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NEXT MEETING

The June (790th) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains
7:30 PM June 6th

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 and Dan Ungar**

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A Message from the President



Another Spring Show is history and, again, we had rain and had to terminate it early. The folks at Nielsen Ford supported us well with everything prepared as expected and they even had some handouts for our participants. Setup and “teardown” went quickly—thanks to good club member help. Particular thanks to Pete for overall show management, Craig for judging preparation and management, Rich for the new Administration segment leadership, Jerry for Awards and the Membership tent, Vince for Registration, and Abe for publicity. The total group of volunteers worked well together—again. It’s a pleasure to have lots of hands working together to get thing done. Thanks to all!!

We did have about 35 cars at the show, including a classic 33 LaSalle.

But the show was not the only “rainout”—sadly. The opening Dairy Queen outing will be rescheduled. The Berkeley Heights event (Autumn Lake Healthcare) was postponed to the rain date, and the event for member Bob Jephson, at The Oakes in Denville, was cancelled twice with a reschedule probably in June. Oh well, we needed the rain...

Hopefully, the parades will not have rain...

There are lots of events this summer. So, get your calendars out and schedule your participation into them (and let the event chair know). And, if you can help chair them, please communicate that to Craig or me.

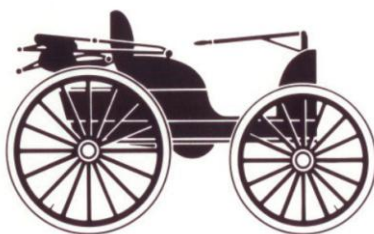
If you haven't signed up for the summer tour (in July)—do so!! The tours are fun!

And check your cars out as you plan for the events. Better to discover and fix problems now than on the summer tour!

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Paul Wolfmeyer

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Behind the scenes at the Spring Meet were some rather interesting moments. Sarah, Brooke, Brenda, Yvonne & Bobbi were tabulating the judges score sheets (somebody has to check up on us guys) when the skies opened up. Every once in a while, the canopy would alleviate itself of the burden of water, pouring down behind Yvonne and startling all of them. A good laugh was had by all.

The rain also had its fun with Jerry and Vince at the trophy presentation. All was pretty normal until the last few cars. Then the monsoon started. I never knew Jerry and Vince could talk so fast! They got through the last few trophies very quickly. I’m not sure how anyone could understand what they were awarding and to whom, but it worked.

Bobbi and I have already started our touring season. We joined the Greater Baltimore Model A Club on a trip to Aldie, Virginia for a 3 day tour, including the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum. For those of us who were at the convention last year in Chantilly, you know how much fun that is. We also toured George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor and Oat Farm Plantation. If you don't tour, you don't know what you are missing. Although when we started out with the GBMAC, we didn't know anyone. We had a blast. Check out the article later in this issue.

Next up for us is the AACA Vintage tour in Lancaster. We already know some of the people who will be attending from previous tours. It does become one happy family of friends.

As an aside to Paul's comment about fixing problems before you leave home, on the tour, I discovered I had no brake lights. The problem turned out to be that one of the wires inside the headlight switch had pulled off the terminal. I had plenty of help figuring it out, and fixing it. Simple fix, but as we have discovered, car people are the best.

Safe Travels,

Dick





upcoming EVENTS



NATIONAL AACA EVENTS WWW.AACA.ORG

June

- 1-7 Vintage Tour (Pre-1932) – South/Eastern Pennsylvania – hosted by Buzzards Breath Region – 407-261-9318
- 19-21 Eastern Spring National – hosted by Whitewater Region AACA, West Virginia – 304-673-6273

July

- 2-5 Central Springs Nationals – Auburn, IN – hosted by Crossroads of America Region AACA 260-925-4710 717-534-1910
- 24-26 Grand Nationals / Zenith – Dayton, OH – hosted by AACA National – 717-534-1910

August

- 12-15 Eastern Divisional Tour – Northern Maine – hosted by Maine Region AACA – 207-768-1033

September

- 7-12 Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Owensboro, KY, Jeff Stumb, Tour Director 423-385-4414
mistergretrace@gmail.com
- 18-20 Southeastern Fall National, Corydon, IN

October

- 7-10 Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region AACA – 717-566-7720
- 18-22 Central Divisional Tour – San Antonio to Gonzales, TX – hosted by Texas DFW Region – 214-498-0531
- 22-25 Central Fall National, Galveston, TX hosted by Gulf Coast Region AACA – 832-693-4008



NJRAACA EVENTS

June

- 5 NJ Region 790th Meeting. 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- 7 Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing. Car Show, 2005 Route 22 West, Bridgewater, NJ. Chair: Abe Platt. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Car show in honor of resident Al Danner, Raindate: 6/8
- 18 Antique Auto Display, Laurel Circle Senior Living, 100 Monroe Street, Bridgewater, NJ. Chair: Abe Platt, H 732-752-6341, M 732-433-5319. 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM. DONATION & lunch provided. Rain Date: 6/19
- 28 Antique Auto Display, Brightview of Warren Sr. Living, 57 Mount Bethel Road Warren, NJ. Chair: Abe Platt, H 732-752-6341, M 732-433-531 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. DONATION, Lunch and prizes provided. Rain date: 6/29

July

- 3 NJ Region 791st Meeting. 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- 17-21 NJ Region Summer Tour, Bedford, PA area, chairs: Bill 908-581-0411 and Pete, 973-650-2957
- 26 Ice Cream Social, Dairy Queen, 231 NJ Rte. 31S, Washington, NJ 07882. Chairs: Bill Pritchett (908-581-0411) and Marc Bernstein (908-689-0619). 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
- 27 Antique Auto Display, NJ Fireman's Home, 575 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ. Chair: Bob Smith, 973-267-8833. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

August

- 10 NJ Region 792nd Meeting and Annual Picnic, VFW Post # 2540, 20 Fawn Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA Paul Wolfmeyer & Peter Cullen - Bring side dishes & desserts.

September

- 4 NJ Region 793rd Meeting. VFW Morris Plains, NJ. 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- 7 The Bristal at Somerset, 1870 Easton Avenue, Somerset, NJ, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. DONATION PROVIDED. Rain date 9/21, Abe Platt, Chair.
- 13 Antique Auto Display, Brookdale Sr. Living, 520 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ. Chair: Abe Platt, H 732-752-6341, M 732-433-5319. 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. DONATION, lunch and prizes provided. Rain date 9/20

- 14 Experimental Aircraft Association, Planes and Cars Breakfast, Pegasus Airpark, 222 Hickory Lane, Stroudsburg, PA. Chair: Pete Cullen 973-650-2957. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

October

- 2 NJ Region 794th Meeting. VFW Morris Plains, NJ. 7:30 - 9:30 PM
- 5 The NJ Region Car Show, Cocktail Party (1:00 PM), Dinner and Play at Hunterdon Hills. Betty Allen, Chair. Play starts at 2:30 PM (doors open at 2:15)
- 18 Flemington Speedway Historic Society Car Show, South County Park, 1207 Route 179, Lambertville, 08530. Chair: Jerry Peck, 609-613-7373. 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM.
- 26 Fall Mystery Tour, Chair: Bill Pritchett, 908-581-0411. Assemble 9:00 – 9:30 AM.

Heartfelt thanks to our Spring Meet donors.

Yet again, our prayers and worn prayer rugs failed us to a degree. The majority of our Spring Meet brought only a few sprinkles and that hindered our having a larger turnout. Nevertheless, we had only a few sprinkles and everyone enjoyed the cars and camaraderie. All went well, until we neared the end of the trophy presentations, Then, we were deluged by rain. In typical form, our leaders and volunteers persisted in the cleanup. Everyone left, leaving Nielson Ford as pristine as we had first arrived. Despite the Spring Meet's abrupt ending, our expenses did not go away. It's through your contributions that we'll be able to offset many of our costs.

You will be happy to know that the number of our sponsors has nearly doubled from the previous two years. Also, the proceeds from your donations have nearly doubled as well. These successes are a testament to the support, involvement, and commitment of our caring members. We hope that even more of you will be donors to next year's Spring Meet.

On behalf of your Executive Committee, Spring Meet staff, organizers, and volunteers, we thank you very much!

Jerry Peck, #1462



OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

June

- 1 Waldwick Community Alliance Car Show 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM 201-447-4635 E-Mail: waldwickcommunityalliance25@gmail.com <https://www.waldwickcommunityalliance.com> 7 Hewson Avenue Waldwick, NJ
- 1 Garwood Rocks! Car Show & Street Fair hosted by NJ Cruise News with "Hot Rod" Mike. 10 AM - 4 PM in Downtown Garwood. Registration \$20 on the day of the show. Info: (908) 337-8050
- 7 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Car Show. 9:00AM - 3:00 PM Tommy: 732-804-3052. E-Mail: xgman94@optonline.net / <https://www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org> 434 Aldrich Road, Howell, NJ
- 7 All Mopar Show 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM 862-219-2911 E-Mail: califoncarshow@gmail.com / <https://califoncarshow.org> 130 Bank Street, Califon, NJ
Rain date: 6/ 8, \$15.00 pre-registration \$20.00 show day.
- 7 Hot Rides & Hot Air Balloons Car & Truck Show 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM 908-283-0721 E-Mail: giulia51@verizon.net <https://www.balloonfestnj.com> 475 Route 57, Washington, NJ. The show is the Saturday of the Warren County Hot Air Balloons, Arts & Crafts Festival and all riders in the show car get free admission.
- 8 All AM erican Corvette Club 25th Annual Car Show 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM 201-270-8321 Rain Date: 6/22 E-Mail: mrig396@aol.com <https://allamericancorvetteclub.com> Panera Bread, 165 Rte. 4 West, Paramus, NJ. registration \$25, spectators are free. Mario 201-270-8321 or Mike 201-960-8211.
- 14 Neshanic Station Car Show. 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM 908-369-3838 E-Mail: carshow@neshanic.org / <https://www.neshanic.org/carshow> 111 Elm Street, Branchburg, NJ Registration is FREE, but please bring a cash or food donation for the regional food pantry.
- 14 Juneteenth Freedom Festival & Car, Truck, Bike & Jeep Show No Rain Date. Car & Light Show: 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM (908) 482-8132 E-Mail: GwizAuto.NJ@gmail.com <https://allevents.by/GWIZENTGROUP> Minnie B. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave, Edison, NJ Free Vehicle Registration
- 15 Father's Day Rod Run 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM 973-214-9469 -E-Mail: allclearth@aol.com <https://www.njsra.com> 72 Eyland Avenue,

Succasunna, NJ. This event benefits a local child battling Leukemia.

- 21 Borough of Roselle Car, Truck, Bike & Jeep Show w/ Gwiz & DJ Drewski (Hot 97 FM) 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. 908-482-8132 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, NJ E-Mail: GwizAuto.NJ@gmail.com <https://allevents.by/GWIZENTGROUP> FREE EVENT: Vehicle Reg. / FREE: General Admission
- 21 The New North Jersey Thunderbird Car Show 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Steve Schmidt: 201-314-1249 E-Mail: drmanor@optonline.net 649 Franklin Ave, Franklin Lakes, NJ Thunderbird only show. All years.
- 21 Flemington Car Shows 5:30 - 8:30 PM Contact Ron Van Horn. 908-806-6041 E-Mail: vanhornron@gmail.com <https://www.flemingtoncarshows.com> 26 Stangl Road Flemington, NJ
- 22 Gallaway & Crane Funeral Home Car Show 10:00 am - 3:00 PM 201-486-8765 101 S. Finley Ave, Basking Ridge, NJ E-Mail: gcfuneralhome@gmail.com <https://www.gcfuneralhomecarshow.com>
- 22 JFK Lady Knights Softball Team/classic Riderz Car Show 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM 973-896-2799 E-Mail: joewilliams307@gmail.com 61-127 Preakness Ave. Paterson, NJ Vehicles fee: \$20. Motorcycle \$10. Radio control Vehicles \$10
- 22 Tri-County Cruisers 32nd Annual Car Show 9:00 am - 4:00 PM 973-882-0288 E-Mail cwegman@wegmanassociates.com <https://tricitycruiseersnj.com> Wayne Township Municipal Parking Lot, 475 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ. Proceeds to benefit the Wayne Volunteer Fire Company #4. Pre-registration \$15; Day of Show \$20. 973-882-0288
- 29 Bergenfield Barrier Free 3rd Annual Car Show. Rain date: 7/20 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 515-916-0600 E-Mail: bbfcarshow1@gmail.com 80 South Prospect Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ
- 29 Care One Livingston Car Show 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM 973-758-9000 E-Mail: jstorms@care-one.com 76 Passaic Ave, Livingston, NJ Cars are a \$5 registration! Our residents absolutely love seeing the cars and meeting the owners!
- 29 I Heart Horror & Hot Rods Ice Cream Monster Jamboree 10:00AM to 4:00 PM 718-344-6880 E-Mail: ihh2023@yahoo.com <https://ihearhorror.net> 575 Jernee Mill Rd, Sayerville, NJ Proceeds are being donated to the stars and stripes veterans center.

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NJ REGION AACA Minutes May 1st, 2025, #789



The 789th NJ Region AACA meeting was held in-person at Morris Plains VFW and was called to order at approximately 7:30 PM by President Paul Wolfmeyer, who led members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests & New Members in Attendance: New member David Koury was in attendance via Zoom- welcome, David!

Zoom Attendees: David Koury, Bob Kelly, Bob Hudak, Dave Cavagnaro, & Roger Bagley

Concerns/Sunshine, Sue Schmidt: Members Michael Easse and Richard Mowbray passed away on April 5th & 14th, respectively. Pat Hogan was in a car accident last week- she has a broken back & neck and may be released shortly back home to NY. Joan Jephson fell and broke her hip- she had a hip replacement. John Quattrocchi is in a rehab center in Clark with health issues. Art Brigg's son-in-law is doing better from his accident.

Meeting Minutes: Correction to March minutes concerning E15; it was written incorrectly. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the April meeting. All were in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

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

President's Report, Paul Wolfmeyer: Paul reminded members about the car display with the Vintage Chevy Club for Bob Jephson, on May 14th. Information contained in The RoadMap.

Activities, Craig Kunz: Craig reviewed the calendar for upcoming activities and events-, 5/4 Spring Meet- 830 AM registration & 11 AM judging start, 5/13 Autumn Lake Health Berkeley Heights, 5/14 Oaks Assisted Living Denville, 5/24 Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade- 9 AM staging (rain date Sunday 5/25), 5/26 Madison Memorial Day Parade- 8 AM Other non-region activities were mentioned- see details in The Road Map.

Spring Meet, Pete Cullen: Sunday, May 4th, rain or shine, at Neilson Ford Dealership on Ridgedale Avenue. Use Morris Township for GPS. Possible showers are forecasted; Pete is keeping watch of the weather. Judging

& Administration Seminars went well. Inexperienced judges will be paired with experienced judges. 10:30 AM judges gathering, 11 AM judging start. The Admin Team will tabulate the judging sheets and check for completeness- should start around 12:15 PM, approximately. The lot is small, so classes are compressed. The Dealer will have a merchandise table. Registrations will still be accepted this evening- remember that members can register a 2nd car free when they register one ("free" car ineligible for judging). Awards for 50-Year-Old & 100+ year-old cars available. There are 18 classes with 3 trophies per class. There is a neighboring lot for overflow; spectator lot across the street (suggested donation \$3). There will be 2 food trucks and an ice cream truck- possibly a zeppole truck. Member Gup will provide DJ service; our Membership Booth will be set up. The Courtesy Check Team (Brian Pritchett & Larry Solomayer) will have fire extinguishers available for \$20- fire extinguishers are required to be in all show vehicles. Registration is open from 8:30 - 11:00 AM.

Volunteers are needed (timeframes are approximate): Setup (7AM-8AM), Spectator entrance (9:30AM-1:30PM), Parking (8-11AM), Courtesy Check (8 -11AM) Registration (8-11AM; tabulation 12-1PM), Judging (10:30 AM-12:15 PM), Cleanup/Teardown (2PM). Sign-up sheet available tonight.

Summer Tour, Bill Pritchett & Pete Cullen: July 17-21 Bedford, PA & Maryland. Hotel is the Hampton Inn- cutoff is in June (info can be found in The RoadMap). If interested in attending, please see Pete or Bill.

Membership, Bill Pritchett: 3 new members

Welcoming, Rich Reina: 5 new members since last meeting- he has their badges & will mail badges after the Spring Show (if not in attendance tonight).

RoadMap Editor, Dick Bettle: Looking for cars and articles!

Webmaster, Dan Ungar: There are a few outstanding items, but they are being worked on.

Social Media, Abe Platt: Our social media gets lots of traffic. He needs photos from the judging seminars. Rich Reina will send links to his blog to Abe for posting.

Participation Points, Vince DeLisi: Craig filled in for Vince - points are all caught up; make sure to notify Vince via email if you attend a national event so you can get points.

Programs, Vince DeLisi: No program tonight due to Spring Meet final preparation. Upcoming programs include Bob Vella on Competitive Shooting (June). Jan Eyerman on Hillmans (July). There will not be a program August due to the Summer Picnic.

Government Liaison/Safety, Vince DeLisi: The EPA approved E-15. There is an article on how tariffs will affect the hobby. The deal between the U.S. & China is over, so prices will rise and getting parts and things will be difficult.

Refreshments, John Pieczynski: Greg Roser, Brenda Zimmerman, Ann Platt, Sarah Pritchett, Brian Pritchett, Richard Reina, Rob Grub, Dick Bettle, Carole Durna, Veronica & Walter Lacz, Jan Eyerman. Thank you!

Clothing/Accessories, Bobbi Bettle: Those who purchased polo or denim shirts can pick them up tonight.

Badge Fines, John Quattrocchi: Pete collected fines in John's absence. Thanks, Pete!

New Business: Alex Soutanis's KDF Wagen has been featured on the cover of *Crankshaft* magazine & Jay Leno called him a few times about it. The car will be entered into the Concours Audrain - congratulations, Alex!

The first lunch cruise will be on May 21st to Water's Edge Restaurant. Contact Abe if interested in joining.

Items for Sale/Wanted: Pete Cullen knows of a Cutlass Supreme for sale, but no price listed yet.

Jack Diana has a few vehicles (all Fords): 1929 Model A Roaster Pickup, 1930 Model A Coupe, 1938 Fordor Sedan, 1941 Super Deluxe Tudor (22k original miles), 1965 Ford Fairlane. For pictures & prices, please email or call him: (908) 271-5273, jacksondiana911@gmail.com

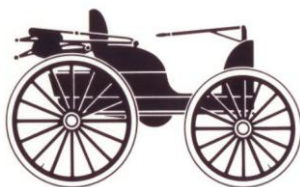
50/50, Greg Roser: 1st Place- Rick Wagstaff; 2nd Larry Ashley. Congratulations to the winners!

There were no reports from the following: Correspondence (Sarah Pritchett), Properties (chairperson needed), Archivist (Matt Verzi), & Old Business.

Adjournment: 8:19 PM. **Next meeting:** June 5th at Morris Plains VFW, 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Pritchett #1504, Secretary



June CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

5 Malcolm Rogers	16 Judy Fischer
6 Nellie Eyerman	22 Norman Wooley Jr.
6 Dan Pritchett	25 Sue Schmidt
8 Joanna Hedderick	26 Grace Stern
15 June Roser	27 Robert Smith Sr.

Anniversaries

1 Bob & Pat Kapral	51 Years
13 Gregory & June Roser	44 Years
19 Dick & Bobbi Bettle	60 Years
24 John & Barbara Keflaonitis	52 Years

Vince's Program Schedule

Please to confirm that we now have presentations scheduled as follows:

June: Bob Vella – Amateur Marksmanship – Pistol target shooting.

July: Jan Eyerman – Brotherhood of Three Spires (Hillman Automobiles)

August: No program – club picnic.

Sarah Pritchett has agreed to be the backup program, “she will regale us with stories of prison life.”

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

If you are planning on going on the summer tour, Please call Bill or Pete so they can get a count of tourists.

Bill 908-581-0411
Pete, 973-650-2957

The 2025 Spring Meet

The following members were at the Spring Meet. Some to just show their cars, some to show their cars and help out and those who just came to help: Larry Ashley, Emilie



Bacchetta, Fred Bacchetta, Bobbi Bettle, Dick Bettle, Andrew Casella, Pete Cullen, Bern Davis, Mike DeLiberto, Vince DeLisi, Patrick Dolan, Jan Eyerman, Brooke Fehley, Jim Giamarese, Bob Grub, Steve John, Bob Kapral, Pat



Kapral, Bob Kelly, David Koury, Yvonne Kunz, Craig Kunz, Walter Lacz, Art Lee, Jerry Peck, John Pieczynski, Thomas Piroj, Brian Pritchett, Sarah Pritchett, Bill



Pritchett, Richard Reina, Keith Scaglione, Tim Schimmel, Bob Smith, Larry Solomayer, Cliff Stern, Bob Vella, Matt Verzi, Rick Wagstaff, Paul Wolfmeyer, and Brenda Zimmerman.



Thank you to all for your support.
Vince and Pete

Photos by Yvonne Kunz, Dan Ungar and Rich Reina



Spring Meet Class Winners

Class 1 Brass Era to 1915

No Entries

Class 2 1916 - 1933

First Place: Bob Smith 1932 Dodge Roadster
 Second Place: Dick Bettel 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe

Class 3 1934 - 1944

Second Place: Les King 1936 Chevrolet Master

Class 4 1945 - 1954

Second Place: Art Lee 1949 Packard Sedan

Class 5 1955 - 1963

First Place: Tom Whitmore 1956 Ford Victoria
 Third Place: Robert Kapral 1957 Dodge Suburban

Class 6 1964 - 1969

First Place: Keith Scaglione 1965 Cadillac Eldorado

Class 7 1970 - 1979

First Place: Gerald Pagano 1973 Triumph Stag
 Second Place: Andrew Esposito 1978 Ford Fiesta

Class 8 1980 - 1989

First Place: David Koury 1981 AMC Eagle

Class 9 1990 - 1999

Second Place: Dick Bettel 2000 Saturn Sw2
 Third Place: Larry Solomayer 2000 Lincoln Town Car

Class 10 Classics (CCCA)

Second Place: Michael Cascio 1934 LaSalle 350 Sedan

Class 11 Senior Spring Show Winners

First Place: Walter Lacz 1936 Packard 120 Touring Sedan

Class 12 Trucks, Fire Engines, Military, and Professional Vehicles to 2000

First Place: No Entries

Class 13 Two Seat Sports Cars, Motorcycles, and Racers to 2000

First Place: John Pierson 1973 Plymouth Road Runner
 Second Place: Cliff Stern 1974 Triumph TR-6

Class 14 Mustang, Cougar, and Shelby 1964 - 2000

First Place: Mike Parent 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1
 Second Place: Bern Davis 1997 Ford Mustang
 Third Place: Art Isaacs 2000 Ford Mustang Convertible

Class 15 HPOF or Unrestored to 2000 (Display Only)

Not Judged

Class 16 Modified Vehicles to 2000

First Place: John Gonzales 1961 Chevy Impala
 Second Place: Pellegrino Pascatore 1953 Chevy 3100

Class 17 Modern Classics 2001 - current

First Place: Christopher Pescatore 2017 ALFA Romeo 4C
 Second Place: Andrew Casella 2004 BMW Z4
 Third Place: James Donegan 2016 Dodge Challenger

Member Trophies

Directors Trophy (best unrestored to 1929): No Winners

Executives Trophy (best unrestored 1930 - 1945): No Winners

Membership Trophy 1 (best unrestored 1946 - 1959): No Winners

Membership Trophy 2 (best unrestored 1960 - 1975): Bob Vella 1971 Lincoln Mark 3

Membership Trophy 3 (best unrestored 1976 - 2000): David Koury 1981 AMC Eagle



Rich's Ramblings

FWD: Unique Then, Ubiquitous Now

Among the 2025 lineup of cars, I'm hard-pressed to name any which are not based on front wheel drive (FWD) platforms. It's mainly sports cars: Corvette, Mustang, and Camaro come to mind first. Among German luxury cars, many sedans are still on RWD-based platforms, although the majority are sold with AWD. Trucks don't count, because since forever, American pickups (F-150, Silverado, Ram) have been on front-engine, rear-axle chassis.

This came to mind because a popular online auction site recently featured a 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado for sale. We quickly forget how revolutionary this was: the first domestic FWD car since the Cord 810/812 of the 1930s. Me, the know-it-all teen I was, delighted in pointing out to my dad that I spotted a Toronado in a gas station getting snow tires, and the shop mounted the pair of them *on the rear*. How unwise.

The Olds division had been working on a novel FWD platform since the mid-1950s, and much has been written about the innovative "split" transmission which placed part of it under the engine block, creating a strong yet compact drivetrain that helped keep overall size under



control while allowing ample interior room. The road tests were effusive, with Motor Trend magazine anointing the Toronado with its "Car of the Year" award. The public responded in kind: first year sales topped 41,000, with base pricing starting at \$4,617. The suggested retail came close to matching its chief competitor, the Ford

Thunderbird, which offered its hardtop in three trim levels, starting at \$4,483. However, total T-Bird hardtop sales exceeded 64,000, perhaps not a surprise for a model which had been known to car buyers for over a decade. That 41,000 first-year sales figure might have been brought on by over-enthusiasm, because by 1967, Toronado sales fell by half, to under 22,000.

Speaking of 1967, that year saw the introduction of an all-new Cadillac Eldorado, sharing its FWD platform with its Olds stablemate. Still, these two models stood out

among GM's offerings, as the corporate giant stayed with RWD for the vast majority of its cars, at least until the "X-body" compacts of 1980. But the dam had broken open. The 1970s was the decade of the imports: every Subaru sold here at that time was FWD, as were all Honda models beginning with the 1973 Civic. Volkswagen was quick to follow suit as it phased out its long-running rear-engine RWD Beetles in favor of FWD Rabbits, Jettas, and Sciroccos. There was no turning back.

We can ask this about many cars of our youth: where did they all go? I almost never see a first-generation Toronado at a car show. When I do see one, its dramatic styling and engineering still take my breath away. Ten years ago, a buddy of mine found an ad for a '66 for sale in south Jersey. We took a ride to see the car, and discussed going into it 50/50. We arrived, prepared to take a test drive, only to discover that it was undrivable due to a leaking fuel line. When I look at photos of it now, I kick myself. My recollection is that the asking price was \$7,000. There was some paint and minor body damage from poor storage conditions, but otherwise, the car looked solid and was 100% original. We probably all have similar stories of "the ones that got away." This Toronado will always be near the top of that list for me.

6 Volt, 12 Volt or 8 Volt?

Jan Eyerman #1459

From the earliest automobiles with electrical systems, American cars used 6 volts to provide whatever electrical power that was needed. This seemed to work quite well for over 45 years until 1955-56. All electrical accessories, like lights, radios, blower motors, and windshield wipers (when not vacuum operated) ran on 6 volts.

Unfortunately, how the batteries were connected was NOT standardized. On some cars the "positive" (or "+") terminal of the battery was connected to the chassis/body and on others the "negative" (or "-") terminal to the battery was connected to the chassis/body. Before hooking anything electrical up to your pre-1955-56 American car, make sure you check which terminal of the battery is connected to the chassis. Using your old "Motor" manual may not tell you what you need to know, as it is possible that sometime in past someone, with electrical knowledge, reversed the "polarity" of the car.

Then, in 1955-56 all American cars were upgraded to 12 volts and all American cars became "negatively" grounded. That is, the "negative" (or "-") terminal of the battery was connected to the chassis/body. This was done mainly for two reasons. The first was because 12 volts could deliver more power to the starter. This was needed because the "new" engines introduced after 1949 (Oldsmobile and Cadillac initially) had higher compressions and needed more powerful starters. By 1955 almost every make of American cars had high compression V8 engines. So a switch to 12 volt starters made sense. Secondly, wires for 12 volt systems could be thinner than wires for 6 volt systems. Thinner copper wires cost less. "Cost less" was always a magic term for automobile manufacturers!

At Hershey this past year I looked over a 1934 LaSalle sedan (my first antique car was a 1934 LaSalle convertible coupe so these cars always interest me). The car was in the HPOF class and was indeed a very, very original car. The owner proudly showed me the 90 year

old wiring. The insulation on the wiring was disintegrating and I am amazed it didn't catch fire while being driven to the show! Back then wiring was insulated with rubber with a cloth covering. Both of these rot away with time. So if you own an old car with rubber/cloth wiring, you should replace it. Various companies sell original style wiring and I suggest you get it.

Now to 8 volts. As your 6 volt equipped car ages, connections throughout the car begin to deteriorate and the power supplied to the various electrical components decreases. This results in hard starting, dim dashboard lights and "brown" headlights. While you can go throughout the car and clean every connection, this is a very time consuming task and there are many connections you simply cannot get to. You must clean both the "hot" connection and the ground connection. The ground connections are often very difficult to find and clean as these are often simple metal to metal connections.



Some years ago someone came up with the idea of upgrading the battery to an 8 volt battery. This increases the basic voltage of the car without seriously damaging anything. With the aid of a voltmeter and a knowledgeable auto-electric person you can adjust the voltage regulator to increase the output of your generator to slightly over 8 volts to charge this battery and keep your electrical system up. I am not recommending this, I am only informing you of the existence of this. But, you can sometimes see this at car shows and often see ads for 8 volt car batteries.



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Rummage Box

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Let's Get Social!

By Steve Rossi

VP-Public Relations & Event Planning

For those who can't just get enough of the AACA experience, it might be a long haul between the bi-monthly arrival of the hardcopy Antique Automobile magazine and even the monthly frequency of our electronic Speedster newsletter. But that doesn't mean members can't communicate to their heart's content because in this day and age of cyberspace, online is yet another answer.

AACA.org includes a comprehensive Forum platform that allows members to interact and chat on a myriad of antique auto subjects. There's everything from General Discussion, Technical and What is It? areas to topics that include Museums, Legislation and expansive Buy/Sell listings. Photo's and Videos are featured as well, along with specific dialogue on the Library, Shows, Tours, Judging and Regional activity. To say that you could while away many an hour on our AACA Forums would be an understatement. CAUTION...it could become addictive!

AACA also hosts a huge assortment of dedicated Club subgroups on the Forum such as Classics and the Horseless Carriage era. Then there are a myriad of Domestic make and International marque pages that run the gamut from Auburn to Volvo. And motorcycles, too. The Forum includes 56,756 total members. But wait, there's more...

As an outgrowth of a special strategy session that was held just before the recent February Chantilly, VA Annual Convention, the AACA Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff embarked on a new Digital/Social Media offensive to not only promote awareness and build rapport within the old car community, but to likewise drive membership growth. AACA's new Digital/Social agenda began by further leveraging existing Facebook and Instagram resources with dedicated and defined cadence.

njregionaaca.com [facebook.com/NewJerseyAACA](https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyAACA)

To give you an idea of the immediate effective-ness of the effort, an unsolicited member just commented; "I have no idea who the new social media content creator is, but I want to say as a marketing person for 30 plus years I say bravo! Great messages are going out that are clean and attractive! Please pass my excitement on to whomever it is!" Obviously, we've gained some immediate traction.

Antique Automobile Club of America is our official, national Facebook page ([https:// www.facebook.com/AntiqueAutomobileClubOfAmerica](https://www.facebook.com/AntiqueAutomobileClubOfAmerica)). There's also an AACA Antique Automobile Club of America private group page that was started by a member that we monitor. In addition, you can also find us on [instagram.com/antiqueautomobileclubofamerica/](https://www.instagram.com/antiqueautomobileclubofamerica/) Meanwhile, we will now start a further Digital initiative to target AACA advertising to the antique auto-mobile universe at large in the interest of recruiting new members and promoting our events.

We will also pursue those who have independently visited our website (remarketing) and will further follow-up with past members who haven't renewed. Plus...we will go after "lookalike audiences," which means those with antique automobiles, classic cars, etc. online tendencies. With definitive calls to action TO JOIN.

We look for the Regions to help spread the word that AACA has now aggressively entered the Digital arena in a meaningful way. And invite you to enjoy such new and dynamic old car camaraderie.

So...let's get Social!



Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing

2005 U.S. Route 22 West, Bridgewater, NJ

Saturday, June 7; 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM

The activities director, Dorothy E. De Los Reyes, of Brandywine Living at Middlebrook Crossing in Bridgewater has asked the NJ Region AACA to conduct our Third Annual Antique Vehicle Display for their residents and staff. As you are all aware, our fellow members, Al and Sue Danner, are residents of this facility and this event is in Al's honor. Ann and I spent part of the afternoon on Friday, April 4th at Brandywine with Sue and Al to enjoy the entertainer, Juliann, who sang songs from the 40's, 50's and 60's. During that visit it became apparent to me that the staff already knew that we were doing our car show for them and the residents. While there I found out that Chef Miguel had returned to Brandywine to everyone's delight, including mine. Those of us that participated in the 2023 antique car display will remember the delicious variety of food he and his staff prepared for us.

The car display is scheduled for 10:30AM - 2:00 PM.

The Brandywine facility will provide our members with lunch entries and refreshments. Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 3rd if you plan to attend so that we can provide Ms. De Los Reyes with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect.

Questions? My home office number is (732) 752-6341 or email me at abeplatt@aol.com.

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

The rain date is Sunday, June 8.

Thank you for your participation.

Submitted by:

Abraham Platt, Event Chair #1524

Laurel Circle

100 Monroe Street, Bridgewater, NJ

Wednesday, June 18 12:30 - 4:00 PM

The NJ Region AACA has been invited to conduct our Second Annual Antique Automobile Display at the Laurel Circle facility in conjunction with recreational activities for their residents.

Our arrival time is scheduled for 12:30 PM and we will assemble in the front parking area at the main entrance to the facility on Monroe Street. The Laurel Circle facility will have music for the event and will provide our members with lunch and refreshments. Please RSVP by Saturday, June 14th so that we can provide them with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 or via email abeplatt@aol.com.

Thank you for your participation. The facility will provide a donation to our Region for our participation.

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

The rain date is Thursday, June 19.

DIRECTIONS: Laurel Circle is 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 #1524

BrightView Senior Living of Warren

57 Mount Bethel Road in Warren, NJ

Saturday, June 28 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

We are invited to participate in our Seventh Annual Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the residents of The BrightView Senior Living facility of Warren, NJ. Ms. Regina Browne, the Vibrant Living Director, will again be our hostess for this event. The antique car display is from 12 Noon until 3:00 PM. We will be provided with lunch while the residents, their families, and the staff look at our beautiful antique vehicles. Come join your fellow members from the NJ Region AACA, our friends in the NJ car community, and the residents and staff of this assisted living and senior living community. Please RSVP by Monday, June 23rd if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Browne with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. Please note that The BrightView of Warren will again be providing the NJ Region with a donation for our participation. Thank you for your participation.

My home office number is (732) 752-6341 or email me at abeplatt@aol.com.

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

The rain date is Sunday, June 29.

Submitted by: Abraham Platt, Event Chair #1524.

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 22 (East or West): Take the exit to Warrentown Road north. Warrentown Road turns into Mount Bethel Road at the intersection with Mountain Boulevard (traffic light).

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

From Interstate Rt. 78 (East or West): Take Exit 36 onto King George Road south. Proceed south on King George Road as it changes into Mount

Bethel Road. The BrightView facility is on the right (west side of King George Road) just prior to the intersection (approximately 0.3 miles) with Mountain Boulevard (traffic light).

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

Region Summer Tour July 17-21

Mark your calendars. Pete Cullen and Bill Pritchett are planning on holding the annual Region Tour from July 17-21. The destination for this tour is the Cumberland, MD / Bedford, PA area. We plan on stopping at a museum in Hagerstown on the way down. While in PA, some of the activities we are planning include a Frank Lloyd Wright House, the Shanksville 9/11 Memorial, a flooded mine story, textile museum, train ride, and Pete displaying his yodeling talents among other things. Actually, our plate is too full so we have to plan our tour well. The host hotel will be the Hampton Inn Bedford, 4235 Business Route 220, Bedford, PA 15522. Phone number: 814-624-0101. The block is under "The Car Club" or "Bill Pritchett".

Please let Bill or Pete know if you are planning to go and make your hotel reservations soon!

Pete Cullen and Bill Pritchett, co-chairs

Brookdale of West Orange

Antique Auto Display, Brookdale Sr. Living, 9/13 520 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ. Chair: Abe Platt, H 732-752-6341, M 732-433-5319. 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. DONATION, lunch and prizes provided. Rain date 9/20



The Bristol at Somerset

1870 Easton Avenue, Somerset, NJ
September 7 12:30 to 4:00 PM

We are invited to conduct an Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the residents of The Bristol Assisted Living at Somerset.

Thank you for your participation.

Abraham "Abe" Platt, Event Chair #1524

DIRECTIONS: The Bristol Assisted Living Community at Somerset is located at 1870 Easton Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873. This location is on the south bound side of Easton Avenue, immediately south of the I-287 interchange.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

88 NJ-173, Hampton, NJ



Mark your calendars. The NJ Region Car Show, Cocktail Party, Dinner and Play at Hunterdon Hills is coming again on **October 5**.

The new play, "Never Too Late" is a comedy about a man in his fifties who learns he's about to be a father, again. He has a 24 year old daughter. His wife, who is usually easy going is suddenly laying down the law around the house. Sounds like a fun afternoon.

Reagan at the Playhouse was so delighted with the cars that were exhibited this past time that he said he would love to have Hunterdon Hills promote it before hand. He was promised a ride in the Bettle's Ford rumble seat! If you know other car groups that would love to display their cars and have a great afternoon, we'd love to invite them too.

As is our custom for this show, wine and cheese will be served before the play in our reserved section. More information will be given in future newsletters and at the monthly meetings. Hope to see you there.

Betty Allen, Chair #1523

AUTUMN LAKE HEALTHCARE at BERKELEY HEIGHTS



Dan, Paul, Craig, Greg, and Robert enjoying the shade.

reaching the high 60's to low 70's. On that morning, Ann and I were joined by Robert Rankin and our neighbor Bob Soper to drive up to the Autumn Lake Healthcare facility in Berkely Heights, NJ. As the scheduled DJ could not make the rain date, canned music supplied by the DJ was played as background music for the event by our Hostess, Lisa Washington. Our Region members started



NJ Region AACA Members enjoying their lunches.

We were originally scheduled to conduct our fifth annual antique vehicle display on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, but it was predicted to be, and it was, a cool and rainy day. As



Robert, Bob, Ann, John and Rick in the foreground

to arrive at 12:30 PM as planned and the car display was from 1:00 until 4:00 PM. Lunch was a help yourself meal provided for the car hobbyists that included a variety of cold cut, salad, sandwiches, soft drinks, bagged snacks, and freshly baked cookies. As in past years, the



Residents enjoying the antique vehicle display

typical when planning these events, we scheduled a Rain Date, so we used our Rain Date on Tuesday, May 20th, which turned out to be an almost picture perfect and sunny day with scattered clouds and temperatures just



The antique vehicle owners.



sandwiches were really delicious as many of us had more than one.



Ann and Abe enjoying the day.

Eleven members of the NJ Region AACA and one guest displayed eleven beautiful antique vehicles spanning every decade from the 1920's through the 2000's, except for the 1990's, for the residents and staff to enjoy. As in the past four years, we completely filled the parking area allotted for the display. The vehicles displayed by the members of the New Jersey Region and our friend and neighbor included: 1925 Ford Model T pick-up truck (George Ernst), 1929 Ford Model A Briggs Leatherback Fordor (Rick Weingart), 1933 Pontiac Series 601 sedan (Daniel Ungar), 1948 Pontiac Streamliner Silver Streak sedan (John Cirrito), 1956 Chrysler Windsor 225 coupe (Paul Wolfmeyer), 1963 Cadillac Series 62 coupe (Robert "Bob" Rankin), 1966 Oldsmobile F85 sedan (Craig Kunz), 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo (Greg Roser), 1978 Ford Mustang II Cobra (Bob Soper), 1988 Mercury Cougar LS Special Edition (Ann and Abraham Platt), and 2001 Mercedes Benz CLK 320 convertible (Robert Vella). Several of these antiques are one-owner vehicles, several have been in their present owners' families for several generations, and some have very interesting stories/histories on how they came to be owned by their present owner.



Paul's 1956 Chrysler Windsor 225 coupe

Even though this is a small facility with a modest venue for our antique vehicles to be displayed in, the responses from the residents and the staff are heartwarming. As I wandered around seeing the smiles and listening to comments being made by the residents, I was again reminded how cars and trucks from the past bring back memories of people's experiences in their younger days. The residents and the staff also commented on the beautiful condition that our vehicles were in. The joy on residents' faces and the stories told is why I chair these types of events each year.

Ms. Washington was very active as usual, as was her staff, with residents throughout the afternoon and as they collected votes from the residents and other staff members for their favorite car or cars. The residents' and staff's favorite car this year was the 1925 Ford Model T pick-up truck displayed by George Ernst. George was presented with a gift basket with all sorts of goodies and a couple of bottles of wine inside. Lisa told me that the



A happy group of antique vehicle owners.

voting for second, third, and fourth was very close with Rick's Model A, Bob's Cobra, and Dan's Pontiac respectively garnering votes for those positions.

To see additional pictures of this event:
<https://njregionaaca.com/photo-galleries/>
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=NewJerseyRegionAACA&set=a.1107399958092404>

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

Model A Ford Tour

Thanks to Steve Meyer, activity director of the Greater Baltimore Model A Club and John Leyton of the Running Board A's and the GBMAC, who lives on the property at Oak Hill, we were invited to this Oak Hill Plantation in Aldie, VA. We left home on Thursday, and stayed with our daughter in Stephens City, VA, about 40 minutes from Aldie.



The Dodona Manor

Friday morning we met Steve and about 6 other Model A's to start the tour at George Marshall's Dodona Manor in Leesburg. We parked in front of the house. The docent was wonderful, as was the house and gardens. What an interesting collection of memorabilia from General Marshall's long service in the US army, including an original black and white landscape painted by Soong



Our A's in the parking lot

Mei-ling, wife of the president of the Republic of China, Chiang Kai-shek. Madame Chiang and the Marshalls became close friends when Marshall was President Harry Truman's special envoy to China. Over 90% of the furnishings and memorabilia in the house were owned



The Oatland Plantation

and used by the Marshalls. After the tour, with permission, we left our cars at the Dodona, we all walked across the street and ate at Puccio's Italian Deli, If you are ever in Leesburg well worth the stop. Almost as inexpensive as Fast Food, but so much better. But nothing beats the pie at Mom's Apple Pie Bakery on the



The Study

way back to our cars. Onward to Oatland Plantation with an interesting tour of the Greek Revival mansion, built around 1804 out of brick. Originally the property was gifted to George Carter by his grandfather, In 1861,



The Dining Room

George Carter's widow Elizabeth, fearing that the war was imminent nearby, fled to another of her properties. The Carters' eldest son, George Carter II, reopened the mansion with 1863. In 1897, The mansion was sold to Stilson Hutchins, founder of The Washington Post newspaper, who never lived on the property. He later sold Oatlands in 1903 to William & Edith Eustis. Mrs. Eustis restored the neglected gardens and added



An early electric waffle iron

statuary, a rose garden, a bowling green, and a reflecting pool. The garden is beautiful, and well worth the visit. The house was also upgraded with modern amenities including indoor plumbing, heating and gas lighting, along with pine floors placed over the original Carter flooring, an elevator, and a custom first floor bathroom for childhood friend, Franklin D. Roosevelt. After Mrs. Eustis' death in 1964, her daughters, Margaret and Anne, donated the mansion, furnishings, and estate grounds to Margaret's husband, David E. Finley, founder of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1971. Most of the furnishings and paintings are original to the house, donated back by the family and neighbors. Our final stop



The Sikorsky S42 Flying Boat

train decided to park itself across the road on route 17. Waze just kept trying to put us back on that road, and we finally called Helen to get us out of there. (We joined that tour about 1/2 way through). After lunch with Steve and his wife Sue at the ShakeShack inside the museum, we decided to stay at the museum and skip the Manassas battlefield. We took another guided tour, this one with a



The car banner from our Glidden Tour

of the day was to a private car collection. One of the most interesting I found there was a Glidden Banner from our Glidden Tour.



The Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum

On day 2, we went to the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum. Kathy and Tim Litzenberger joined the group on Saturday at the hotel. The GBMAC group also expanded by a few more cars as more of their members joined on Saturday. They had an early morning guided tour and then wandered. We were a little late because a



The Enola Gay Bomber



Distant view of the Oak Hill Mansion

different guide. Although some of the information was the same, each guide had a different field of interest, which definitely added to the experience.

On Sunday, we met Steve and the rest of GBMAC in Middleburg for a back-roads riding tour of the country side. Although we had been driving 40 minutes on the back-roads of Virginia each day, it was a very interesting



The Musicians

ride. Stone walls for miles, some with fences build over them. And some odd "roofs" built into the ground interspersed within the fences.



John's house

This tour ended at the gate to Oak Hill Plantation. The main mansion of the property was constructed in 1822 for James Monroe and it was one of his residences during 22 years. Our host, John Leydon, lives on the property in



Our Host: John Leydon



*The Running Board A's group
John Leydon, Tim & Kathy Litzenberger,
Helen Rogers, Bobbi & Dick Bettie*

“the Farm House”. As the Manor House was not open for tours, we had a tour of John’s house instead. The event included a Blue Grass Band, a groaning table for a picnic (including Brisket, BBQ Chicken, and home-made goodies from the Oak Hill neighbors) a walk through the beautiful gardens, and over 50 Model A’s, a ‘56 Ford and a ‘52 Ford Convertible. A minor breakdown on my Ford was fixed with the help of Steve & John among others.



It's the old term "Get out and Get Under!"

What a great trip, Thanks to GBMAC and John Leydon.

Submitted by Bobbi Bettie



All the Olde Fords!

W e l c o m e New Members

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1928 Dodge senior; 1936 Chrysler Airflow;
1953 Chrysler Windsor deluxe 4dr; 1947 Lea-
Francis 14 sport; 1990 Jaguar xj6 Vandenplas
Majestic; 1990 BMW 325i convertible; 1989
Mercedes 560sl; 1993 Mercedes estate
wagon; 1995 Toyota; Camry 4dr; 1986 Jaguar
XJS

1728 LADD, Richard (Johanna)

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1964 Volvo 1800S

1729 KOURY, David

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1948 Nash Ambassador Cabriolet; 1957
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1730 Ed and Mary Jane Switek

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1980 MGB

1731 Art and Ilene Isaacs

Livingston, NJ

1973 MGB Roadster, 1988 Mazda RX
Convertible, and a 2000 Ford Mustang
Convertible

To avoid falling victim to this scam, here are some precautionary measures:

Verify the Vehicle Exists and It's True Condition:

See the vehicle in person or get a pre-purchase inspection if an in-person inspection isn't possible. Many people who get scammed never verify the vehicle they are "buying" actually exists. Ask for additional photos, video, or documentation to verify the legitimacy of the listing.

Perform a Vehicle History Check:

Ask for the VIN number and Google it to see where it comes up. If they refuse to give a VIN – Beware! Performing a vehicle history check can alert you to repairs, accidents, and other signs that the car may be a lemon. You can use any of the reputable services online, like CarFax, Auto Check, and Vin Check Pro to perform a history check; but know that they only know what is reported to them. Not everything gets reported. History reports do not show you the current condition and providers do not know the current value.

Check For Liens:

It's also a good idea to check for liens on the vehicle. Verify that the owner's driver's license matches the information on the car's title, and visit the local DMV to find out about liens on the vehicle.

Research the Seller:

If the seller is representing themselves as a dealer, confirm the dealer exists and you are actually communicating with the dealer. Google the phone number in the ad. Google the address and look at the location on Google Maps. If it shows a car lot, do you see similar vehicles to the one you're pursuing? If no phone number, or no one ever answers the phone, and they communicate over email only – Beware! Legitimate dealerships want to **talk with you**.

Secure Payment:

Do not send deposits or payments if you have not verified the legitimacy of the vehicle and the seller. The most common scam we hear is people who have sent deposits to "hold" the vehicle and then the seller simply disappears with their money. We always advise clients, **DO NOT SEND DEPOSITS!** Avoid payment methods that offer little recourse for recovery, such as wire transfers, crypto, or gift cards. Using an escrow service is the safest way to ensure your funds are not released until after you receive the vehicle.

Trust Your Instincts:

If something feels off or too good to be true, trust your instincts and proceed with caution. Don't be pressured into making hasty decisions, and always err on the side of caution when dealing with unfamiliar sellers or listings.

Staying vigilant and knowing how to spot the signs of a fake car listing is crucial for a safe and successful online car buying experience! By following these tips and trusting your instincts, you can protect yourself from falling victim to fraudulent schemes.

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