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NEXT MEETING

The November (771st) meeting of the
New Jersey Region AACA will be held at
American Legion Post #279,
133 Main Street, Lincoln Park, NJ
7:30 PM
Thursday November 2nd 2023

Officers

President: Paul Wolfmeyer
Vice Pres: Abe Platt
Secretary: Sarah Pritchett
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AACA Liaison Bob Hedderick
Accessories & Clothing Bobbi Bettie
Annual Banquet Betty Allen
Archivist Matt Verzi
Awards Jerry Peck
By Laws Art Briggs
Celebrations Brenda Zimmerman
Chief Judge Ed Geller
Equipment Open
Parliamentarian Greg Roser
Participation Points. Vince DeLisi
Refreshments John Pieczynski
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Tour Fall Foliage Peter Cullen Jr.
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Welcoming Denise Tuck

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A Message from the President



First, a big thank you to Dick and Bobbi and all the writers for the recap and pictures of the summer tour in the last issue of the Road Map - a nice reflection on a good tour and it's nice to have it documented for club history!

The weekends have certainly gone "downhill" for car shows due to rain - a big disappointment since September and October are usually wonderful times to spend out with our cars and friends. But we do have a few events left in early November!

As I mentioned in last month's column, we are negotiating a meeting return to Morris Plains for 2024 - that is continuing. The facility and folks at the American Legion Post have been great but it feels like attendance is down and Morris Plains is more central.

We did have a Board of Directors meeting. Because our Spring show did well financially, we decided we could continue to do a subsidy on your banquet ticket price, saving each of you who attends ten dollars. But get your reservations in to Betty, she needs them by December 4th.

We also discussed candidates to fill our Sunshine and Webmaster roles. Leif wants to step down - he has done an excellent job and we have a great website. And Sarah has done well as Sunshine/Member Concerns for several years. But both Leif and Sarah have demanding full time jobs.

Finally, thanks to Vince for his program work. It was fun to be an impromptu interviewee at the October meeting. I just read Sarah's excellent transcript - I hope you enjoyed the program.

Remember to get your AACA National ballot marked and postmarked by November 15th. Wayne is running for re-election and Vince is a new candidate. Let's support them!!

And, in closing, my DeSoto is done and "home" in the garage after twenty plus years! Yea!!

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



I, along with many other NJAACA members, attended the annual Hershey meet. While there, I not only walked the entire swap meet and ran into friends from the AACA, VMCCA, Lehigh Valley Model A club, I had chili at the MARC tent (Some days it pays to know people!).

Bought a few things that I haven't told Bobbi about, and sold some things she also doesn't know about.

Brenda Zimmerman received a Sr. Judging Award for judging 225 events; Wayne and Denise Tuck received an award for attending every single National meet and tour in 2023; and had Leif Mangulson not gotten a bout of food poisoning, and could not attend the awards ceremony, he was to receive Team Captain Certification. In order to receive the team captain certification you have to serve as a team captain at five meets. Brenda brought the award to him. What a good Oma.

I also had signed up for a judging school on Thursday. For my \$10.00 registration fee, they supplied a breakfast, a parking permit, the class and a chance to judge cars with an experienced judge. After talking to Anthony, we have decided that the NJAACA will set up a few more judging schools, in addition to the one just before the Spring Meet. Anthony is scheduling the first "class" in January at my house/garage. We will start at 11:00am and go over either my Model A (modestly original) or the extremely not original Lotus and the instructor would point out to all of us what to look for. My non-judged car would find a new home for the day. After about 1-1/2 hours, upstairs for something to eat and maybe a follow-up tech session. Hope to see many of you attend so that we will have more help at the Spring Meet. Many hands make light work.

Dick #1614





upcoming EVENTS



NJ AACAA EVENTS

November

- 2 NJ Region 771st Meeting and Old Timer's Recognition - American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt. 202), Lincoln Park, NJ – Election of 2024 NJ Region Officers
- 4 Antique and Classic Vehicle Display, Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing facility located at 2005 U.S. Route 22 West, Bridgewater, NJ, (732) 868-8181 – 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 08807, (908) 595-6600 – 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.

December

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

January 2024

- 14 NJ Region AACAA 773rd Meeting, Awards Presentation & Installation of Officers. The Chandelier at Flanders, Valley, 80 Pleasant Hill Rd, Flanders NJ 12:00pm; Betty Allen, Chair

February 2024

- 1 NJ Region AACAA 774th Meeting – Location to be finalized

March 2024

- 7 NJ Region AACAA 775th Meeting – Location to be finalized

April 2024

- 4 NJ Region AACAA 776th Meeting – Location to be finalized

May 2024

- 2 NJ Region AACAA 777th Meeting – Location to be finalized

All Regional events are to be submitted to the VP for Clearance.

NATIONAL AACAA EVENTS

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
- 29 (29-March 2) Winter Nationals - East Tennessee Region (Proposed)

March 2024

- 3 Hamburg Swap Meet & Car Corral, Host: Ontelaunee Region AACAA, Hamburg, PA 19526 Lester - 610-823-4656; Lhedgehog1@aol.com
- 17 (17 - 23) AACAA Founders Tour (1932-1999) Louisiana Region AACAA: Ronald Sonnier - rsonnier@cox.net/337-581-7776
- 21 (21 - 24) Special Winter Nationals - Puerto Rico 787-635-8976

April 2024

- 4 (4 - 6) Southeastern Spring Nationals/AACAA Grand National. Hornets Nest Region AACAA Concord, NC Chairman: Mel Carson melcarson@charlotte-autofair.com 704-847-4215
- 18 April 18 – 20 Western Spring Nationals Tucson, AZ

June 2024

- 20 (20 - 22) Eastern Spring Nationals. Host: Saratoga Region AACAA Saratoga Springs, NY Chairman: Thomas Walsh - rockettwalsh@cs.com/518-863-4987



upcoming
EVENTS



NATIONAL AACA EVENTS

July 2024

- 10 (10-13) Western Divisional Tour (Up to 1999) Big Horn, Mt, Wyoming. Nebraska Region

September 2024

- 12 (12-14) Western Fall Nationals, Loveland, Colorado. Poudre Valley Region
23 (23-28) revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943). Maryland AACA Hosting Sugarloaf Mountain Region

October 2024

- 8 (8 - 11) Eastern Fall (Hershey). Host: Hershey Region AACA Location: Hershey, PA Chairman: Kurt Froebel - fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org
23 (23 - 26). Southeastern Fall Nationals. Host: North Alabama Region AACA Location: Huntsville, AL Chairman: Dave Robertson - dave.robertson44@gmail.com

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 March of 2024:

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)

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Ballot for 2024 Officers New Jersey Region AACA

This slate was presented by the Nominating Committee and approved at the regular meeting of the Region on October 10, 2023. Please place an "X" in the box in front of your choice, or write in your choice and place an "X" in the box in front of it.

VOTE FOR ONE PERSON FOR EACH OFFICE. Please be sure that your ballot is received by our secretary, Sarah Pritchett, by the November 2nd meeting. **Do not forget your ballot!** There will be extra copies at the meeting. Individual memberships use one ballot: joint memberships use both ballots.

<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Wolfmeyer # 1345 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Wolfmeyer # 1345 <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<i>VICE-PRESIDENT</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Craig Kunz # 1480 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<i>VICE-PRESIDENT</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Craig Kunz # 1480 <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<i>SECRETARY</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Pritchett # 1404 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<i>SECRETARY</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Pritchett # 1404 <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<i>TREASURER</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Schimmel # 1443 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<i>TREASURER</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Schimmel # 1443 <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<i>MEMBERSHIP CH</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Pritchett # 963 <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<i>MEMBERSHIP CH</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Pritchett # 963 <input type="checkbox"/> _____

The Region makes an annual award to that member, **NOT AN OFFICER**, who has done the most for the region. Nominations are made by this special ballot and you are requested to write in your choice and the Executive Committee will make the final decision from those nominated.

I NOMINATE: _____

Preserve the integrity of your secret ballot. **DO NOT SIGN OR MAKE SPECIAL COMMENT**
THE ENTIRE BALLOT IS TO BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE and delivered to the secretary at the
 November 2nd Meeting **OR** Mailed to: Sarah Pritchett, 37 North 8th Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835

Toy and Gift Donations are Requested

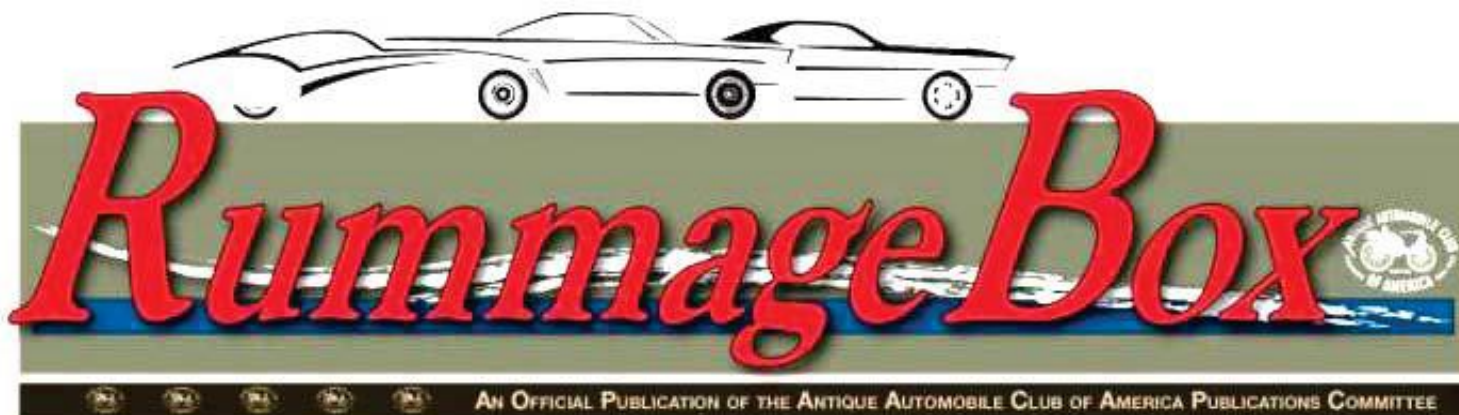
My fund-raising Santa visit is on Saturday Dec 2, 2023 from 4:30 to 7:00pm at "Fanwood's Famous Christmas House" 83 Paterson Rd, Fanwood, NJ. Last year 300 children (see photo) came to visit Santa, and for the season I collected tens of thousands of dollars and donated every dollar to NJ Institute for Disabilities www.njid.org

I pay all my decorating and electricity expenses and all funds go directly to NJID. I am already preparing this season's display and the lights will be lit starting the day after Thanksgiving right through January 8, 2024. Please support my charity display and call Greg Roser (908-403-6486) if you would like to donate gifts for the children in the \$10 to \$12 range. New unused items collected from your closets are also accepted, but please no used items. I will be happy to pick up any toy or gift donations within a reasonable distance, or bring them to the November or December NJ Region AACA meeting. Thank you to all for the continued support.

Greg Roser #1398
 NJ Region AACA Past President



Visit our 2023-24 fund-raising Christmas House from 11/24/23 to 1/8/24 / Dusk to 10PM
 Santa will visit Sat. Dec 2nd 4:30 to 7:PM
 Everyone is welcome / Gifts for all children
 There is no charge to visit Santa Claus or to visit the display throughout the season
 Donations are accepted for NJ Institute for Disabilities
 1) www.njid.org Select "Roser Christmas House"
 2) Lockbox at 83 Paterson Road, Fanwood, NJ
 3) VENMO to 908-403-6486



Looking Forward to a Short Weekend Getaway?

**By Dave Bowman VP
Finance and Budget**

Need to get away for a long weekend; just getaway from everything? Attend one of the 8-10 AACA Nationals offered each year. You don't have to have a show car, because there is also the HPOF and DPC classes. Don't have an old car, no problem you can still attend. What is there to do if you don't have an AACA vehicle that you want to register for the event? There is plenty to do and you will meet many friends in the hobby along the way. Check out the National brochure for the activities that usually begin on Thursday and run through Saturday. These include visiting car museums, historical sites and tours on your own of points of local interest and of course the National on Saturday.

Imagine a prime rib dinner on a paddle wheel boat on

the Mississippi River. It was there last week at the Grand National in Iowa. When was the last time you were in Iowa? In Auburn, IN, you could visit the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum as well as the National Auto & Truck Museum. Gettysburg had so many historical sites to visit plus a cruise in at the hotel the night before the National. In Miami, we were treated to an aviation museum as well as wonderful Cuban food at the dinners. Have you ever seen the beauty of the Finger Lakes part of NY State? It's beautiful country just to drive in and wonderful local members there as well as in all the regions. You will meet some truly wonderful people. You will be surprised at the number of our members who attend most of the events and do not show a car. Some come only to judge or be part of the administrative crew, but others attend just to see the National and friends they have met at past Nationals.

Registration is required, but compare the cost to any other weekend getaway. Those other getaways generally won't build you new friendships that will last a life-time like these events will.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

NJ Region dues of \$20 are annual and due by December 31, just like the national dues. In renewing your dues, for those with email, you should have received an email with your information that I have for the roster. Please review it and let me know if there are any changes when paying your Region 2024 dues of \$20 payable to NJ Region AACA. If a life member, please review your contact information and let me know if there are any changes. For those without email, please see me to review your roster information. Roster information includes your name, address, telephone number, and email (if applicable). Newer members that have not received a notice from me do not owe any dues for 2024 as your membership is good for the remainder of this year and next. There are four ways to remit your dues of \$20 payable to NJ Region AACA:

1. Mail a check for \$20 to the Region postal address:

NJ Region AACA, P.O. Box 890 Morris Plains, NJ 07950

2. Renewing at the Region website: (this does cost the Region a small fee) – www.njregionaaca.com
3. Mail a check to:
Bill Pritchett, Membership Chairman
6 Columbine Road
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889
4. Pay me in person at the November or December meeting.

Please note that AACA dues of \$45.00 are annual and due by December 31. You should have received a renewal notice in the latest Antique Automobile publication from the national club. If not, information can be found at:

<https://store.aaca.org/customer/account/login/> where you can pay online. They can also be renewed by calling AACA Headquarters at 717-534-1910.

Bill Pritchett Membership Secretary

NJ REGION AACA

Minutes October 10th, 2023, #770



The 770th NJ Region AACA meeting was held in person at the American Legion in Lincoln Park and called to order at approximately 7:38 P.M. by President Paul Wolfmeyer, who led members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ZOOM attendees introduction & protocol, Paul Wolfmeyer: Paul reminded in-person members that when wanting to speak, they must come up to the podium, stand in front of the camera, and speak into the microphone so virtual attendees can see and hear what is being said. Virtual attendees include Nick Matlaga, PJ Ehmann, and Veronica Lacz. Welcome! There were no new members or guests in attendance, both virtually and in person.

Member Concerns/Sunshine, Sarah Pritchett & others:

- a. Duffy Bell had covid and was moved to rehab to regain strength; unsure if he is at home now.
- b. Micky Esse has been in rehab for six weeks and will be home in a few weeks.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the Secretary's minutes from the September meeting, as printed in the Road Map; this motion was seconded, and all members in attendance voted in favor, with none opposed; motion carried.

Correspondence, Sarah Pritchett: none.

Treasurer's Report, Tim Schimmel: A review of the balances was given. A motion was made to accept this report; all in attendance were in favor with none opposed; motion passed.

President's Report, Paul Wolfmeyer:

- a. There hasn't been a Board of Directors meeting since May; however, one is scheduled for this upcoming Tuesday 10/17, 8pm.
- b. Nomination Committee: Greg Roser, chair; Vince DeLisi, and Brenda Zimmerman will provide a report later in the meeting.
- c. Location contract for 2024 & 2025 is being prepared for return to the Morris Plains VFW.
- d. Abe Platt has agreed to take over as our Facebook page moderator. Thanks, Abe!
- e. Sarah is resigning from Sunshine due to increased workload at her job; a volunteer is needed.
- f. Leif plans to end his time as Webmaster at the end of this year; interested volunteers should see Paul.
- g. We are still in need of a Properties Manager. Paul

noted that the properties are currently secured. See Paul if you would like to take on this important role.

- h. Program Chairman Vince has programs lined up through the end of this year. There will be a presentation later this evening.
- i. The Hybrid Meeting Committee continues to work; thank you Rich Reina, Bill Pritchett, and Dick Bettel!
- j. Reminder: Wayne Tuck is up for re-election to the AACA National Board, and Vince DeLisi is up for election to the National Board. The ballot was in the last National Magazine and must be returned by November 15th.

Activities, Abraham Platt:

- a. Some of the events in September were unfortunately canceled.
- b. We received a donation from Roosevelt Healthcare in Edison.
- c. Brookdale attendance was light; a donation was not taken from them.
- d. Upcoming activities and events can be found in The Road Map.

Nominating Committee Report, Greg Roser: All current officers except for one are interested in continuing. Craig Kunz will be running for Vice President; the ballot will be included in the November Road Map.

Membership, Bill Pritchett: 1 new member joined last week. Bill is collecting dues tonight and reminds everyone their national dues are also due.

Welcoming, Denise Tuck: no report.

Road Map Editor, Dick Bettel: Thanks to all who submitted articles on the Summer Tour! He also needs cars for the cover of the newsletter.

Webmaster/social media, Leif Mangulson: no report.

Participation Points, Vince DeLisi: All are up to date. Anyone who submits an article for The Road Map will receive 25 points- if it's accepted for publication.

Refreshments, John Pieczynski: Thank you to the following individuals who provided refreshments for tonight's meeting: The Wolfmeyer's, John Pieczynski, Jan Eyerman, Mike Deliberto, Greg Roser, Dick Bettel, Sarah Pritchett, and Pete Davis.

Watchung Mountain Chapter, George Ernst: no report.

Government Liaison & Safety, Bob Hedderick: no report.

Archivist, Matt Verzi: no report.

Properties, open position: no report

Clothing/Accessories, Bobbi Bettel: no report

Badge Fines, John Quattrocchi: Fines were collected in John's absence.

Old Business:

Jerry Peck: items for sale from previous awards- key fobs are \$7 for large and \$5 for small.

Program Interview, Vince DeLisi: An interview was completed with Paul Wolfmeyer on his involvement in HAM Radio- thanks, Paul!

New Business: none.

Items for sale or wanted: none.

50/50, Gregory Roser: Congrats to Dick Bettel!

Adjournment: 8:33 P.M. Next meeting: November 2nd, American Legion Post Lincoln Park, 7:30 P.M.

***This is our Old Timer's Night event.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pritchett, #1504S Secretary

4th Program Interview: Paul Wolfmeyer, on HAM Radio Club

Vince DeLisi, Program Chairperson, conducted the interview of Region Member and current President Paul Wolfmeyer on his involvement in the HAM Radio Club. The floor was then opened for other members to ask questions or comment.

Vince: How long have you been a member of the NJ Region, and AACA?

Paul: NJ Region 2001, but it was difficult to attend meetings due to the organ job I had, it was a requirement to attend choir rehearsals, and they were on Thursdays until I convinced them to move to Wednesdays so I could attend the meetings. AACA, it must have been the early 90's, I think.

Vince: A longtime member of AACA. I think you're a MOPAR guy, right?

Paul: I am a MOPAR guy. I forgot my little flashy badge that says MOPARs from '32 up to '05, yes.

Vince: So, you've got from '32 up to '05...how many?

Paul: Oh, 8 or 9...My wife is here!

Vince: It's probably 12 or 13! What are you working on at this moment?

Paul: I'm working on a '49 DeSoto convertible that we've been working on. I bought the first one in 2001 and it is actually close to coming home. So, after 23 years, it still has a couple of little things, but the restorer wants to get it out of his shop.

Vince: As long as you send him a check...

Paul: Oh, he's already got my money.

Vince: Let's talk a little bit about the radio club. Can you describe a little bit about what's involved, and how you became involved in it?

Paul: Radio amateurs started back around the nineteen-teens with folks that were interested in talking to other folks and playing with transmissions to make communications, and I was not licensed in the nineteen-teens. I was licensed in the mid-sixties. There are classes of licenses that start out from technician, general class, and then there's an advanced (which doesn't exist anymore), which I am, and then an extra class. You're licensed by the FCC. HAM radio is a very diverse kind of hobby, and there are folks in it simply to build things or work other stations to see how many they could work either at the high-frequency bands or the VHF bands. There are folks who are on repeaters, and folks who do moon-bounce.

Vince: Literally bounce the signals off the moon?

Paul: That's right, yes. This Saturday there's an eclipse, and there's a whole gang of HAMs that are going to be on the air transmitting to see what happens with the transmissions as the ionosphere changes. The ionosphere- the layers above the Earth are what reflect radio waves, and from night to day, the depths of those change and the eclipse suddenly in a period of three hours you go from day to night back to day. I listened to a program last night where there's a group that wants to do experiments about that. There's a lot of activity; there are different modes. Some people like to what's called rag-chew. That's where they get on the air and shoot the ball back and forth. There are folks that like to operate CW.

Vince: What's CW?

Paul: A continuous wave- that's Morse Code. It's still around; it used to be a requirement for the license, but they got rid of it. There are still people learning it- it's a very reliable means to communicate. In about 2017, a

new mode was invented- a digital mode called FT8, invented by a Princeton Noble Laureate- Joe Taylor. You're transmitting using your computer and trying to work as many people as far as you can. It's a very short exchange of your call-sign and signal report and what grid square you're in. You take the whole world and spread it out into squares and give them all a code. I'm FN-20-RS.

Vince: That's a license plate, isn't it?

Paul: No, my license plate is my HAM call: W2PTP.

Vince: So that's different from your license number?

Paul: The grid square is, yes. That's specifically telling a location.

Vince: Yeah, 'cause I'm not sure if anyone noticed his license plate is a little different.

Paul: W2PTP- Papa Tango Papa. I sometimes say W2-Pink Toilet Paper...sometimes it's easier to remember it that way, but it's actually Papa Tango Papa.

Vince: Can you talk about some interesting things that have happened when you were on the radio?

Paul: One fun thing, when we lived back in Cincinnati I did a bunch of public service activities, and there was a bicycle event every year called the Tour of the Shiota River Valley; it went from Columbus down to Portsmouth- one hundred miles. The HAM clubs would station HAMs about every two miles, and using repeaters, antennas, and our equipment we would maintain contact with where these bicycle riders were. I worked the Saturday of it. If they needed to find somebody it never went over five minutes, and we located a rider along the hundred miles. I found that pretty exciting, but I was a young buck then; I was married, but I was a young buck.

Vince: How much equipment does it take to get involved in this sort of thing...or is that a dangerous question?

Paul: No, I've got a basement full of equipment. You can do it with relatively inexpensive equipment.

Vince: Do you have to have those big antennas over your-

Paul: No, I have a wire antenna, although I have it strung in a couple of trees and now the branches have grown over the antenna. I just got ahold of the arborist to come and do the pruning- it's about three grand. Normally you think of wire antennas as pretty cheap.

Vince: So, it is an affordable hobby if someone wants to get involved in it?

Paul: Yes, it can be. And I try to make it affordable!

Vince: I go by houses sometimes and you see those big antennas- they look like they're trying to contact outer space.

Paul: Yes, beam antennas are great, and they enable

you to get more direction out of your signal. Now, some of our New Jersey communities are not very fond of them, and there were laws passed that declare the HAMs rights to do that. But you know when you get to near as old as I am, contracting to get a tower in there and put a cement base...what does your widow do when you die? She already wonders what does she do with my cars when I die so, so much for that.

Vince: Hemmings Motor News or Bob Abbott can help...

Paul: Or the Classic Auto Mall (west of Philly).

Vince: Approximately how many HAM operators are there in the world, do you know?

Paul: 700,000; now they're not all active...I think that's in the country, actually. Activity has gone down because people think they can communicate with cell phones, and you can, but you know what? The cell network could go down, too, and be a disaster, so there's a public service aspect to this as well.

Vince: Is there an international language?

Paul: Actually, it's English, which I find a little shameful, but it is.

Vince: That's terrific. Does anybody have any questions?

Other Member Questions & Comments:

Question: *What's the furthest place you've made contact with somebody?*

Paul: Um, Australia. Usually, the best time to do that for me is in the morning about 7 A.M. Conditions change- there are sunspot cycles that go up and down, and right now we're coming to the peak of what's called solar cycle 25...which is pretty good.

Question: *If the power grid goes down in the U.S., can you still communicate?*

Paul: If we have generators, yes. Some of you may know Mayberry Sales out in Port Murray sells Honda and snowblowers- the owner was not a HAM, but knew HAMs were doing a lot from a public service standpoint and offered little Honda generators at about a ten percent discount. Every year we do have what's called field day- and I maintain I'm too old to be out camping- but my particular club sets up at Governor Livingston Berkeley Heights (a relatively high location) and will throw up our antennas and portable masts if we need to and tents and operate three stations. That's a fun event for me. What I find nice about it is sometimes after you get a license, people are kinda mic-shy and just don't get on the air. There are a number of folks that I know come to field day and have been able to get started Hamming and doing it and gotten very active.

Vince: How many members are in your local club?

Paul: Oh, maybe about fifty.

Vince: *That's a good-sized club.*

Paul: There's a lot of clubs, yeah.

Bill P.: There are three million HAM operators worldwide.

Paul: Three million? You just googled that? Okay, so 700,000 is how many are in the U.S.

Question: *were you ever able to integrate the two hobbies together?*

Paul: Uh, no not directly, although I have operated mobile, and operating mobile's another fun activity back in the early 70's, I used to go from Kansas City to by where my wife's farm was in Iowa and pick them up. There are roughly three thousand eighty eight counties in the U.S. and "county hunting" was an activity- you get points and you try and win awards and so forth, but this friend of mine that I worked with and he said, "You know some of these counties in the U.S., if you go out of your way a little and help some guys get some counties, so I turned a four hour trip into an eight hour trip. I had great fun. I'd pull into a county and pull over to the side of the road and get my rig from the car, and of course cars via mobile, your signal doesn't get out as well, but when you're in a sought-after county, everybody hears ya, and so there are huge pileups...so that was a lot of fun.

Vince: *I really wish my wife was here- she thinks I'm a fountain of useless information! This is great! I suspect that most of us in this room are fountains of useless information, but that's fantastic!*

Question: *I remember in the fifties and sixties a lot of guys had mobile rigs with the big antenna- do they still do that?*

Paul: Oh, yeah! Every so often there are a lot of HAM fests that clubs will sponsor every year, and when you go to a HAM fest, if you look at the parking lot, you'll see some vehicles that will just amaze you with the number of antennas they have sticking up all over. My dad and I used to operate mobile to mobile, and I'd have two whips off the back bumper which I could switch from inside the car, switch bands, and we'd maintain communication during a long trip.

Vince: *So, a lot of us in the car hobby, we're like a couple of different generations- that's the key, it sounds like it started with your dad?*

Paul: it did, yeah.

Vince: *A lot of us are multi-generational with this stuff. I'm not surprised that that came out near the end of the presentation. Are there any other questions? Okay. I want to thank Paul for filling it in and now I'm going to have to find somebody else as the anchor in case the person who is supposed to present is absent.*

November in History

- 1: 1927 Ford Model A Begins Production
- 2: 1957 Laika, first animal launched into orbit on board Sputnik 2
- 1959 The first section of the M1 motorway, the Preston Bypass in Lancashire, completed.
- 5: 1605 Guy Fawkes Gunpowder Plot To Blow Up The House of Lords discovered
- 8: 1960 Senator John F. Kennedy elected the 35th President
- 9: 1967 First issue of Rolling Stone Magazine.
- 10: 1969 Sesame Street makes its debut on PBS.
- 11: 1926 U.S. Route 66 Established
- 13: 1927 The Holland Tunnel under the Hudson River opens
- 15: 1956 Elvis Presley's first movie, Love Me Tender, opens in New York
- 17: 1973 President Richard Nixon told the nation on TV, "I am not a crook."
- 18: 1928 Mickey Mouse appears for the first time in Steamboat Willie
- 19: 1863 Gettysburg Address delivered by President Lincoln
- 21: 1964 Staten Island and Brooklyn linked by the Verrazano Narrows Bridge
- 22: 1963 John F. Kennedy Assassinated
- 24: 1946 Bobbi Bettel was born
- 26: 1941 Thanksgiving Day Established
- 27: 1910 Penn Station opens in New York
- 29: 1948 General Motors Begins Producing Holden





Air Conditioning, Part 2: Refrigerant

You might be familiar with the term “freon” and use it to identify air conditioning refrigerant. However, like Band-Aid and Kleenex, which are examples of registered trademarks used by the public as generic terms, “Freon” is a registered trademark, owned by Chemours (formerly DuPont). Automotive Freon is also commonly called R-12 or CFC-12. As was briefly mentioned last month, Freon was invented in the 1930s, and its non-toxic and non-flammable properties made it the best choice over other chemicals.

Automotive air conditioning installation grew rapidly in this country throughout the '60s and '70s, and that also drove the need to service and repair these systems. Since Freon is a gas moving through rubber hoses, there is always some small loss of refrigerant over time (called permeability). It is not unusual for A/C systems to require a “topping off” of refrigerant every few years. This could be done at a repair shop, or, conveniently, could be done by the owner at home. Small cans of R-12 were available in all auto parts stores (PHOTO #1). If an owner was trying to avoid spending money on a repair, s/he could keep replenishing the refrigerant instead of spending the bucks to fix a leak.



#1: Cans of R-12 bought long ago. Can on right contains red dye to find leaks.

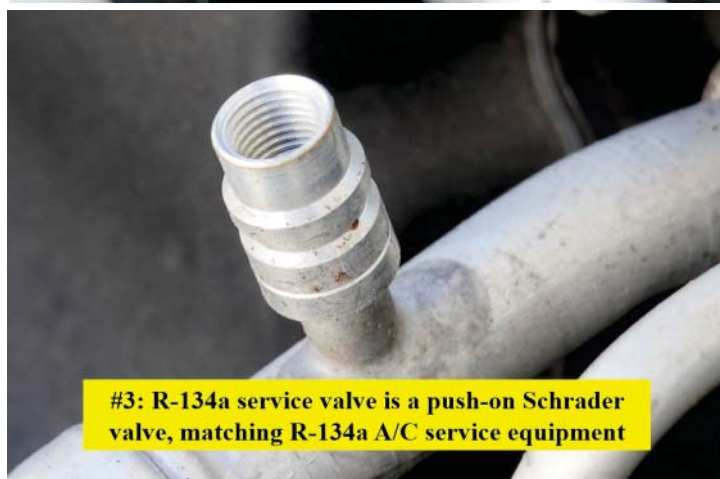
If an A/C system required a component replacement, the system would be emptied first. The service manuals at the time stated: open the valve and allow the Freon to escape to the atmosphere. Again, it was non-toxic and non-flammable, so there was no concern, or so we thought. As far back as 1974, scientists studying the atmosphere began to determine that the earth's protective ozone layer was being depleted, and CFCs were cited as one of the chemicals causing this ozone

depletion. The 1987 Montreal Protocol required the phaseout of this class of chemicals, including R-12. A substitute was needed, and in a rare case of the global automotive manufacturers working together toward a common goal, HFC-134a was designated as the best alternative. By model year 1994, 100% of factory-installed automotive A/C systems used HFC-134a, also referred to as R-134a.

During the work on this changeover, the industry wanted to minimize any risk of mixing R-12 and R-134a. It's not that doing so would be dangerous; the main concern was that such contamination would ruin the supply and make it unusable. A key design difference are the service valves. It's basically impossible to connect an R-12 supply to an R-134a service valve and vice versa.



#2: R-12 service valve is a threaded connection, and matches R-12 A/C service equipment



#3: R-134a service valve is a push-on Schrader valve, matching R-134a A/C service equipment

(PHOTOS #2 & #3) Another objective was the ability to change over a vehicle built with an R-12 system to operate on R-134a. Since R-12 production was being phased out, this would allow older cars to continue to have serviceable A/C systems. Again, cooperation among the car manufacturers resulted in the production of “retrofit kits”, which convert CFC-12 systems to HFC-134a. In this way, older vehicles could keep their air conditioning functional, and could use the more affordable and more widely available R-134a instead of R-12.

Next month: Checking over your inop A/C

Mustang Car Show, Columbia NJ

The Garden State Region Mustang Club (GSRMC) held its “Mustangs & Merlot” car show at the Brook Hollow Winery in Columbia NJ on Sunday Oct. 15, 2023. The GSRMC President is also a member of the NJ Region of the AACA, and he requested a team of AACA volunteers with some judging experience to judge the Mustangs. Doing it this way would maintain impartiality, as none of the 6 judges were displaying cars. I agreed to be one of the 6, along with Craig Kunz, Pete Cullen, Anthony Cecala, Dick Bettie, and Alex Soultanis, and we were split into 3 teams of 2.



Cars were divided into classes: first, either “stock” or “modified”, then by generation. (The “modified” distinction was made by GSRMC officers, and not the judges. Any cars with 3 or more mods were placed in the modified class.) My co-judge and I judged 5 stock classes: 1964-1966 cars, 1967-1970 cars, Fox-body cars, 1994-2004 cars, and 2015-2023 cars. While that sounds like a large number, there were 6 cars in the '64-'66 class,



only 2 in the '67-'70 class, only ONE Fox-body car, and only 2 cars in the 1994-2004 class. The big numbers were in the 2015-and-up class which had 11 cars. (Again, these numbers reflect cars in the STOCK class only.) I estimated that there were about 50 cars on the show field.

As a former Mustang owner and GSRMC member, I was genuinely surprised at the very low turnout for all pre-2005 cars. Mike D., GSRMC President whom I've known for many years, told me a while back that club membership has taken a decided turn toward late-model vehicles. At least this speaks well of the continued

enthusiasm for the Mustang among newer and presumably younger owners.



Cars were judged on workmanship and appearance (condition and cleanliness) only, so none of us were expected to be Mustang experts. Still, especially among the newer cars, judging became very tight when points were being subtracted for demerits as small as dirty floor mats, paint nicks, and less-than-stellar engine compartments. Our task was made easier because we only had to select one winner per class. We were not looking for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.



I took my photos before judging started, knowing that cars would leave as soon as winners were announced. In many cases, as you can see, hoods and trunks were open as required, so I had to accept that in my pictures. After the previous day's rain, everyone was thrilled that it was dry, but a brisk breeze and a peek-a-boo sun meant jackets stayed on. I greatly enjoyed being immersed ever so briefly among Mustangs again, and I saw one or two that would look really nice in my garage!

Rich Reina #1434



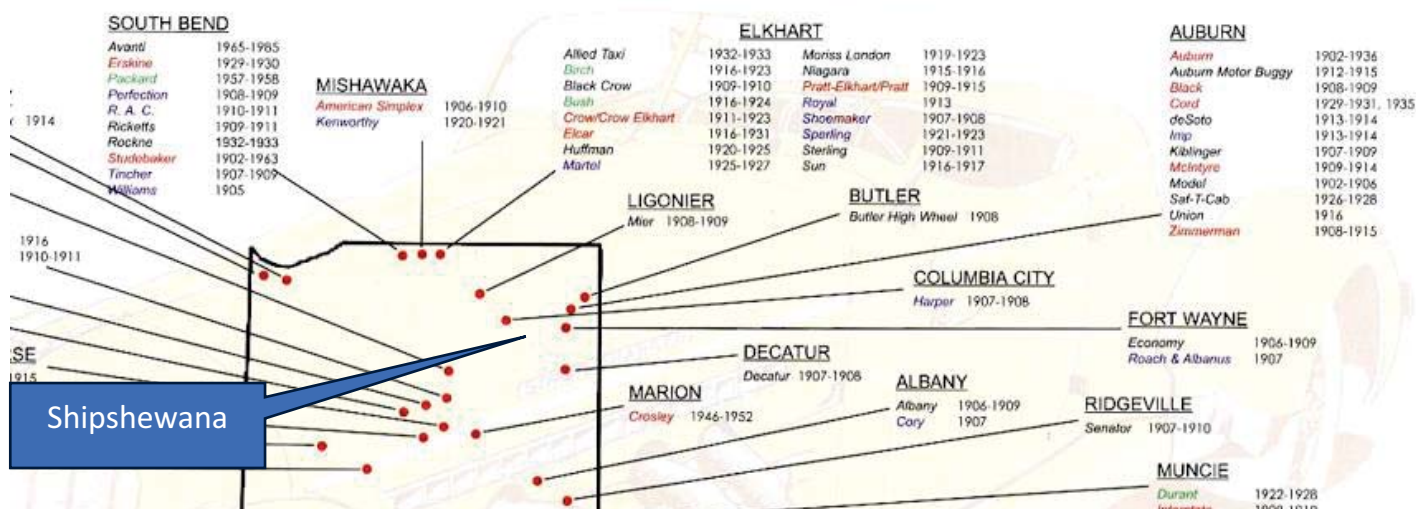
The “Davis Special” goes to Seattle

In September 1912 my grandfather, and his best buddy (Reed) decided to take a road trip from Chicago to Seattle. The vehicle was the “Davis Special” which started as a rolling chassis and was built into a runabout (see photo’s below)

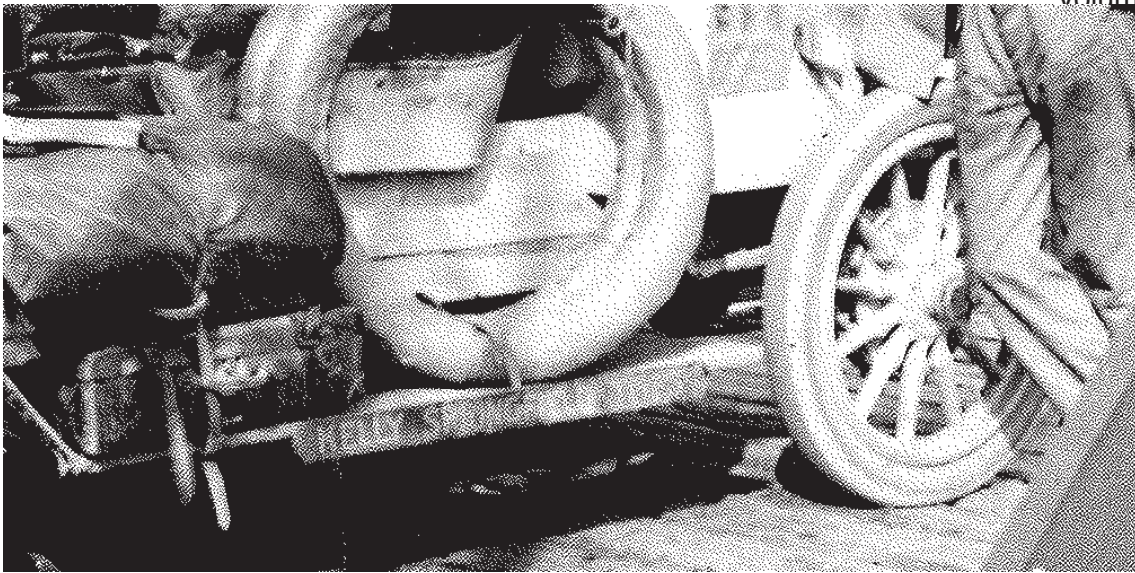


The origin of the rolling chassis is unknown. The rolling chassis photo would indicate that the vehicle was not driven a long distance from Shipshewana, Indiana. The continental engine is believed to be a 1907 Type K. Based upon the location and engine, the likely candidates for the chassis are: Auburn, Klinger, Model, Decatur, Economy, Harper, Studebaker, American simplex.

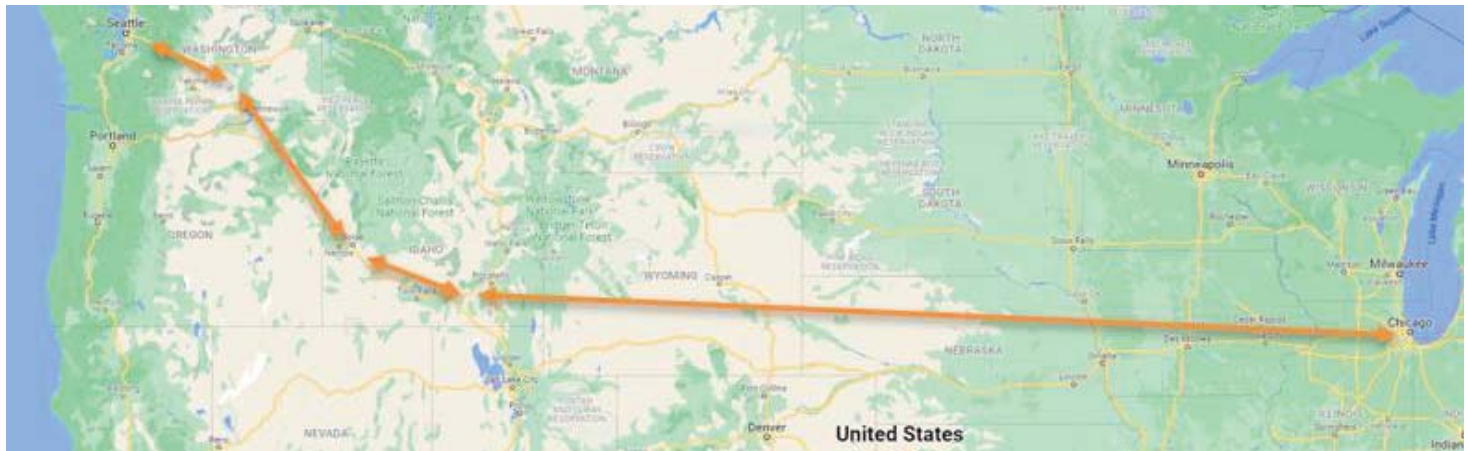
Production Cars Made in Indiana



It is unlikely that I will ever determine the origin/make of the car. From the rolling chassis, a runabout body was fabricated. It was basically an engine, a seat and a flat bed for storing equipment. It also appears that they received a tire endorsement for the trip.



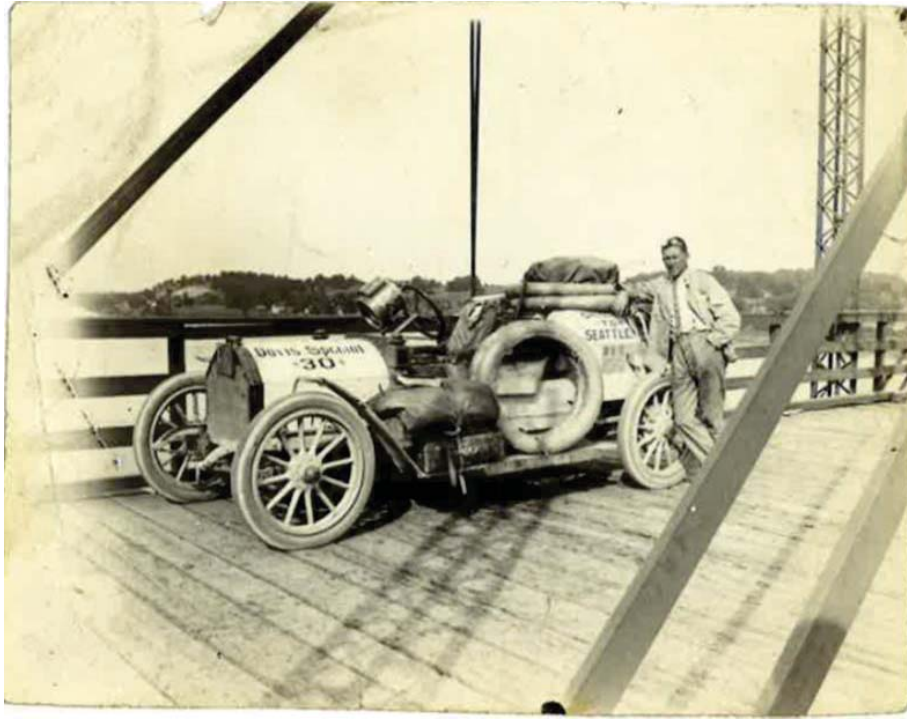
The trip started in September 1912 and followed the route in the figure below. The route was determined from captions and dates on photographs taken during the journey.



Start	To	Arrival	Miles*	Elapsed Miles	Photo #
Chicago	St. Charles	9/11/1912	43	43	2
St. Charles	Clinton, IA	9/16/1912	100	143	3
Clinton, IA	Omaha, NE		333	476	4
Omaha, NE	Cheyenne, WY		497	973	
Cheyenne, WY	Elk Mtn/Rawlins, WY		173	1146	6,7
Elk Mtn/Rawlins, WY	Pocatello, ID		418	1564	10
Pocatello, ID	Martin, ID		102	1666	11
Martin, ID	Boise, ID	9/28/1912	175	1841	12
Boise, ID	Weiser, ID		74	1915	13
Weiser, ID	Kennewick, WA	9/30/1912	226	2141	
Kennewick, WA	Snoqualmie Pass,	10/5/1912	172	2313	14,16
Snoqualmie Pass	Seattle, WA		54	2367	

*Miles estimated from google map directions

Crossing the Mississippi River, they carried all the supplies needed as well as hunting/fishing along the way.



“Reed on the bridge crossing the Mississippi River at Clinton, Iowa. The weather was warm and notice the car looks clean at this stage of the trip. September 1912”

Today, we cannot begin to appreciate the challenges, hardships and risk this type of trip entailed.



“This is the 63 miles of dessert we crossed. 50 miles without water. We carried a can along. This is between Pocatello Idaho and Boysie City, Idaho”

The caption is my grandfathers’ writing which was transcribed onto the back of the original print.



"This is at Martin Idaho, camp the same night we crossed the 63 miles of dessert. The little tent is the two land agents that camped that night. There was some beautiful scenery though we went around these hills to the left had rough roads for 40 miles. Saw ducks galore but hard to get near. September 28"



"This is near where we shot the jack rabbits near Boysie, Idaho. We ate lunch on the other side of the rock. This is sage brush growing here. It was Sunday September 29 we went through Boysie City at 4 pm. That day we camped about 30 miles on the other side of Boysie."



“Crossing the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon at Olds Ferry. Here is where the car nearly went in the river as it was a steep grade at the landing and when I started off it pushed the ferry back in the river, but I started in time to save us. This old man runs the ferry, you can see his home across the river that is in Idaho, this side Oregon. September 30”



“Reed is behind the car. This is not very good but it’s a cordoroy bridge in the Snoqualmie Pass in the Cascades. We had road like this for miles with steep grades. The rig behind is a man and a mule. We had lots of fun with him”

Once they settled in Seattle, the Davis Special morphed from the run about into the family car (see photos below). When I took possession, it had the covered body which was severely deteriorated (beyond reasonable restoration). The original rolling chassis is being returned to the cross-country version.

Submitted by PJ Davis #1699



Accessories Limited Supply

Description	Price
NJ Region Key holders in box	\$5.50
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



Clothing

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
2	Tee Shirts (X Large)	\$15.00
2	Tee Shirts (2 XL)	\$15.00
4	Baseball Hats	\$20.00



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 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.

Our arrival time is 10:30 AM and we will assemble in the 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, 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 Member #1524

Laurel Circle
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

On Wednesday, November 8, 2023, the NJ Region AACA will put on an Antique and Classic Vehicle Display at the Laurel Circle facility, 100 Monroe Street, Bridgewater, NJ, in conjunction with their Open House activities. The Antique and Classic Vehicle Display will be on Jefferson Court.

Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for 12:30 PM and we will assemble in the parking area on Jefferson Court, just west of the main facility across Monroe Street. The car display is from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. The Laurel Circle facility will have music for the event and will provide our members with lunch and refreshments. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 5th if you would like to attend so that we can provide Ms. Ryan 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 independent senior living community. **Please note that the Laurel Circle facility will provide a donation for our participation.**

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 Thursday, November 9.

DIRECTIONS: Laurel Circle is located on Monroe Street which is accessed off of Union Avenue between Adamsville Road to the east and Gaston Avenue to the west.

Submitted by: Abe Platt, Event Chair Member #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

Submitted by: Abe Platt, Event Chair Member #1524

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

Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center



Friday, September 22, 2023, was a beautiful day with blue skies crowded with large white/gray cloud formations, strong breezes, and temperatures in the low to mid-70s. Members of the AACAA and their friends



gathered at 11:30 am at the east side of the facility and we were greeted graciously by our hostess Ms. Angelina Carrano, the Director of Recreation. The car display was from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM. Shortly after Noon, lunch, which included delicious Italian hoagies, assorted



cookies, bottled water, and hot and cold coffee and tea drinks, was provided by the coffee truck hired for this event. After the residents had their lunches, the Venetian staff assisted them to to the car show. Both residents and staff members were enthralled with our vehicles and asked numerous questions about our vehicles, and some talked about their own vehicles.



The AACAA members that presented their antique vehicles at this event are members of the Staten Island and the New Jersey Regions and included: John Cirrito (1948 Pontiac Streamliner Eight); Bruce Campbell (1986



Inglemoor Rehabilitation & Care Center



Chevrolet El Camino); Craig Kunz (Yvonne's 1988 Pontiac Fiero); and Abraham Platt (Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition). Guests (friends) of the Event Chair included: Ruben Delvalle with passenger Chris Debetta (1932 Buick Series 50 sedan); Lee Humphries (1934 Ford pickup truck); Carmine (Duke) Matero (1953 Ford F-100 pickup truck); and Tony Gervasio (1965 Chevrolet Corvair). Ms. Carrano's boyfriend Brian presented his 2016 Chevrolet Camaro.



This was our first Antique and Classic Car Display at this facility and by the end of our event, Ms. Carrano hopes that we can do this again next year. A donation check for our participation will be mailed to us.

I emailed Angie the photo album for this event for her to share with the residents and staff. 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>

Additional photos can be found in my Photo Album at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/WiwoyuUNDL3cJUxY7>.

Article and Photographs respectfully submitted by.

Abe Platt, Event Chair

NJ Region Member #1524



After a number of rescheduled dates, the show at Inglemoor Rehabilitation & Care Center in Livingston, NJ went off smoothly. Thursday, October 12, 2023, turned out to be one of the nicest days we had so far this month. When I pulled into the driveway, I realized that my sister-in-law Marie was a client of this facility approximately eight years ago.



There were a half-dozen or so vendor tables/booths set-up along the entrance driveway with free goodies and information from other facilities in the area. After I





had parked my car, I was warmly greeted by Ms. Swanson and one of the social workers, Ms. Helyne Czajkowski. I introduced myself to DJ Brian Kelly, who kept a wonderful stream of period correct music flowing from his stereo speakers. After we all parked our classic vehicles along the oval shaped access area at the main entrance to the facility, an old, converted school bus that served ice cream and hot dogs pulled in and set up to everyone's delight. The operator of this vehicle, Toni, is part of the Maglione family that has provided various food and snack dispensing carts, trucks, and kitchens in New Jersey for more than 50 years. Both the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Edison and the Motorcycle Run and Car Show in Clark that supports the Jason's Friends Charity hire this family for their events.



The AACA members that presented their antique vehicles at this event are members of the Staten Island and the New Jersey Regions and included: Dick Bettel (1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe); Walter and Veronica Lacz (1936 Packard 120 Touring Sedan); Bill Stroh (1956 Oldsmobile Holiday 88); Cliff Stern (1974 Triumph TR6 convertible); Bruce Campbell (1986 Chevrolet El Camino); Abraham Platt (Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition); Bern Davis (1997 Ford Mustang Cobra SVT convertible); and Matt Verzi (modern, 1949 Triumph

would not start). Guests of the Inglemoor staff included Fred Renaud (1947 Dodge Truck WC) and Andrew Kessler (2002 Mercedes SL500 conv.). The 1947 Dodge pick-up truck was decorated with pumpkins, mums, and corn stacks and was used as a backdrop for pictures of the residents, staff, and guests.

During the entire afternoon, staff members assisted the residents in seeing all of the vehicles and asking questions. The residents and staff were asked to vote on their favorite vehicles, and at approximately 2:30 PM Management Staff announces the results of this poll. Third place was awarded to Bern for his 1997 Cobra, second place was awarded to Walt and Ronnie for their 1936 Packard, and first place went to the Hometown favorite, Fred Renaud for his 1947 Dodge. This fully and beautifully restored pick-up truck would easily take Best-of-Show at most car shows.



This was our first Antique and Classic Car Display at this facility and by the end of our event, both Ms. Swanson and Ms. Czajkowski thanked us and indicated that this was a very successful event and asked if we could do this again next year. I emailed Gina the photo album for this event for her to share with the residents and staff. 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/>. Additional photos can be found in my Photo Album at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/nDmJ5jMzjJ5VF5Yn9>

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BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING at WEST ORANGE



On Friday, September 15, 2023, the Rain Date for the Annual Antique Automobile Display, a small, but dedicated number of NJ car community members presented their antique and classic cars for the residents and staff of the Brookdale at West Orange Senior and Assisted Living facility. It was a beautiful, sunny day with temperatures in the mid to high 70's as we assembled in the designated area at the main entrance of the complex. Seven members of the northern New Jersey car community presented seven antique and classic vehicles for the residents, their family members, and the staff to enjoy, which they did. This was our third event since 2019 and was coordinated with the Claire Bridge Program Manager (Memory Care Unit), Mariam Andalibi. Upon my arrival, I was pleasantly surprised to see an Auburn Boattail already there. A good sign for the rest of the day.



As I set up and started to register arriving vehicles I was very warmly welcomed by Mariam, as we have a seven-year long relationship with her by participating in this type of event at the CareOne in Livingston in 2017, 2018, and 2019, and at the Brookdale West Orange facility since 2019.

New Jersey car enthusiasts participating included: David Emmel (second generation 1936 Auburn Boattail Speedster); Rick Wagstaff (1965 Ford Mustang fastback); George (1982 Studebaker Avanti II); Abraham Platt (Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition);

Matt Verzi (modern, 1949 Triumph would not start); Frank Cuccarese (1989 Chevrolet Corvette conv.); and Charles Newcomer (2016 Jeep Wrangler with United States Marine Corps decals on the back) joined us again this year. His wife is a resident of this facility and the hood ornament on the Jeep is the Mack Bulldog in honor of the many years his wife worked at the Mack truck facility in Allentown, PA. George was visiting his cousin and did not sign in on my participants registration form. One of the participants from last year, William Culver, stopped by to check out our vehicles. He is recovering from double by-pass surgery so he could not bring his beautiful 1966 Mercury Comet Cyclone GT again this year. The turn-out was small as this was the rain date



make-up event, but never-the-less, the residents, family members, and staff really enjoyed our vehicles and speaking with the car owners.

The highlight of this event for the car owners was 98 years young Harold who kept us enthralled, entertained, and in stitches as he told us about his life experiences in the Navy and as an auto worker, and his cars. His first car was a 1938 LaSalle, followed by a early-1950s Chrysler, a Studebaker Golden Hawk, several imports, and finally his 2000-mid-teens Volvo. Harold had his driver's license taken away by his children several years ago and is now driven from his home on Staten Island, NY in his Volvo every day except Wednesday by his attendant/driver to visit his girlfriend of 30 years, Sylvia, who is 94 years young, and is a resident of the Brookdale facility. Harold,



assisted by his beautiful youthful driver, visited each vehicle displayed and spoke with and asked questions of each car owner. David, Matt, and I were so taken by Harold that if there was a trophy or award for Best of



Show, Harold would easily have been presented with that award. Harold's and Sylvia's sharpness of mind and wit, and their stories made our day. There is a Harold and/or a Sylvia at mostly every senior/assisted living facility or rehabilitation center we visit. These encounters are why many of us participate in these antique car displays.



Lunch was provided to the vehicle owners with many thank-you's for our participation. The vehicles present were admired by all, and many comments were made on their beauty, condition, and longevity. This was a very pleasant and successful event, both for the participants and for the organizers of this event. Mariam was happy with how this event worked out even though it was on our Rain Date and has already asked us to return next year.

Please see the following websites to see additional pictures of this event:

<https://njregionaaca.com/photo-galleries/>
<https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyRegionAACA>
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 for all of my pictures of this event.

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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman, #1238

Birthdays

6 Robert Smith	18 Walter Smith
9 Annabelle Wilmer	24 Bobbi Bettel
11 Patricia Quattrocchi	24 Leif Mangulson
13 Ray Robertozzi	24 Ken Swan
14 Gregory McCann	

Anniversaries

None



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*You are Cordially Invited to the
Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers
Sunday, January 7, 2024*

The monthly meeting and installation of the 2024 officers of the NJ Region AACA will be held at the Annual Awards Banquet at the Chandelier at Flanders Valley, 80 Pleasant Hill Road, Flanders, N.J.

The festivities begin at 12:00 pm with dinner being served around 1:00 pm

There will be a cash bar

Please complete and mail the form below by December 4th

Name: _____ Region No. _____

Seating Preferences: _____

Please make your Menu Choice

Sliced Beef Tenderloin	_____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Chicken Marsala	_____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Salmon	_____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

The Club is subsidizing a portion of the cost so the prices are approximate

All Dinners Include

Pasta, Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetables,
Dinner Rolls, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea, Cookies and Ice Cream

Make Checks Payable to: **NJ Region AACA**

All Seating is Reserved. You may make up your own table of 10.
Table seating priority is based on early receipt of paid reservations.
Please indicate your seating preference with your reservation.
If no seating preference is made, the committee will seat you.

**Mail this form along with your check by December 4th, 2023 to:
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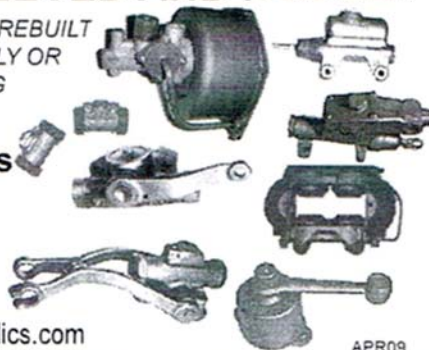
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Classifieds

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 12/23

1965 Mustang Spinner Hubcaps

Contact Paul Wolfmeyer 201-404-6914

Older NJ license plates

I have some older NJ license plates I'd love to sell. I live in California now.

Pat Johnson
pat.johnson1883@gmail.com 805-683-1809 04/24

**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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Thanks

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