.

They had a diverse selection of helicopters inside to look at, some commercial and some military.



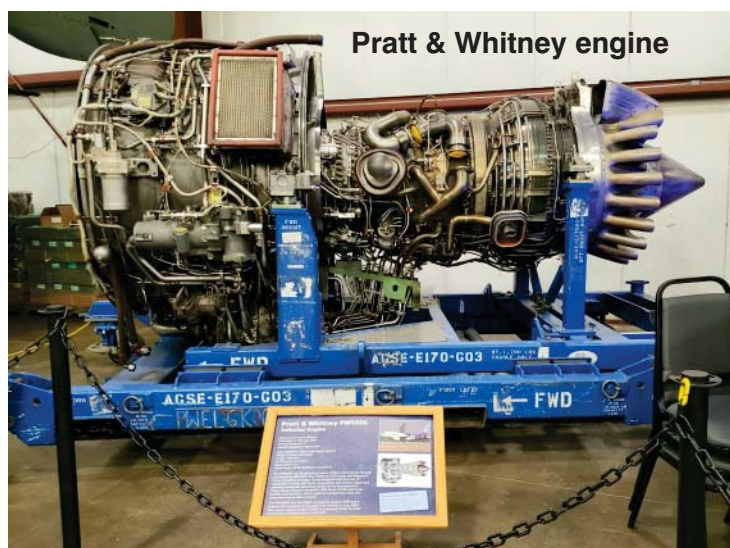
One helicopter was of particular interest to me was the Sikorsky Sky-Crane as it had one of the instruments I helped to design in it.

Connecticut Trolley Museum

by Dick Bettie Photos by Yvonne & Bobbi



A number of WW2 planes had nose art. There was also a display on Women in Aviation; amphibious planes; a "make your own parachute" (which Brooke took advantage of); a section on early space flights; a zero



gravity toilet, with a detailed explanation of how it worked); engines from early airplanes right up to the more modern.



Visitors to the museum also got to go into some of the planes, and docents did a great job of explaining the history of the individual planes. I could have spent an entire week looking at all the stuff on display - both inside and outside. Thanks Bill, Pete and Anthony for arranging this visit just for me!



Bobbi and I thoroughly enjoyed the trolley museum. Not only did we get to ride on the "wedding cake" trolley (an open air observation car that was built in 1924 in Montreal) and stop traffic, but we were allowed to walk through most of cars in the museum.



The Museum has rail equipment dating back to 1869, including passenger and freight trolley cars, elevated railway cars, passenger and freight railroad



Trolley Museum and the New England Civil War Museum by Maddie Edwards

After many hours of listening to stories my dad told us going on antique car tours when he was my age, I finally got to experience it first hand, joining the group for a guided tour of the Connecticut Trolley Museum, including a ride on vintage trolley I hadn't ridden since Christmas when I was younger and it was much colder out. After the ride and a quick tour of the museum most folks beat the heat and went back to the hotel, but not us. My dad, my cousin Addie, myself, and a few others went through the backroads of Ellington to get to the New England Civil War Museum in Rockville, CT. The car ride on the backroads way there was beautiful. Smellington (Ellington to most outsiders), although stinky, is very scenic with beautiful sights of pretty fields.

The Museum is on the 2nd Floor of Town Hall in an original Grand Army of the Republic meeting Hall and is pretty small. It is located in an original Grand Army of the Republic meeting Hall. It was very fun to learn about the history of the museum and Connecticut's connection. I hope I will be able to see everyone again.

New England Civil War Museum

The New England Civil War Museum is located in an original Grand Army of the Republic hall and contains many items from the Civil War, with an emphasis on Connecticut's contributions. It was started by Civil War veterans in 1896 with personal wartime items donated by the members.

The museum, though small in size, has the honor and distinction of being the only surviving GAR Hall in Connecticut, and one of the longest continuously used GAR Halls in the entire country.

Day 5 - Monday

Fusick Automotive Products by Greg & Joan Newell



Hi everybody, this review is coming from the Newell household. As you know, we first met at the Alexis Diner to begin our tour. By day 5, we arrived at the Fusick

Automotive Products warehouse. They specialize in Olds, Buick and Cadillac parts. As we entered the building you see a 442 W 30 Olds convertible, and are



immediately greeted by Willow, the store mascot. We then got a tour of the warehouse. A few of us, myself included, did purchase some parts. I got new windshield wipers. We have one more stop. After this, then we go home. As my wife said to me: "We need a vacation to rest now." ps: Thanks to Bill and Pete for a great tour.

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine



This free museum includes a colonial-era Copper Mine, which was the first chartered copper mine. The site also contains the remains of the first state prison in early



America, which was used between 1776 and 1782 to house prisoners of war from the American Revolutionary War. It also houses the first "Re-entry Hall of Change" honoring formerly incarcerated men and women who have made a great positive impact in their communities

In summary, everyone had a great time on the tour. Bobbi & I want to thank Pete for taking me to Lowes for some tools, Bill and Gayle Stroh for taking us home, and AAA for taking our Ford home.

Richard Lentinello
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12th Annual CAR SHOW

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Saturday, October 21, 2023
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Roger K. Everitt (Hunterdon County) Fairgrounds
South County Park, 1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530

ANY & ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE WELCOME
FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET
FIRST PLACE CLASS TROPHIES, PLUS SPECIAL AWARDS

Schedule of Events

07:00am Gates Open for Vendors & Exhibitors
09:00am Gates Open for Spectators
12:00pm Engine Start - Outdoor Cars Only
02:00pm Awards Presentation
03:00pm Car Show Ends*

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

Exhibitors

Exhibitor Registration: \$15.00 per vehicle, regardless of entry type
All registrations are day of, payable at the gate, cash preferred.
No credit cards accepted
Race cars are free

Spectators

Spectator Admission: \$5.00 per person;
Kids 16 & under admitted free when accompanied by an adult

Flea Market & Swap Meet

\$20.00 per space; Pole barn locations; No pre-registration required
Parts & Tools, Truck & Tractor Parts, Race & Vintage Race Car Parts, Collectibles, Crafts, Direct Sales Vendors

Proceeds Benefit

The Flemington Speedway Historical Society, Inc. (FSHS) and the Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair. FSHS is recognized by the IRS code as a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, whose mission is to Preserve, Protect, and Document the History of the Flemington Fairgrounds and Speedway.



OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman, #1238

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

3 Charles & Penny Lynn Bates	59 years
17 Ken & Helen Jane Swan	64 Years

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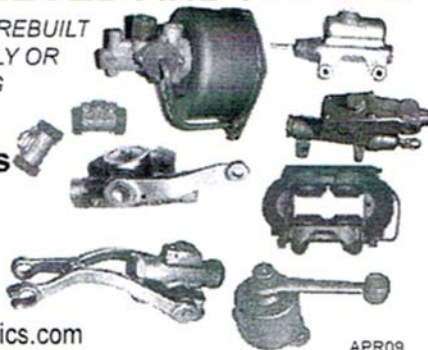
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For Sale

Wanted

Trade

Wanted: 1948-50 Packard Super or Custom Eight

Victoria Convertible. Prefer a 'driver', no basket cases. Not afraid of needing minor restoration or upgrades. What have you? Leads appreciated.

Bob Hudak- NJRAACA member – 732.629.1437
rjhudak@comcast.net 04/24

**Commercial Sewing Machine for Sale**

Contact Jamie Edwards Jr
jpejr@aol.com 10/23

1965 Mustang Spinner Hubcaps

Contact Paul Wolfmeyer 201-404-6914

**For Sale**

1. Set of 4 Chevy Aveo (2006?) 14 inch hubcaps \$10.00
2. Used but still working toaster oven (I use in my garage to heat welding rods) \$10.00

Contact Jan Eyerman at 973-584-8476 03/24

3 car garage for rent

I have a 3 car garage for rent in a residential neighborhood in Lebanon, NJ with electricity for \$500.00 per month. Safe and clean and available immediately. Please text James at 732-804-6362. Thanks James Cappuzzo

mseries63tbird@aol.com 03/24

1938 Ford Deluxe 5 Window Coupe

Estate sale of this custom restored Ford Coupe. Dark Green with brown leather interior done by restoration specialists. The car features a built French Ford engine of 255 cubic inch displacement. Power brakes from a first generation Thunderbird, power steering and a two speed Columbia rear axle complete the running gear. Additional features include seat belts, turn signals, stainless exhaust, banjo steering wheel, heater and whitewall tires. The asking price is \$39,500.

Call Georgene at 732 267 4341

02/24

1968 COUGAR AND FORD PARTS

for SALE

The list of parts is too extensive to include in this Ad. If interested, please contact Tibor "Tee" Varga at (908) 249-3997 or email mr.classic@comcast.net 01/24

**1984 Mercury Cougar for Sale**

Engine: Rebuilt JASPER 5.0 L V-8, Exterior: Light Blue, Interior: Light Blue with light Gray Seats, Mileage: Approx. 100,000, Price: \$6,500 OBO, Location: Flemington, NJ

Contact: Bruce Meier (609) 575-1530 (m) 02/24



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**1993 Mazda Miata**

1.6L 4, 5-speed, 109k, black, tan top, tan leather. Second owner, no winters since my purchase in 1996. C Package: Power steering, brakes, windows, mirrors, A/C, cruise. Everything works. Multiple HPOF winner. Excellent condition, no rust, full service history, great tour car. \$9500. Richard Reina, 908-894-3267

R_reina@msn.com

12/23

**1929 Ford Model A Speedster**

frame-off restoration, rebuilt original 4 cylinder engine, new radiator & stone guard, rebuilt drivetrain, shock absorbers, brakes, 4 new Coker wheels & Firestone tires, high performance intake & exhaust systems, Weber dual downdraft carburetor, electric fuel pump, directional signals, with emergency flashers. Rootlieb steel body, leather seats, working gauges & tachometer. Starts & runs well. Looks great! Clean PA title, located in Morristown, NJ. Asking \$14,500 obo. Call Bob Reynolds 973-539-7064 or e-mail: skylineclassics@gmail.com

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**1977 Mercedes B 450 SLC 2DR****1984 Nissan 300 ZX 2DR**

For more information, Call Zoe Dadfar, at 862-209-0786 or email zhdadfar@gmail.com.

11/23

**Green 1938 Plymouth Deluxe and Gray 1951 Dodge Meadowbrook**

also free 1938 NJ license plates. Contact Stewart Newfield ssn51754@verizon.net or 917-254-1970

12/23

Wanted for 1939 Ford;

NJ License plate – rare: “Congress”, “Legislature”, etc

Grill Guard - #91A-18420

Kick panels x 2 – original any condition, Tudor is the same

Front Mat – “Benton Gray” (taupe)

Hubcaps, full x 1-4 - ‘Spyder’ type #81A-18140

Sportlight x 2 – Model “J-1 Unity Mfg” and brackets x 2.

Draft deflectors x 2-oval shape #91A-18252 Or 81A-18252

Fog/Drive lights x2-“Ford” script on top #91A-18207

Fog/Drive light switch #91A-15224

Bob Hudak 732-629-1437

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Description	Price
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NJAACA Bracelets	\$5.00
Gold Sew on patch	\$1.25
Licence Plate Emblems	\$10.00
Sliver bracelet with small antique car in a circle	\$2.50
Sliver bracelet with antique car charm	\$2.50
Gold bracelet with antique car charm	\$2.50
Gold charm (no chain)	\$2.00
AACA Emblem on chain (Sliver)	\$3.50



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10	Pullover Sweatshirt (large)	\$25.00
2	Pullover Sweatshirt (Extra large)	\$25.00
1	Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt (2 XL)	\$40.00
4	Zip-up Hooded Sweatshirt (Large)	\$40.00
1	Zip-up Hooded Sweatshirt (2 XL)	\$40.00
3	Nylon Jackets (Small)	\$28.00
3	Nylon Jackets (Large)	\$28.00
1	Poloshirt with pocket (Small)	\$30.00
2	Poloshirt with pocket (Medium)	\$30.00
1	Poloshirt with pocket (Large)	\$30.00
1	Poloshirt with pocket (2 XL)	\$30.00
2	Tee Shirts (Medium)	\$15.00
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