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### NEXT MEETING

The December (772<sup>nd</sup>) 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 December 7th 2023**

### Officers

President: . . . . . Paul Wolfmeyer  
Vice Pres: . . . . . Abe Platt  
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Membership: . . . . . Bill Pritchett

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Vice Pres: . . . . .  
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### Committees

50/50. . . . . Greg Roser  
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  
Region Picnic . . . . . Peter Cullen Jr.  
Road Map Editor . . . . . Dick Bettie  
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Social Media . . . . . Leif Mangulson  
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Spring Meet . . . . . Peter Cullen Jr.  
Sunshine . . . . . Sarah Pritchett  
Tour Fall Foliage . . . . . Peter Cullen Jr.  
Tour Fall Mystery. . . . . Bill Pritchett  
Welcoming . . . . . Denise Tuck

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## *A Message from the President*



Thanks to Bob Smith and Bill Pritchett for leading us in Oldtimers Night at the November meeting. The anecdotes and review help us to recognize the members who have made this club what it is. I was particularly struck by Carole Durna's reflection on the opportunities the club had made available for them and the friends they have made—these are very important aspects of the NJ Region.

On a similar note, it was good to see the excellent turnout to visit Al and Sue Danner on the fourth. Congratulations to Craig Kunz, elected to VP in the officer and board "core"—thanks to Abe for serving in that role. And we are pleased that Dan Ungar has agreed to take on the Webmaster role from the excellent job that Leif Mangulson has done. Now we are still looking for a Sunshine/Member Concerns leader....can you help? We have signed a contract to go back to the Morris Plains VFW starting in February! The Lincoln Park facility has met our needs and the people supporting us have been very helpful—but as they say in real estate, it's about "location, location, location" ..... Our "holiday party" will be, however, still at the Lincoln Park location. Bring a main dish or a side dish (or dessert) and let's celebrate with friends in the holiday tradition!

Don't forget to get your banquet reservations in for January. We'd like the reservations to Betty by (or at) our meeting in December.

Paul

201-404-6914

### ***Sunshine duties (in a nutshell):***

Report to the Region any member concerns (health or illness issues, surgery, death of Region member or Region' member's close loved ones), asking for a moment of silence in remembrance of recently deceased Region member.

Send "get well soon," "thinking of you," or "sympathy" notes/cards to ailing Region members or their family.

Work with the Treasurer to send donations to National AACA Library & Research Center in memoriam of deceased Region members as soon as possible..

Maintain an updated list of deceased Region members and send it to the Celebrations Chairperson periodically. May submit reimbursement requests to the club for costs associated (stamps, envelopes, etc.).

## **Notice!**

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



## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**



As I write this, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and I am grateful for all the blessings I have. I have met so many great people in the NJ Region that I now consider friends. I got "pushed" (thanks Vince) into taking on the Road Map, and I am so glad I did. It does take a village to put this together. Thanks to everyone who wrote an article, sent pictures, put on an event, or just let us all know what was going on around us. From the Spring Meet, which filled a whole month of Road Map, thanks to Pete & Bob for putting it on, and Rich & Yvonne for supplying me with pictures. Thanks to Abe for organizing the many car shows and providing articles and pictures. Thanks to Bill for the mystery tours. Thanks to the Marc & Grace Bernstein Family for the Ice Cream Social. Thanks to Pete and all the helpers and suppliers of food at the annual picnic. Thanks to all who helped put on the Summer Tour in Connecticut this year. That took a mountain of work, and I enjoyed every minute, except maybe for the errant bolt in the fly wheel! Thanks to Gayle & Bill for bringing us home from that tour.

I am also grateful for Art who took me to my first Annual Meeting last February and introduced me to so many newsletter editors. He has consented to be my roomie again this year. Thanks Art.

Thanks to Anthony Cecala for taking on the Chief Judge position and setting up a couple of judging seminars so that we can have more judges at the Spring Meet. The first one will be at my house in January, then Rich Reina's in February. Another opportunity for some of us to get together over the finer points of judging NJRAACA style, and food.

I also want to thank June & Greg Roser for providing us the opportunity to give. Bobbi and I go shopping for gifts for "Fanwood's Famous Christmas House" so that the Rosers can supply Santa with gifts for the children who come to see the display on the first Saturday in December. Bobbi & I, along with other members of the NJRAACA, have been privileged to help Santa. If you have not seen their display, take a ride over. It's worth the trip. The Rosers do this display to collect donations for New Jersey Institute for Disabilities (NJID), a not-for-profit agency offering specialized facilities, programs and support throughout the State of New Jersey for infants, children and adults with developmental and related disabilities. Each year, more than 1500 people with disabilities and their families are helped by NJID's services. Greg & June feel privileged to be able to help.

And, last but not least, I would like to thank my wife Bobbi. Without her help and organization, I would still be working on last July's issue!

Dick



# upcoming EVENTS



## NJ AACAA EVENTS

### December

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

### January 2024

- 7 NJ Region AACAA 773<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, Awards Presentation & Installation of Officers. The Chandelier at Flanders, Valley, 80 Pleasant Hill Rd, Flanders NJ 12:00pm; Betty Allen, Chair
- 27 Judging Seminar: 170 Crescent Road, Florham Park, NJ. Anthony Cecala, Chair Rain Date 28<sup>th</sup>

### February 2024

- 1 NJ Region AACAA 774<sup>th</sup> Meeting 7:30 PM at the Watnong VFW Post #3401 45 Tabor Rd, Morris Plains, NJ 07950

### March 2024

- 7 NJ Region AACAA 775<sup>th</sup> Meeting 7:30 PM at the Watnong VFW Post #3401 45 Tabor Rd, Morris Plains, NJ 07950

### April 2024

- 4 NJ Region AACAA 776<sup>th</sup> Meeting 7:30 PM at the Watnong VFW Post #3401 45 Tabor Rd, Morris Plains, NJ 07950

### May 2024

- 2 NJ Region AACAA 777<sup>th</sup> Meeting 7:30 PM at the Watnong VFW Post #3401 45 Tabor Rd, Morris Plains, NJ 07950
- 5 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL Spring Car Show with a Swap Meet & Vendors - Nielsen Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram 175 NJ Route 10, East Hanover, NJ 07936

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

## NATIONAL AACAA EVENTS

### 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
- 9-10 58<sup>th</sup> Kyana Region AACAA Giant Indoor Swap Meet. Location: Kentucky Exposition Center Louisville KY, 937 Phillips Ln. 40209, Pavillion, West Wing, West Hall & Broadbent Arena Largest Indoor Swap Meet in The Country 7 Acres 1150 Spaces Inside heated & air conditioned 100 Space OUTSIDE CAR CORRAL Admission: \$10 per day, children under 12 Free With a Parent Contact: Maureen Vannatta: 502-619-2917; [kyanaswapmeet@gmail.com](mailto:kyanaswapmeet@gmail.com)
- 17-23 AACAA Founders Tour (1932-1999) Louisiana Region AACAA: Ronald Sonnier - [rsonnier@cox.net](mailto:rsonnier@cox.net)/337-581-7776
- 21-24 Special Winter Nationals - Puerto Rico 787-635-8976

### April 2024

- 4-6 Southeastern Spring Nationals/AACAA Grand National. Hornets Nest Region AACAA Concord, NC Chairman: Mel Carson [melcarson@charlotte-autofair.com](mailto: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](mailto:rockettwalsh@cs.com)/518-863-4987



# upcoming EVENTS



## NATIONAL AACA EVENTS

### July 2024

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

### September 2024

12-14 Western Fall Nationals, Loveland, Colorado. Poudre Valley Region

23-28 78<sup>th</sup> Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943). Maryland AACA Hosting Sugarloaf Mountain Region

### October 2024

8-11 Eastern Fall (Hershey). Host: Hershey Region AACA Location: Hershey, PA Chairman: Kurt Froebel - fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org

23-26 Southeastern Fall Nationals. Host: North Alabama Region AACA Location: Huntsville, AL Chairman: Dave Robertson [dave.robertson44@gmail.com](mailto:dave.robertson44@gmail.com)

## LOCAL AACA EVENTS

### April

TBD 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Dust-Off Car Show & Flea Market, Common Café, 2 Teleport Drive off South Avenue - Staten Island Region AACA

### May

17 Monthly Friday Evening Cruise-ins, TK's Ice Cream, 331 Route 539, Cream Ridge, NJ - Mid-Jersey Region - Jimmy (609) 351-1827 or Bob (609) 206-7939

### June

TBD Pre-War Vehicle Display at Historic Walnford, 62 Walnford Road, Upper Freehold, NJ 08501 Mid-Jersey Region AACA

21 Monthly Friday Evening Cruise-ins, TK's Ice Cream, 331 Route 539, Cream Ridge, NJ - Mid-Jersey Region - Jimmy (609) 351-1827 or Bob (609) 206-7939

### July

19 Monthly Friday Evening Cruise-ins, TK's Ice Cream, 331 Route 539, Cream Ridge, NJ - Mid-Jersey Region - Jimmy (609) 351-1827 or Bob (609) 206-7939

## LOCAL AACA EVENTS

### December

- 2 Fanwood's Famous Christmas House; 82 Patterson Road, Fanwood, NJ. Visit with Santa. 4:30pm - 7:00 pm
- 3 Waynes Auto Body Shop Toys for Tots Car Show and Hangout - Waynes Auto Body Shop, 1938 NJ-35, South Amboy, NJ
- 3 Hot Rod Garage Annual Toys for Tots Car Show - Racks Pub & Grill Williamstown - 2021 N Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, NJ 08094
- 3 Road Knights Toy Run - Pennsville Historical Society, 86 Church Landing Rd, Pennsville, NJ Entry: Unwrapped Childs Toy - Info: Rocky (856) 678-6260
- 9 Black Cat Bar & Grill - Pearl Harbor Day Cruise - Jim & Bob's Black Cat Bar & Grill, 1 N. Shore Rd., Absecon, NJ - Info: Jim (609) 457-6022
- 9 Blacktop Villains Toys for Tots - Moonshiners Bar & Grill, 2301 Rt. 50, Mays Landing, NJ - Info: Sue (609) 502-3736

### 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:

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)



## In Memoriam

### Dr Albert Fredrick Gaal Jr (NJAACA @#1419)

On November 7, 2023, at the age of 93, Dr. Albert Frederick Gaal Jr. passed away. He was born in Irvington, New Jersey in 1930. After earning his doctorate degree from Penn State College of Optometry, Albert served in the Army's Medical Services Corps from 1954 to 1956. Following his military service, he joined his father's optometric practice, returning to Irvington.

He is preceded by his wife, Dorothea, and his son, William. Albert is survived by his daughter, Marcie (Eric) Metzler, as well as his grandchildren, Dr. Antoinette (Bryan) Martin, Albert Metzler, Taylor Gaal, and Katherine Gaal.

Albert was deeply involved in various Irvington organizations, including serving as the Lions Club president, being a part of the Board of Education, Jay-Cees, Chamber of Commerce, and a town Councilman.

In the early '70s, Albert and his family made a new home in Oldwick, NJ, where he resided for over 50 years. He continued his engagement with the community, serving as the VP and president of the local Early Ford V8 Car Club from 1972, and a long standing member of the Tewksbury Historical Society and the NJAACA. Another passion was judging National meets for the early Ford V8 Club specializing in wagons.

Al was known for his love of storytelling, his passion for tinkering with cars, exploring antiques, and preserving his old home's history. He will be remembered for his genuine love of life, unwavering friendship, and the joy he brought to those around him. Rest in peace, Albert; your legacy lives on in our hearts and memories.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity in Albert's name.

### Toy and Gift Donations are Requested

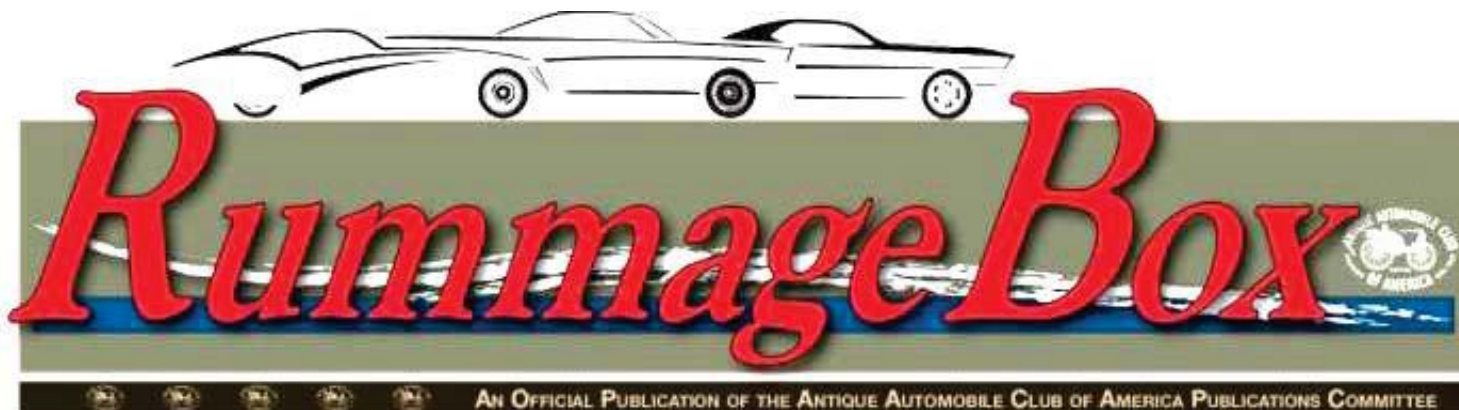
My fund-raising Santa visit is on Saturday Dec 2, 2023 from 4:30 to 7:00pm at "Fanwood's Famous Christmas House" 83 Paterson Rd, Fanwood, NJ. Last year 300 children (see photo) came to visit Santa, and for the season I collected tens of thousands of dollars and donated every dollar to NJ Institute for Disabilities [www.njid.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.njid.org) Select "Roser Christmas House"  
2) Lockbox at 83 Paterson Road, Fanwood, NJ  
3) VENMO to 908-403-6486



## Tour Guide By Fred Trusty

2023 AACA National President

This year I've had the opportunity to participate in all but one AACA tour and talked with quite a few "freshman tourists" who said they wish they had discovered the touring side of the hobby long ago. Not knowing the guidelines for each type of tour can create some apprehension to registering for your first tour so let's look at the various tours.

1. **Reliability Tour** – The Reliability Tour is sponsored during even-numbered years for brass era cars, i.e., those manufactured in 1915 or earlier. This includes all recognized vehicles of that vintage.
2. **Revival AAA Glidden Tour®** – The AACA sponsors the Revival AAA Glidden Tour® during even-numbered years (2022, 2024, etc.) in cooperation with the Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA). The VMCCA sponsors the tour during the odd-numbered years. The Revival AAA Glidden Tours® are for the older vehicles and eligibility for AACA sponsored tours is limited to those manufactured in 1942 or earlier. Generally, this tour is held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September.
3. **Founders Tour** – The Founders Tour is sponsored annually for all vehicles, except race vehicles, manufactured from 1932 through a production year 25 years prior to the year of the tour.
4. **Vintage Tour** – The Vintage Tour is sponsored during odd-numbered years for vehicles manufactured in 1931 or earlier.
5. **Sentimental Tour** -- The Sentimental Tour is sponsored during even-numbered years, beginning in 2004, and is for vehicles manufactured from 1928 through 1958, except race vehicles.
6. **Divisional Tours** -- The AACA sponsors two Divisional Tours annually – during even-numbered years, one in the Central and one in the Eastern geographical regions, and during odd-numbered years, one in the Southeastern Region and one in the Western Region. These tours are designed to be shorter in duration (minimum three days) than the traditional five-day

tours. The host Region or Chapter is free to decide which vehicles are eligible to participate in any Divisional Tour, except race vehicles will not be included. However, all vehicles must be of a production year at least 25 years prior to the year of the tour.

If you would like more information on touring you can go to [aaca.org](http://aaca.org), click on the "Publications" tab and then "Policy & Procedures Manual." Section 4 has everything you ever wanted to know about touring.

## T'was the night before Christmas

T'was the night before Christmas and in the garage,  
no work had been done, I drank too much nog!  
The coupe was in pieces, the sedan had a leak.  
t would be a bad time for Santa to peek!  
Tools were all strewn from the bench to the floor.  
Clean I don't think it would be any more!  
With the pain in my head, I wished I were dead  
and so I decided it was time for bed!  
And when asleep, I had such a dream,  
Santa had come and made the garage clean.  
He looked at the leak and started to joke  
all I need for the hole is something to poke!  
The sedan was now ready to drive in the snow  
and Santa thought it was time to go.  
But, he looked at the coupe; in pieces it lay.  
He said to himself it can't stay that way!  
The body he painted; the wheels he did fix.  
It would take me forever, but this was St. Nick!  
When he was done, he looked at his job  
and pleased with himself his head he did nod!  
The cars were now ready to go to a show  
and Santa decided it was time to go!  
I awoke from my dream with very much glee;  
to the garage I ran, Santa's work to see.  
When I opened the door, my heart sank to the floor.  
It was just a dream, unfortunately no more.  
The coupe's still in pieces, the sedan still has a leak.  
Maybe I'll start to work on them next week!

Used with permission from the Running Board A's "Announcer"



## NJ REGION AACA

### Minutes October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, #770



The 771<sup>st</sup> NJ Region AACA meeting was held in person at the American Legion in Lincoln Park and called to order at approximately 7:34 P.M. by President Paul Wolfmeyer, who led members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ZOOM attendees introduction & protocol, Paul Wolfmeyer:** There were ten members who attended via Zoom and thirty-five members present in person. No guests or new members were in attendance.

**Member Concerns/Sunshine, Sarah Pritchett & others:** Al & Sue Danner had COVID; however, they're all better now.

**Appointment of Election Tellers, Paul Wolfmeyer:** Brenda Zimmerman & Brian Pritchett volunteered to count the votes for tonight's election.

**Meeting Minutes:** An error concerning the Banquet was printed- the correct date is January 7<sup>th</sup>; motion was made to accept the Secretary's minutes from the October 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:** The AACA Library & Research Center sent a thank-you letter for our donations in memory of Tony Fontana and Bob Graham (\$50 each).

**Treasurer's Report, Tim Schimmel:** Recent expenditures and current balances were reported. A motion was made to accept this report; all in attendance were in favor with none opposed; motion carried.

#### **President's Report, Paul Wolfmeyer:**

- a. A Board of Directors meeting was held; the Board agreed to subsidize the cost of the Banquet for attendees, and to provide a donation to the AACA Library & Research Center, which will be given at the National Meeting in February.
- b. The Location Contract for 2024 is being prepared; we are returning to the Morris Plains VFW.
- c. Abe Platt has agreed to take over as our Facebook page moderator. Thanks, Abe! Paul encouraged members to check out the Region's Facebook page & group.
- d. Sarah is resigning from Sunshine due to increased workload at her job. The Board suggested someone; however, that person has declined the position. If anyone is interested, please see Paul.
- e. Leif plans to end his time as Webmaster at the end of

this year. The Board suggested Dan Ungar for this position, and he has accepted. Thank you, Dan!

- f. 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.
- g. The Hybrid Meeting Committee continues to work (as you can see). Paul thanked Rich Reina, Bill Pritchett, and Dick Bettie. The Region purchased a new projector, which made its debut this evening.
- h. 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.
- i. Banquet reservations forms are in The Road Map; Betty Allen needs them by December 4th; however, she will accept them in person at the December Region meeting.
- j. Six Region members assisted the Mustang Club with judging at their recent car show. Thank you to those who stepped up to help out! The Garden State Mustang Club President (and Region member) Mike Deliberto presented a donation check to the Region as a thank-you for the help.

#### **Activities, Abraham Platt:**

- a. There will be a tour to Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall in 2024; Chuck Gibson is chairing this event, and we will be provided with more details as it gets closer.
- b. Upcoming activities and events can be found in The RoadMap.

**Membership, Bill Pritchett:** Bill is collecting dues at this time. There are two new members incoming.

**Welcoming, Denise Tuck:** no report.

**Road Map Editor, Dick Bettie:** The Road Map is getting harder to get together and out on time; therefore, the due date to submit items and articles has been moved up to the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, beginning immediately. Items for December's Road Map are due to Dick by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Webmaster/social media, Leif Mangulson:** no report.

**Participation Points, Vince DeLisi:** No report.

**Refreshments, John Pieczynski:** Thank you to the



following individuals who provided refreshments for tonight's meeting: Richard Reina, John Pieczynski, Paul Wolfmeyer, Jan Eyerman, Carole Durna, Mike Deliberto, Greg Roser, Gayle Stroh, Dick Bettie, Rob Grube, Sue & Rob Schmidt.

**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 Bettie:** no report.

**Badge Fines, John Quattrocchi:** Fines were collected from members who forgot their badges.

**Old Business:** None.

**Old Timer's Recognition, Bill Pritchett & Bob Smith:** There are over 100 members to recognize! Bill and Bob took turns reading the list of the members who have been part of the Region for twenty or more years. Those members in attendance were invited to speak about their experiences in the Region. A comprehensive list of the honored members will be printed in the next edition of The Road Map.

**New Business:** none.

**Items for sale or wanted:** none.

**50/50, Gregory Roser:** Congrats to John Pieczynski & Betty Allen!

**2024 Election Results: Congratulations!**

President- Paul Wolfmeyer

Vice President- Craig Kunz

Secretary- Sarah Pritchett

Treasurer- Tim Schimmel

Membership Secretary- Bill Pritchett

**Adjournment:** 9:00 P.M. Next meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post Lincoln Park, 7:30 P.M. \*This is our Holiday Party event.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Pritchett #1504S,  
Secretary



## 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 AACAP. 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 AACAP:

1. Mail a check for \$20 to the Region postal address:  
NJ Region AACAP, P.O. Box 890 Morris Plains, NJ 07950
2. Renewing at the Region website: (this does cost the Region a small fee) – [www.njregionaacap.com](http://www.njregionaacap.com)
3. Mail a check to:  
Bill Pritchett, Membership Chairman  
6 Columbine Road  
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889
4. Pay me in person at the December meeting.

Please note that AACAP 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 AACAP Headquarters at 717-534-1910.

Bill Pritchett Membership Secretary

### NOTICE!

I have someone with an optonline.net email address that keeps bouncing back with a notice that: "The user(s) account is temporarily over quota." So if you have not been getting the Region email, please contact me at [NJAACA@gmail.com](mailto:NJAACA@gmail.com) so I can get the emails to you.  
Bill Pritchett Membership Secretary

## Old Timer's Recognition

1958	169	Anderson, Lillian	1987	1140	Cullen, Peter J.
1960	247	Wary, Mary Ann	1989	1178	Olexa, Ronald (Kathryn)
1963	349	O'Neill, Walter Jr. (Mary Ellen)	1989	1179	Achtel, Allen C. (Bobbi)
1964	420	Smith, Robert	1991	1211	Angerami, John (Karen)
1966	482	Rawstrom, Charles A. (Margaret)	1992	1238	Zimmerman, Brenda
1966	511	Woolley Jr., Norman (Frances)	1993	1240	Hogan, Patricia
1967	536	Swan, Kenneth (Helen)	1993	1242	Ehmann, Peter J.
1968	590	Rein, Manfred	1993	1243	McCann, Gregory (Maureen)
1969	634	Schaedel, William King (Peggy)	1993	1249	Andrews, Louis C. (Lois)
1970	654	Gearhart, Leroy (Marlene)	1994	1255	Raup, Leroy
1971	667	Judkins, Kirk	1994	1260	Terry, Walter (Joan)
1971	673	Pultz, Clifford	1994	1261	Bernstein, Marc (Grace)
1971	674	McGrath, Patricia	1995	1270	Cavagnaro, David J. (Bennie)
1972	698	Smith, Walter L.	1995	1272	Danner, Al (Sue)
1973	722	Calvert, Bob	1995	1274	Griffith, Jr., John (Maryann)
1973	730	Toye, Charles M. (Ginny)	1995	1279	De Freitas, Jose A. (Mary)
1974	755	Russell, Richard	1995	1280	Solomayer, Larry
1974	760	Bates, Charles (Penny)	1995	1282	Hedderick, Robert (Joanna)
1974	781	Schroeder, John	1997	1292	Symonds, Edward (Debbie)
1974	795	Petrich, Bob (Barbara)	1997	1295	Bush, Daniel
1974	866	Sorrell, Tex (Linda)	1997	1298	Kefalonitis, John (Barbara Anna)
1976	878	Figorotta, Frank (Lia)	1998	1299	Grub, Robert Jr.
1977	910	Edwards, Gloria	1999	1315	Ackerman, Art (Mary Ann)
1978	942	Manganelli, Patricia	2000	1321	Scudese, Frank (Amy)
1978	943	Manganelli, Michael (Diane)	2000	1328	Geller, Edward (Shayna)
1979	963	Pritchett, William (Bette)	2000	1335	Durna, Joseph J. (Carole)
1979	966	Bell, Joseph D.	2000	1337	Copley, Duane G. (Trisha)
1979	973	Ashley, Lawrence H. Jr. (Donna)	2000	1338	Dolan, Kenneth J.
1979	981	Teller, Robert	2001	1342	Fischer, Raymond (Judy)
1982	1032	Prudente, Joseph (Barbara)	2001	1345	Wolfmeyer, Paul (Helen)
1983	1044	Konwiser, Roy (Ellen)	2002	1351	Verzi, Matthew
1984	1074	Holzberger, Louis (Ann)	2002	1355	Wilmer, R. Wilson (Annabelle)
1985	1111	Young Jr., William (Karen)	2003	1360	Gluck, Robert (Grace)
1987	1133	Kantor, Arnold (Rita)	2003	1363	Mowbray, Richard
1987	1136	Scannelli, James (Sue Carol)	2003	1369	Newell, Greg (Joan)

### NJ Region Summer Tour

August 17-21

On the above dates, we had a very nice tour that was described in a previous Road Map by the various tourists on the tour. We had a very diverse tour from a Native American museum that probably no one in the Region had ever been to; a private car collection and garden tour that was also new to everyone; a museum tour that was very informative and different along with a government armory and manufacturer; an aviation museum and trolley museum plus a Civil War display; a tour of an antique car parts supplier and coal mine. As you can see, it was a very busy tour with a few hours to rest. I hope more of you can join us next year on the tour. Attendees are listed below with their vehicle. In addition guests included Dan and Olivia Pritchett, Dan Edwards children at various events, and Anthony's sister Melissa with her

daughter Savannah. (Tourists and Vehicles):

Dick & Bobbi Bettle (1930 Ford Model A); Anthony Cecala (1993 Chevrolet Corsica); Pete Cullen, (1993 Chevrolet Corsica); Joe & Carole Durna (Modern); Dan Edward (1947 Willys Jeepster); Bob and Pat Kapral (1957 Dodge Station Wagon); Craig & Yvonne Craig (1964 Oldsmobile); Greg & Joan Newell (1986 Oldsmobile 442); Brian & Sarah Pritchett (1994 Pontiac TransAm); Bill Pritchett (1995 Chevrolet Cavalier); Keith Scaglione (Modern); Bill & Gayle Stroh (Modern); and Paul & Helen Wolfmeyer (1991 Chrysler)

I did not do this tour alone as Dan Edwards, our member who happens to live in the Hartford area, helped a great deal by suggesting several places along with his ideas on what was practical. As usual, Pete Cullen helped plan the trip with me.





## A/C Part 3, Diagnosis & Repair

If you have A/C in your AACA auto, you enjoy it during the summer, and it's no fun when it stops working. Before presuming that an A/C repair will cost mucho bucks and is beyond your skill set, let's do as we should always do when diagnosing a problem: start simply, and follow a logical progression. Below are the steps to perform visual checks, electrical checks, and functional checks.

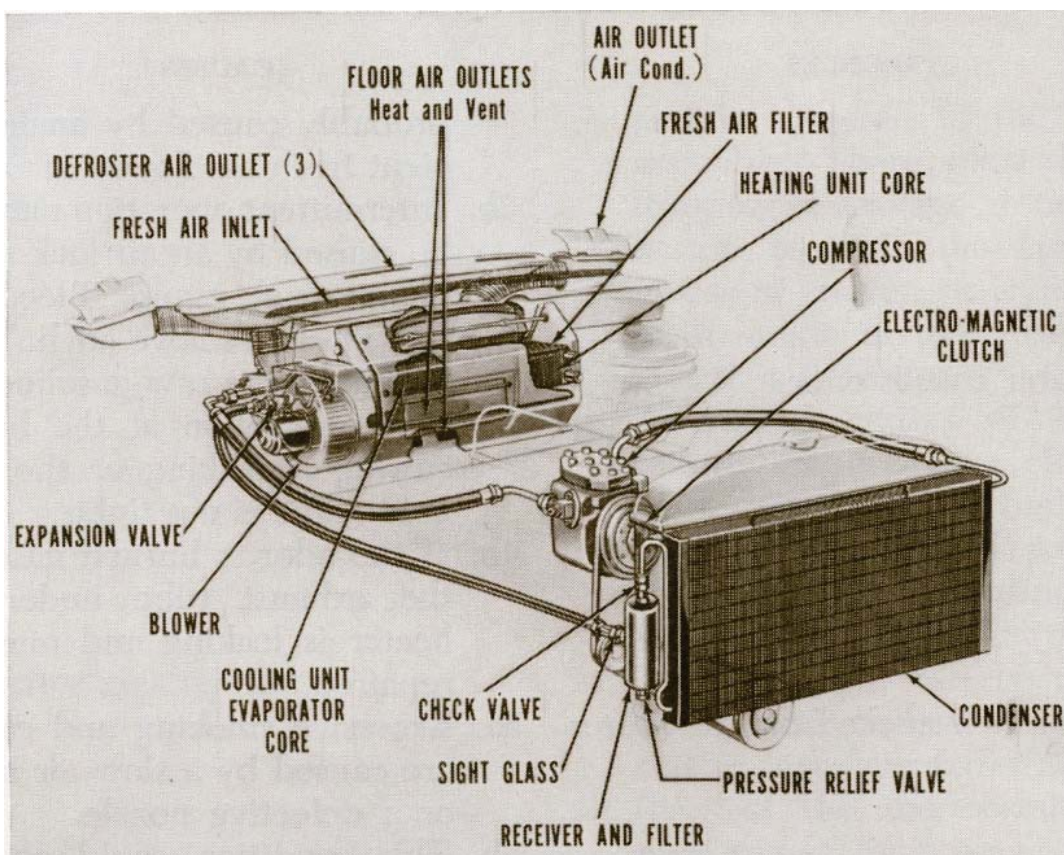
**VISUAL CHECKS:** Open the hood and locate the A/C compressor and its drive belt. Is the belt in position and correctly tensioned? With the engine OFF, press on the belt and estimate the deflection: it should about 1/2 inch. If the belt is loose or missing, fix that first! With a properly tensioned belt in place, start the engine and turn on the A/C. Observe the clutch on the front of the compressor: does it rotate? If it does NOT, you may have an issue with the clutch; if it DOES and you get no cold air, it is likely that the system is low on refrigerant. Note that on air conditioning-equipped cars, the A/C compressor belt is always turning. There is a clutch on the front of the compressor which engages (turns) and disengages (does not turn). On a properly working system, you will see this clutch cycle through engagements and disengagements.

Continue the visual checks with other underhood items. Locate these components: besides the engine-mounted compressor, there is the condenser (in front of the radiator), the receiver/drier (bottle-shaped, usually in the engine compartment), and the connecting pipes and hoses. Refer to photo for typical locations for a 1960s-era car. (The evaporator is much less accessible, located under the dash next to the heater core.) Are all these components in

place and undamaged? Ensure that the condenser is not blocked from debris or damaged from impact (it's not uncommon for a rock to hit it and damage it). Eyeball all A/C hoses and pipes to make sure none are split, bent, or show signs of leakage. (I've seen an A/C line burst open after touching a hot part of the engine.) At the compressor, ensure that electrical connections at the clutch are secure. Find the receiver/drier, with a sight glass on top. With the engine running and the A/C on, you should see refrigerant flow past, with no bubbles visible. Bubbles indicate low refrigerant. If nothing is flowing, the system is likely low or empty.

**ELECTRICAL CHECKS:** Start with the blower motor. All modern cars have an integrated HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air conditioning) system with one blower motor. Your jalopy may have an "add on" A/C with a separate blower motor. Turn on the A/C blower motor and ensure that it works at all speeds. Many vehicles are wired such that the blower motor must function for the A/C to operate. If the blower motor doesn't work, check and replace its fuse if necessary. (See the Feb. 2020 Rich's Repair Ramblings for a refresher on checking fuses.) If it's not the fuse, repair the blower motor before going further with the air conditioning.

**FUNCTIONAL CHECKS:** If the blower motor works and the A/C compressor clutch spins but you're still getting warm air out the vents, the car's heater may be stuck on (this has happened to me). Do this test,



preferably on a day with moderate or cool temperature: Warm up the engine and turn the A/C OFF. Move the heater control through its full range, from lowest to highest settings. With it “off”, air from the vents should be as cool as ambient (outside) air. If the dash vent air is warmer than outside air with the heater off, you could have a stuck or leaky control valve. Repair this before proceeding further with any A/C repairs.

If the clutch engages, the blower motor works, and the heater control valve closes, yet there is no cold air, it is now likely that the system is low on refrigerant. (Newer cars have a low-pressure cut-off which will disengage the compressor if the refrigerant is low.) What kind of refrigerant is in the car? As discussed in a previous Ramblings, both R-12 (Freon) and R-134a are in use. By 1994, all vehicle manufacturers switched to 134a. But an older vehicle may have had a retrofit kit installed, allowing the more available R-134a to be used. Auto parts stores carry service cans of R-134a, allowing the home DIYer to top off the system. Determine the type of refrigerant, and obtain some if possible. (Be advised that R-12 is very expensive.)

To top up a system, you only need a small can of refrigerant, and a service hose to connect the can and the car (the hose is often sold with the can). Keep the can upright and attach the hose to the can, but keep the valve closed. Locate the “low side service valve” on an A/C pipe under the hood. If in doubt, consult your car’s service manual. Attach the other end of the hose to the low-side connection. Start the engine, turn on the A/C, and then open the valve at the can. Keep the can upright (if you’re holding it, it will become very cold), and refrigerant will be drawn into the car’s system. Occasionally check the air temperature at the vents (a thermometer is handy here) and also check the sight glass. As the vent air gets cold and the bubbles go away, you will be done.

This repair does not work if the system is completely empty; in that case, more complex equipment such as a vacuum pump and a set of A/C manifold gauges are needed. Such a repair is best done by a qualified repair shop. If you’ve gone this far, be satisfied that you can speak intelligently to the technician about your findings!

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## Mystery Tour

October 28, 2023



On a sunny and warm Saturday, members and friends of the NJ Region gathered at the Hampton Diner in Newton, NJ as a starting point. From there, everyone was given directions to our destination in Goshen, NY whose mission was explained on its website: The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame is dedicated to comprehensive, active and authoritative support and promotion of the Standardbred industry through documentation and preservation of the history and traditions of this American-born sport. It will also continue to augment existing collections and provide extensive research, educational programming and exciting exhibitry to expand harness racing's interest and appeal, both nationally and internationally, to assure an informed audience and a successful future.



It was a very pleasant and sunny drive through the northwestern parts of NJ and lower NY state with the leaves still changing. However, I think the leaves were on a par with the late 40's Chrysler paint colors if you remember them. Unfortunately, most of them were washed out and not as brilliant as you would like them.

Upon arrival at the Museum, we were given a 1½ hour tour which highlighted the history of the trotters and pacers from the late 1700s to present day. Our tour guide

had a background that ranged from being a bio-chemist, a groom for the horses, and now head of the museum. I think we all had not realized how sport started and the many technological change to the equipment. We even saw a carbon fiber sulky that was very expensive to make. Among the items we saw were original Currier and Ives prints (about 10% of all C&I prints were about harness racing), a toy collection of harness racing, and a simulator where we were in a harness race.



After the tour, most of us went across the street to a very nice restaurant called Limoncellos where we had a delicious lunch. After lunch, we headed back home. I wish to thank Steve John for helping me in laying out this tour.

Participants included: Roger & Kathy Bagley (1982 Buick Riviera); Vince Delisi (1966 Pontiac GTO); Joe & Carole Durna (1971 Oldsmobile); Bob & Pat Kapral (Modern); Art Lee 1962 Cadillac Model 62); Greg & Joan Newell (1986 Oldsmobile 442); Bob & Barbara Petrich (1986 Excalibur); Abe & Ann Platt (1988 Mercury Cougar LS); Brian & Sarah Pritchett (1961 Oldsmobile); Bill



Pritchett (1995 Chevrolet Cavalier); Larry Solomayer (1961 Oldsmobile); Paul & Helen Wolfmeyer (1954 Chrysler Windsor); Alex & Barbara Soultanis (Modern); Guests included: Art Lee's son Alex & his friend Connor; Jerry Cirka & Alison Kelly with Brian & Sarah Pritchett.

Bill Pritchett photos by Sarah Pritchett



## BrightView Senior Living of Warren



The NJ Region's Fifth Annual Antique Automobile Display at the BrightView of Warren assisted/senior living facility was conducted on Sunday, October 22, 2023. The day was beautiful, with temperatures in the high 50's,



crisp breezes, and the sun playing peep-a-boo with the fast moving cloud formations. Ann and I, driving both of Ann's cars, arrived 20 minutes before our scheduled assembly time of 11:30 AM, only to find Roy Hardgrove and Joe Basilio waiting for us. We were warmly greeted by our hostess, Gayla Zieser, the Vibrant Living Director,



as I started to register arriving vehicles. The antique and classic automobile display was scheduled to run from 12 Noon until 3:00 PM, and by 12:30, we had twenty-three beautiful and interesting vehicles set to wow the residents and staff, as well as some of the car owners. In



addition to NJ Region members, members of the Staten Island Region, the Garden State Street Rod Association, the Cadillac LaSalle Club, and several independent car enthusiasts joined us today. Some of the independents are folks that participate in the local Sunday evening cruise-in at the Warren Village Shopping Center that Ann and I and several of the car owners listed below go to on a regular basis.



Gayla and the BrightView staff presented us with cold beverages and apple cider to go along with "dirty water" hot dogs with several fixings, including home-made chili, served from an actual hot dog pushcart, freshly popped popcorn, cotton candy, fresh fruit, and Halloween candy. Entertainment was provided by an Elton John impersonator who played the piano and sang both Elton's and Elvis' songs and as well as other artists, as residents sat in chairs arranged under the portico at the entrance to the facility. He was very good and kept the residents' toes tapping to the beat. During the event, BrightView staff ran a 50/50 for the benefit of the



Alzheimer's Association. The winner was picked at the end of our event and was a visiting family member.



The car owners and the cars they displayed today included the following: Charles and Jean Wagner (1932 Ford Roadster conv.); Daniel Ungar (1933 Pontiac Series 601); Carmen Delessandro's daughter Carmen (1938 Ford Cabriolet); Richard Nalavany (1938 LaSalle Model 5011); Barry Rosenberg (1953 Cadillac 62 Series); Carmine "Duke" Matera (1953 Ford F-100); Bob Toth (1956 Ford Pick-up Truck); Bill and Gayle Stroh (1956 Oldsmobile Holiday 88); Robert Rankin (1963 Cadillac 62 Series); Richard Reina (1967 Alfa Romeo GT 1300 JR); Clifford Knappe (1968 King Midget conv.); Brian and Sarah Pritchett (1968 Ford Mustang GT fastback); Jim Federico (1972 AMC Javelin); Roy Hardgrove (1976 Lincoln Town



Car); Joseph Basilio (1985 Cadillac Eldorado); Bruce Campbell (1986 Chevrolet El Camino); Ann Platt (1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition); Craig Kunz (Yvonne's 1988 Pontiac Fiero); John Cronin with granddaughter Bryan (1990 Ford Mustang GT); William Pritchett (1995 Chevrolet Cavalier); Al Dill (1996 Chevrolet Corvette conv.); Carmen Delessandro (1999 Plymouth Prowler conv.); and Abe Platt (Ann's 1999 Mercury Sable LS Sedan). As the event progressed, two of the independent car owners spoke to me and then to

Bill Pritchett with regard to joining the AACA and our NJ Region.



As our car owners were dispersing and Ann and I were getting set to leave, Gayla told me a donation would be mailed to the NJ Region AACA for coordinating this event. Gayla also asked me to reach out to her to do this again next year, to which I said we would. When we had a chance to relax at home, I checked my emails, only to find an email from Gayla, apologizing, as she was so busy, that she had not announcing the "Best of Show" winner, which was Rich Nalavany's 1938 LaSalle. I reached out to Rich to let him know and to arrange for one of us to pick up his award.



A BIG THANK YOU to all the participants and especially to Ann for being my able assistant at all of these events. 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/> The pictures were posted to the NJ Region's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyRegionAACA> You can also click on the following link to go to my Photo Album for all of the pictures of this event. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/sgdwGxHZKXHQDLhLA>

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Abe Platt, Event Chair NJ Region Member #1524



## BrightView Senior Living of Paramus



On a beautiful Thursday morning, after having breakfast with my Beautiful Bride, I loaded up her Cougar for my drive to Paramus, NJ. My first stop was the gas station to fuel up, then the tire store to make sure all the tires had the right air pressure, and then onto US Route



22. I headed east and jumped onto the GS Parkway to head north to Route 4 East to Forest Ave. North. I arrived just before 11:30 AM and found Gene waiting for me with his beautiful Mercury Montclair. October 26, 2023, turned out to be an almost perfect Autumn Day with temperatures in the high 60's to mid-70's, a bright blue sky sprinkled with a couple of wispy clouds, and pleasant gentle breezes.



We were scheduled to conduct our Second Antique Automobile Display from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM for the Residents and Staff of the BrightView senior/assisted living facility of Paramus in coordination with their Vibrant Living Director, Evan Smith. Since the area we were asked to display our vehicles did not have handicap access ramps, we were asked to park our vehicles with the front ends facing the activities area on the south side of the facility. This afforded the residents a great view of our vehicles without having to negotiate the curb to see our cars. As residents finished their lunchtime meals, they started to visit us and enjoyed looking at the cars



and some even asked questions or reminisced about their cars. One of the residents remarked, while looking at the 1930 Model A that she was born in 1932. I asked her if she wanted to sit in the Model A or go for a ride, but she declined. The Model A was the backdrop for many pictures taken of residents and staff members throughout the afternoon. The car owners were provided



with sandwiches and cold beverages for lunch. Popcorn and ice cream sundaes were available at the patio area next to the building. The car owners, residents, and staff enjoyed the era appropriate music emanating from the gazebo in the middle of this beautifully landscaped area. The music was created by DJ Tommy "Spin" Spinella, who played tunes from the 1960's through the 1980's. The selections were quite entertaining and caused





several of the residents and staff to start dancing to the familiar rhythms.

Despite some apparent communication errors on the date of this event, we had six beautiful antique vehicles displayed by six members of the New Jersey and



Garden State Half Century Regions of the AACA. The vehicles displayed included: Dave Ensewat (1930 Ford Model A Fordor); Lois Perfetio (her son Chris's 1950 Chevrolet Deluxe sedan); Eugene Ruvere (1956 Mercury Montclair coupe); Manny Rein (1956 Cadillac Coupe DeVille); Abraham Platt (Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition); and Bern Davis (1997 Ford Mustang



SVT Cobra conv.). An interesting bite of history on the Model A, Dave has owned this car since he was thirteen years of age, making him the proud owner for more than 60 years. Another beautiful bite of gossip is that Dave and Lois have been going steady for the past 34 years.



Even with the smaller than usual turnout, this event was a success, so much so that administrative staff came out to thank us for our participation and to indicate that we should do this again. I told them that I would keep in touch with Evan regarding a return visit in 2024. Prior to us dispersing, Evan surprised us with the presentation of a trophy for the residents' favorite car, which was Dave's 1930 Model A. I really enjoy arranging these events because of the reactions we get from the seniors residing in these communities and the memories they share with



us are priceless. If you have not participated in these types of events and have not experienced the smiles and comments firsthand, do so in the future. I guarantee your heart will have a warm feeling at the end of the event. Finally, a BIG THANK YOU to all the participants, we can't do this without you.

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/>

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## Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing



Saturday, November 4, 2023, started out overcast/cloudy with temperatures in the low to mid 50's, but eventually warmed up to the mid to high 50's as the sun finally broke through the clouds around 12:30-ish. Our arrival/assembly time at the Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing was scheduled for around 10:30 AM and as Ann and I pulled in around 10:15 AM, there were four members of the New Jersey car community already there waiting for us with two members right behind us before we even got the Cougar parked. Since Sarah was in the car behind us, I asked her to take over for Ann and get everyone signed in so that I could ask those already there to jockey their cars around so that we were



parked occupying one and one-half parking spaces. This arrangement affords the residents enough room to check out our antiques while navigating around in walkers and wheelchairs. As the cars were arriving, a white Ford Mustang convertible rounded the corner, which I immediately recognized as belonging to Al Danner. I walked over and greeted Al's son Scott and one of Al's grandsons Daniel. As we spoke, I noticed that Sue was accompanying Al out of the building using the side entrance to join us. I immediately went over to say hello and got a smiling hello from Al as he said, "Hi Abe". This made my day, so I proceeded to comment on his haircut and told him I would send my barber over if he wanted me to do so. This resulted in smiles and laughter from both Sue and Al. During this happy moment, I also met Al and

Sue's daughter Stephanie and later on one of their great-grandsons, Ben, who loves the Mustang. There were a number of members of the extended Danner family present, unfortunately I do remember all of their names, however; I do know that they were enjoying the event.

Brandywine's dining staff had a welcome table set up for the car owners with snacks, mini-donuts, hot and sparkling apple cider, coffee, cold beverages, and hot pretzels. The table was decorated with three antique cars from the teens and twenties. The Director of the Dining Department, Miguel, was so happy that we were there, and he and his staff could not do enough to make sure that the members of the car community participating today had everything they needed or wanted. When lunch was served, in addition to the snacks already out for our enjoyment, we were treated to a variety of



sandwiches on French or Italian bread that included roast beef, corned beef, ham, turkey, and salami each made with a different variety of cheese each; potato chips; and kosher pickles. Everyone commented on how good the sandwiches were.

Prior to lunch, I spoke to our hostess Katie Harty, to make sure that everything was going as she had planned and received a big smile and a warm thank you for running this event. When I joined the NJ Region in 2016, former member Bernie Cooney chaired similar events at this facility and when I was setting up today's event, I had sent Katie a picture from the event in 2016. When she told me that when she looked at that picture, she saw herself in the picture. How neat is that!?! She told me that today's event brought back memories of those events previously held here years ago and suggested that we do this again in the near future, and I agreed.

I was pleasantly surprised and completely thrilled at the number of my friends and fellow Region members that indicated they would participate and by those that called or messaged me the night before, or just showed up. When the smoke cleared from my brain, I realized





that thirty-four northern NJ car enthusiasts had brought twenty-three beautiful antique vehicles to display for the residents and staff, many of whom had their families here for this event. These car enthusiasts included the following NJ Region AACA members: Dick and Bobbi Bettel (1930



Ford Model A Sport Coupe); Barry and Mike Rosenberg (1931 Ford Model A); Daniel Ungar (1933 Pontiac Series 601 sedan); Richard Nalavany (1936 Ford Fordor convertible); John Cirrito (1948 Pontiac Streamliner, Silver Streak 8 sedan); Paul Wolfmeyer (1954 Chrysler Imperial); Robert Rankin (1955 Cadillac Series 62 sedan); Bill and Gayle Stroh (1956 Oldsmobile Holiday 88); William Pritchett (Betty's 1957 Chevrolet BelAir); Jan Eyerman (1962 Hillman Minx convertible); Craig Kunz (1966 Oldsmobile F-85 sedan); Susan Danner (Al's 1968 Ford Mustang GT convertible); Roy Hardgrove (1976 Lincoln Mark IV); Greg and Joan Newell (1986



Oldsmobile 442); Peter and Bonnie Schmidtke (1986 Chevrolet Camaro IROC); Abraham and Ann Platt (1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition Gold); Alan Snyder (1991 Mercedes 420 SEL); and Brian and Sarah Pritchett with friend Darrel Sarno (1994 Pontiac Trans Am). In addition, the following car enthusiasts, who are friends of the event chair, included: David Emmel and his wife (1936 Auburn Speedster); Carmine "Duke" Matero (1953 Ford pick-up); Bob Toth (1956 Ford F-100 pick-up); and Carmen Dalessandro (1999 Plymouth Prowler convertible). In addition, Marty Resnick (1979 Bentley T-2 sedan) stopped by to visit with a family member.

By lunch time the parking area occupied by our vehicles was crowded with residents and staff members and their families enjoying our antiques, asking questions, and using our cars as back-drops for group pictures or for taking selfies, or just taking pictures of their



favorite cars. This was a very pleasant event, and I had a warm glow inside as Ann and I left shortly after everyone had left around 2:15.

When I arrived back home and checked my emails later that evening, I had the following message from our



hostess Katie Hardy: "Abe, I wanted to catch you before you left but I had to come inside to call Bingo LOL. I truly cannot thank you enough on behalf of myself and our entire community for all of the cars that came today. They will be talking about this all week long. It was really, really special and I'm so thankful that it happened for them and especially Allan. A beautiful day. Thank you so much." Later on, Saturday evening I posted my photo album on Face Book, one of the comments I received on Sunday was from Sue Danner: "Thank you Abe, Al and our family had a great day yesterday, even our 4 year old great grandson. So grateful to you and the club members for giving Al a special day."

A BIG THANK YOU to all the participants, to my wife Ann for putting up with me, and especially to Sarah for being my able assistant at this event. Please go to the Photo Galleries section of the NJ Region's website to see additional pictures of this event:

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NJ Region Member #1524

# DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman, #1238

## Birthdays

6 LeRoy Gearhart	21 Barbara Young
6 Evie Ernst	27 William DeLorenzo
7 Trisha Copley	29 Riley Kapral
15 Hailey Kapral	31 Nancy Hutchins
21 Bette Pritchett	

## Anniversaries

10 Frank & Lia Figorotta	67 years
20 Robert & Mary Reynolds	62 years
23 Lou & Ann Holzberger	31 years



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1	Zip-up Hooded Sweatshirt (2 XL)	\$40.00
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3	Nylon Jackets (Large)	\$28.00
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2	Poloshirt with pocket (Medium)	\$30.00
1	Poloshirt with pocket (Large)	\$30.00
1	Poloshirt with pocket (2 XL)	\$30.00
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2	Tee Shirts (2 XL)	\$15.00
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Just a reminder that our last NJ Region meeting for 2023 is on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Post #279, 133 Main Street (Rt. 202), Lincoln Park, NJ at 7:30 PM. This is also our Annual Holiday Party so don't forget to bring your favorite main course, side dish, salad, or dessert to share with your fellow members.

Last year we asked folks with last names starting with the letters A thru M to please bring an entrée or side dish and those with last names starting with letters N thru Z to bring a salad or dessert. This year we are reversing the request, so those folks with last names starting with the letters A thru M to please bring a salad or dessert and those with last names starting with letters N thru Z to bring an entrée or side dish.

Please bring an extra electrical extension cord if you need to keep your dish warm.

Abe Platt Vice President NJ Region AACA

*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, NJ.

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 4<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Region No. \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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**

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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.  
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**Mail this form along with your check by December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to:  
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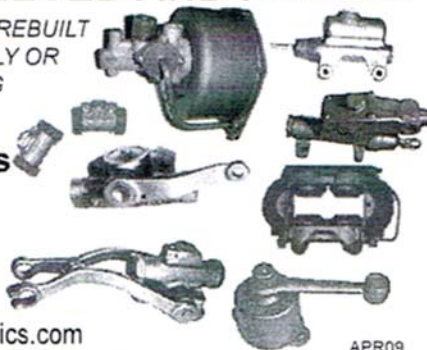
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