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NEXT MEETING

The December (796th) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains
7:30 PM December 4th

Officers

- President: Paul Wolfmeyer
- Vice Pres: Craig Kunz
- Secretary: Sarah Pritchett
- Treasurer: Tim Schimmel
- Membership: Bill Pritchett

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- Greg Roser
- Art Briggs
- Jerry Peck
- Paul Wolfmeyer
- Craig Kunz
- Tim Schimmel
- Bill Pritchett
- Sarah Pritchett

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- 50/50. Greg Roser
- Accessories & Clothing. Bobbi Bettel
- Annual Banquet Betty Allen
- Archivist. Matt Verzi
- Awards Jerry Peck
- By Laws Art Briggs
- Celebrations Brenda Zimmerman
- Chief Judge. Anthony Cecala
- Equipment. OPEN
- Government Liaison Vince DeLisi
- Parliamentarian Greg Roser
- Participation Points Vince DeLisi
- Refreshments. John Pieczynski
- Region Picnic Peter Cullen Jr.
- Road Map Editor Dick Bettel
- Sergeant At Arms John Quattrocchi
- Social Media. Abe Platt
- Spring Fling Bill Pritchett
- Spring Meet. Peter Cullen Jr.
- Sunshine. Sue Schmidt
- Tour Fall Foliage Peter Cullen Jr.
- Tour Fall Mystery Bill Pritchett
- Webmaster Dan Ungar
- Welcoming Rich Reina

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A Message from the President



As my time as your President comes to a close, I've been reflecting on the past three years and what you've accomplished—It is the work and participations of the members that keeps the club moving and evolving. (And I add, gratefully, makes the President's job easier and even fun.)

You updated the Constitution and By Laws—an administrative task but a necessary one—to bring the club up to date in the way we operate and better reflect gender issues, etc.

You've moved into the ZOOM age seeking two benefits. One—to make the meetings more accessible to those who find it difficult to attend at night. This is still a “work in progress” –member participation has not been as high as expected. The second benefit has been much greater—we now do our Board meetings on ZOOM, eliminating the necessity of travel and permitting a “board-plus” style where we can have key non-officer leaders participate and provide input for a more collaborative leadership style. We have had more board meetings--hopefully reducing the monthly regular meeting length. (I thank the board and the board-plus participants for actively engaging in this style.)

And this has permitted adding short programs to the monthly meetings. Thanks to Vince for creating a good format and for coordinating the programs—I've found them interesting and fun. (And I've received good feedback from you, the members.)

Well, these are just three things that have evolved in the last three years—while most of the strong traditional club activities, our Road Map, website, and social media presence have continued. I thank you for your participation and engagement in this great NJ Region.

Next year brings an exciting 75th Anniversary Year for the club. The 75th Committee and the “board-plus” have been working on plans. We plan to have a fine momento available to you at the banquet to start off the celebration year.

So I thank you for making the President's task easier, you're a great group of car-lovers and friends.

Paul Wolfmeyer
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



2025 has been a busy year. I started out in late January with the “Judging Seminar” at my house. Although Craig seemed to be reluctant to point out all the imperfections on my 3 antiques before lunch, he graciously managed to instruct his students.

Although I did miss the AACA Annual Convention this year, our Road Map won the Eady Award.

The second “Judging Seminar” was held at Rich Reina's, where I brought the Lotus to again to used as a subject for the trainees. Of course, MargaretAnn Reina put out a great spread.

Although the Spring Car Show got rained on, we had a good time, and the number of judges that showed up (and got wet) was great.

Up Your “A” is a chance for a bunch of us with Model “A” to put it up on a lift and check out all the stuff you should each year.

Then came all the tours. We went to VA for a 3 day Oak Hill Farm Model ‘A’ Reunion with the Greater Baltimore club; the AACA Vintage Tour in Strasburg, PA; a Buzzy tour in Plainfield, IN; the NJAACA Summer Tour, Bedford, PA; Das Awkscht Fescht; The Glidden in Owensboro, KY; and the VMCCA Fall Tour in Woodstock, VA. The Glidden was a real testament to the reliability of the Model A. We drove it 900 miles each way, and about 600 miles on the tour. Racking up 1½ the mileage award all in one tour.

We also attended 5 parades in the “A”, the NJAACA Summer Picnic, a couple of Abe's Assisted Living car shows and a couple of the Luncheons, and the Mystery Tour.

Now it's time to clean up the cars, grease & oil, check out the steering on the “A” and possibly fix the crack on the hood of the Lotus.

Happy Holidays, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Safe Travels, Dick

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upcoming EVENTS



NATIONAL AACA EVENTS www.AACA.ORG

2026

February

- 5-7 **AACA Annual Convention and National Awards**, Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles
14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA
717-534-1910 Steve Rossi,
sldmrossi@aol.com

March

- 19-21 **Puerto Rico Special Winter Nationals**,
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico hosted by Puerto
Rico Region. Jose Davila,
guillodavila57@gmail.com

- 26-28 **Winter Nationals**, – Cartersville, GA – hosted
by Lake Allatoona Region. Kraig Bolus,
kbolus3@gmail.com

April

- 9-11 **Southeastern Spring Nationals**, – Charlotte,
NC – hosted by Hornets Nest Region. Phillip
Cole, pcole@wnccumc.net

- 23-25 **Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring
Nationals**, – Las Vegas, NV – hosted by Las
Vegas Region. Michael Fecchino,
chevyfordply@gmail.com

May

- 28-30 **Eastern Spring Nationals** – Indiana, PA –
hosted by Shannock Valley Region. Paul
Colligan, thefarmrv@windstream.net

June

- 11-13 **Southeastern Fall Nationals**, – Oak Ridge, TN
hosted by Volunteer Region. Roger Frazee,
rkfrazee@gmail.com

- 15-19 **Sentimental Tour** – Mechanicsburg, PA –
hosted by Pontiac-Oakland Worldwide Region.
Don Barlup, pullman1914@aol.com

July

- 23-25 **Central Spring Nationals** – Green Bay, WI.
Russ Walker, russellswalker@aol.com

August

- 19-22 **Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards** –
Allentown, PA, Steve Moskowitz,
aaca1@aaca.org 717-534-1910

September

- 9-14 **Founders Tour (1932-2001)** – Williamsburg, VA
– hosted by Historic VA Peninsula Region.
Scott Dayton, smdayton40@gmail.com
- 20-26 **Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943)** – Dover,
DE. Dave Anspach, acadave1054@yahoo.com

October

- 6-9 **Eastern Fall Nationals** – Hershey, PA – hosted
by Hershey Region: Bonnie Kulikowski,
bonnieshepp1925@gmail.com

NJRAACA EVENTS

December

- 4 **NJ Region 796th Meeting**. Holiday Dinner VFW
Morris Plains, NJ. 7:30 - 9:30 PM

2026

January

- 4 **Annual Awards Banquet** (See registration form on
page 21)

February

- Jan 29 **NJ Region 798th Meeting**, Watnong VFW 45
Tabor Rd, Morris Plains, NJ, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

March

- 5 **NJ Region 799th Meeting**, Watnong VFW, 45 Tabor
Rd, Morris Plains, NJ 7:30 - 9:30 PM.

April

- 2 **NJ Region 800th Meeting**, Watnong VFW, 45 Tabor
Rd, Morris Plains, NJ, 7:30 - 9:30 PM.

May

- 7 **NJ Region 801st Meeting**, Watnong VFW, 45 Tabor
Rd, Morris Plains, NJ, 7:30 - 9:30 PM.

June

- 4 **NJ Region 802nd Meeting**, Watnong VFW 1, 45
Tabor Rd, Morris Plains, NJ, 7:30 - 9:30 PM.

July

- 2 **NJ Region 803rd Meeting**, Watnong VFW, 45 Tabor
Rd, Morris Plains, NJ, 7:30 - 9:30

August

- 16 **NJ Region 804th Meeting and Annual Picnic**, VFW
Post # 2540, 20 Fawn Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA
18301. 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Membership Renewal! It's Time for Your 2026 Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again for us to renew our memberships with both AACA and the New Jersey Region. The New Jersey Region annual dues are now \$25.00. There are a couple different ways to renew this year. Both AACA and the New Jersey Region have the option to renew online, as well as paying by mail.

1. Go to our club website: <https://njregionaaca.com/join> and pay their dues by selecting the appropriate type of membership from the drop-down menu, then clicking the "PayNow" button. (You do NOT need a PayPal account to use this option).
2. Alternatively, download and complete the form from the website <https://njregionaaca.com/join..> **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.** Mail the form with your check for \$25 for Standard Membership, \$12 if 13-25 years of age and a full-time student, payable to NJAACA, to:
New Jersey Region AACA
PO BOX 890
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

3. Give your check to Bill Pritchett at the meeting
4. To be a member of the AACA New Jersey Region you must be a member of AACA National. The application is available at www.aaca.org. **DO NOT SEND** the National dues to the NJ Region. Please note that if you received a complimentary AACA Membership form on or after Sept 1, 2024, then you will need to renew both AACA and NJ Region memberships for 2026.

If you have received a Complimentary AACA Membership form and paid your NJ Region dues on or after Sept 1, 2025, then you are considered paid up for the 2026 membership year. You do not need to submit any forms.

IF YOU ARE NOT RENEWING kindly let Bill Pritchett know. For those of you who have already renewed, thank you.

Regardless of the option that you use, dues must be **received** (not postmarked) before December 1, 2025.

Notice!
Bill will be collecting \$25 dues for 2026 at the next meeting!

Antique Automobile Club of America Eastern Nationals Fall Meet - Hershey, Pennsylvania October 10, 2025

Class DPC	Repeat Driver Participation	1995 Chevrolet Cavalier	William J. Pritchett
Class 13A	Century Club	1909 Pope-Hartford Model S	Nicholas M. Rein
Class 27B	First Preservation	1957 DeSoto Firedome	James M. Wood
Class 27N	First Junior	1981 AMC Eagle	David Koury
Class 29	Senior	1959 Cadillac Eldorado	Joseph A. Puleo
Class 31	First Junior	1957 Ford Thunderbird	Michael A. Parrillo
Class 35A	Repeat Preservation	1954 Kaiser Darrin 161	Edward Koch
Class 35B	Senior	1944 KdF-Wagen Type 82e	Alexander Soultanis
Class 36A	Repeat Preservation	1964 Pontiac GTO	Stephen J. Goscinsky

Congratulations to our region members on their awards

NJ REGION AACA Minutes November 6th, 2025, #794



The 794th NJ Region AACA meeting was held in-person at Morris Plains VFW and was called to order at approximately 7:32 PM by President Paul Wolfmeyer, who led members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests & New Members in Attendance: New member Karl Christensen- welcome!

Zoom Attendees: Helen Rogers & Trish Copley

Concerns/Sunshine, Sue Schmidt: Ralph Knechel passed away. On a happier note, the membership recognized Bob Smith's 92nd Birthday- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BOB!

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the October 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: Ballots are now due to the Secretary; Abe & Vince volunteered to be tellers & will report on the results later. A board meeting was held on October 30th- the main focus was the 75th Anniversary Committee. Next board meeting will be November 13th. The Board approved a \$10 subsidy for the banquet on January 4th; meal price is \$44. Betty Allen must have reservations & checks by December 4th. The contract with Morris Plains VFW has been signed for 2026, so our meetings will remain here.

2026 Officer Election: Ballots were counted & results are as follows-

President - Craig Kunz, Vice President - Jay DeBoey, Secretary - Sarah Pritchett, Treasurer - Tim Schimmel, Membership Secretary - Bill Pritchett. Congratulations!

Activities, Craig Kunz: Reminder that the February meeting will be held on January 29th due to the conflict with the National Meeting/Convention. Craig reviewed the calendar for upcoming activities and events- they can be found in the Road Map. Please see the event chairs if you plan to attend.

75th Anniversary Committee, Sarah Pritchett: The committee is looking for old photos, videos, etc. to be incorporated into our Region celebration. You can send these items to Vince or reach out to any one of the committee members.

Summer Tour 2026, Bill Pritchett & Pete Cullen: The Summer Tour will be held from July 16-20th in Brattleboro, Vermont. More details to come later.

Membership, Bill Pritchett: Dues are due - remit payment to the Region P.O. Box or you can pay via PayPal on our website (click the "Join" button).

Welcoming, Rich Reina: There were 8 New Member badges ordered.

Road Map Editor, Dick Bettle: Dick is looking for pictures/cars for the front cover.

Webmaster, Dan Ungar: Everything is up to date.

Social Media, Abe Platt: Abe has nothing from the Mystery Tour or the last month of events- he has asked that participants send him things to post.

Participation Points, Vince DeLisi: Points are up to date; he will give the list to Jerry by November 15th.

Programs, Vince DeLisi: The next presentation will be at the January 29th (February) meeting.

Government Liaison & Safety, Vince DeLisi: There was an article in *The Speedster* regarding E-15 is coming. Look for other states besides NJ who can't buy ethanol-free gas. National is looking for the number of people in NJ who want to buy real gas; all NJ regions of AACA should write letters advocating for this option.

Refreshments, John Pieczynski: Greg Roser, Brian Pritchett, Dick Bettle, Richard Reina, Andrew Casella, Carole Durna, Veronica Lacz, Mike Deliberto, Bob Hudak, Ann Platt, & Paul Wolfmeyer. Thank you! **As a reminder, our next meeting (12/4) is also our Holiday Party! Members with last names beginning with letters A through M should bring desserts & sides, while those with last names beginning with letters N-Z should bring main dishes.**

Archivist, Matt Verzi: In Matt's absence, Paul announced that the board is looking into digitizing the films, photos, & other print items. More information to come at a later date.

Badge Fines, John Quattrochhi: While John is still recuperating, Bob Vella collected badge fines again this month - thanks, Bob!

Old Business: Abe is running another luncheon on Saturday 11/8 to Warrenside Tavern in Stewartsville, NJ.

Celebration of Old Timer's: Paul read the names of

members who have been part of the region for 20 years or more. Members shared updates on some of these “old timer’s” who haven’t been able to come out recently. A list of members will be printed in The Road Map.

Items for Sale/Wanted: Nick Matlaga has 3 spaces for Hershey if anyone wants them; he needs to know by December. PJ has 2 spaces for rent.

50/50, Greg Roser: Congratulations to Dave Cavagnero & Larry Ashley!

There were no reports from the following: Correspondence, Clothing/Accessories, Properties (chairperson needed), or New Business.

Adjournment: 8:27 PM.

Next meeting: December 4, 7:30 PM at Morris Plains, VFW. *Note that this meeting is our Holiday Party; Members A-M bring desserts & sides while N-Z bring main dishes.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Pritchett #1504, Secretary

Vince’s Program Schedule

We now have presentations scheduled as follows.:
December: No Program – Holiday dinner.
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)

It’s 2026 Membership Renewal Time

It’s our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it’s membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2026 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of Antique Automobile.

Starting September 1st, members can also use the online renewal option on our website. Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and click on Credit Card. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Your payment will automatically update your membership record.

An email will be sent to members, before the September/October magazine is mailed, explaining the online renewal process. Their membership number and pin number will be included in the email.

**Save the Date!
NJ Region Summer Tour: July 16-20**

Peter Cullen and I are planning on having the tour out of the Brattleboro VT area. It is in the very early planning stages with more details to come in the future months.

Pete Cullen and Bill Pritchett

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman, #1238

Birthdays

Anniversaries



- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 7 Trisha Copley | 27 William DeLorenzo |
| 15 Hailey Kapral | 27 Pat Fehley |
| 21 Michael Parrillo | 29 Riley Kapral |
| 21 Barbara Young | 31 Nancy Hutchins |

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|----|-----------------------|----------|
| 10 | Frank & Lia Figorotta | 69 Years |
| 23 | Lou & Ann Holzberger | 33 Years |



Rich's Ramblings

Dec. 2025: The Year 2025 in Review

It is both instructive and entertaining to look in the rear-view mirror once in a while. With that in mind, below is a recap of my activities this year, some which were NJ-AACA events, and some which were not. A word about that: one of the best things about this hobby is the almost unlimited number of ways to participate in it. Cruise nights, museums, and auctions all beckon for our enjoyment. I take as much advantage as I can of these activities. Perhaps you will find something mentioned here to inspire your further consideration.



Readington Brewery Hops and Rods

We don't think of winter as offering a plethora of hobby activities, but in January, I was present at our AACA Judging seminar, hosted by the gracious Dick and Bobbi Bettle. A friend from my Volvo days volunteers as a docent at "Motorcyclepedia," a motorcycle museum in Newburgh, NY, and in February, he gave me a behind-the-scenes tour. What a treat! In March, my wife and I hosted another judging seminar, which like the one at the Bettle's, was well-attended.

April brought the annual NY Auto Show at the Javits Center. I've been attending since I was fifteen, because I like new cars as much as old cars! In late April, I spent two days at the Carlisle Auction. To me, auctions provide an accurate gauge of the state of the hobby, as you observe actual buying and selling prices. In May, we had our soggy spring meet, but things got better at the NJRAACA sponsored Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade. I joined about ten other Alfas at the Somerville Cruise Night, where the club had designated parking for the evening.

July was a busy month for me. In addition to a repeat visit to the Somerville Cruise night, I visited the Metuchen Cruise Night, my first time there in many years. The Readington Brewery, local to me, hosted a "Hops and

Rods" car show. Hmm, cars and beer combined, what could go wrong? My Alfa was there, parked among mostly muscle cars and hot rods. Later in July I drove to Harrisburg for the Mecum Auction, which again gave me more real-world data points.



Mecum Auctions, Harrisburg, PA

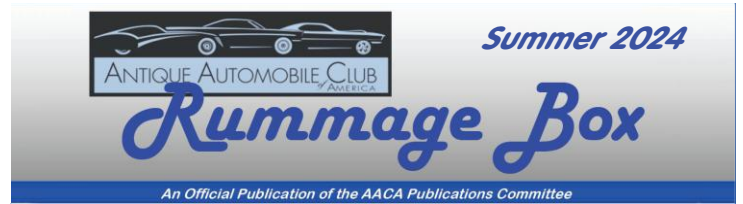
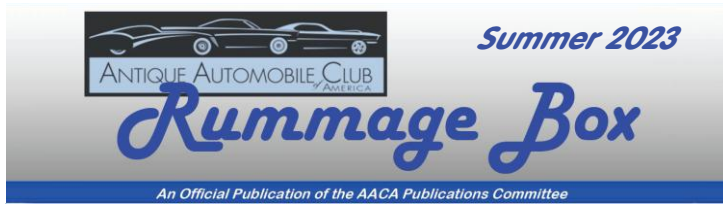
In August, I was at Macungie, where I ran into many other NJ Region members. My Alfa was proudly on display in the Sports Car category. Later that month, the Alfa was at the New Hope Auto Show, where I judged the Alfa class. A new cruise night event for me was at the Spinning Wheel Diner on Route 22 in Lebanon. To my utter surprise, my Alfa won for best import car!

September started with a trip to the Lime Rock Vintage Fall Festival, which I think is one of the best car shows on the East Coast. I joined Abe's September weekday luncheon. I had every intention of participating in others, but I always had a conflict. In late September, my wife and I flew to L.A. to visit family, where I attended an all-Italian car show. Not only were the cars from Italy, but so was the food, the wine, and the music! I also drove in a caravan with my Alfa club, ending up at the Grounds for Sculpture. If you have not been there, I highly recommend it.



Lime Rock Fall Vintage Festival

We all equate October with Hershey, and I was there, enjoying it to the max thanks to the mostly wonderful weather. Later that month, I spent twelve days in Italy, a trip that culminated in a return visit to the annual Bologna Classic Car Show. What a year! After all this travel, I'm staying put for a while. Next month, we'll look ahead at plans for 2026.



Looking Forward to a Short Weekend Getaway?

By Dave Bowman VP
Finance and Budget

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

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

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



The Macungie Truck Show

By John McCarthy
VP—Endowments

The town Macungie in Pennsylvania and surrounding states is synonymous with car shows. From June to September there are several shows each month at Macungie Memorial Park---to name a few the General Motors Show, Antique Truck Show (three days in their 44th year), *Das Awkscht Fescht* sponsored by the Ontelaunee Region AACA (three days in their 61st year), Corvette Show, Wheels of Time (three days featuring hot rods and customs), plus many cruise nights with a large number of food truck vendors.

Then in mid-June there is the Antique Truck Show sponsored by the Antique Truck Club of America headquartered in Boyertown, PA. Not only is this a large show with close to a thousand trucks, but the trucks are also really BIG. While there may be a couple of handfuls of F-150's, Dakota's, and Silverado's, the vast majority of the trucks are Kenworth's, Brock-way's, International's, Peterbilt's, Sterling's, and of course, Mack, whose factory is a few miles away. Many of these trucks are trailered by even bigger trucks for states in the South, Midwest and Canada. There is also a large selection of orphaned trucks going back to the early 1900's like Autocar, Diamond T Hahn, Detroit Diesel powered Studebakers, DIVCO, Moreland, REO and even Crosley. Crosley owners should never complain about detailing their trucks--- just think about what the Peterbilt owners have to go through.

Since I don't have a truck, what is nice about this show is that I don't have anything to do other than roam around and enjoy the trucks. There is also a large selection of vendors selling truck parts and truck models and toys. To get a good feel of this show there is an excellent video on YouTube "the trucks arriving at the Macungie Truck Show in 2023".

A Concours Experience. by Alexander Soultanis

I am no stranger to the Concours experience, but never having a car of mine entered in a Concours before was a whole new world for me. The “nervousness” started once we got accepted into the Audrain Concours d’Elegance in Newport RI, which is days before Hershey week each year.

What an honor to be invited!

No 3-Hour Tour



The KdF on the field

For starters, the Audrain has a Driving Tour along the coast of Newport the day before the Concours. A 75 Mile Tour! For our KdF, this was a lot of miles, as it hadn’t been driven that much yet, but I insisted that I just had to be a part of that. Seeing and hearing our KdF in action would help people understand what a dinosaur these KdFs truly are! Well, this would be the big test. Our Cars restorer, Ryan Prybil, will be my co-pilot on the Tour with me! He is a friend and VW expert mechanic who knows what to do to go over everything until it is right. Tour day arrives and it’s a beautiful sunrise morning with what looks like 100 plus cars at the beach parking lot for the Tour. Off we go with Jay Leno as the lead car. The 24hp motor with its original geared-down, straight-cut geared, non-synchro transmission chugged along, noisy & slow just as its early design was meant to be. We caused a traffic jam of antique cars on all the hills encountered but would wave them to pass us when we found a nice shoulder to drive on. “Heidi” took us through the almost 80-mile Tour without a hitch, and we ended our Tour on Bellevue Avenue by the Audrain Museum with a cheering and waving crowd lining both sides of the street as we all arrived. What a thrill that was!

Throw the Book at Em’

I tend to think about things too much, and thoughts of

“nobody will understand our 1944 KdF-Wagen type 82e Beetle” would play in my head as that’s how it’s been for so many years. It’s a good nervous feeling however, not a bad one. Since this was the first time a 1944 KdF-Wagen would be in a Concours in the USA, that was a real concern, but I would say that all I had to do is to make sure the car was right-on, do my best to teach the Judges what they were looking at, tell the car’s story, explain what it took to restore our car in the 22 years it took and tell why these are important historically as automobiles. That’s it, but oh yeah, but I have 5 minutes with the Judges, (if I’m lucky) to do all that in!! Yipes, there’s that nervous feeling again! So, I decided that being prepared was crucial. It’s like a job interview. I can blow it in the first minute. Any experienced Judge knows when they are being “given a line” and I want to share its story fully and accurately. But how do I achieve all that in 5 minutes? Well, I decided I needed a “pitch book”. A book full of photos and documentation, all in sequence sharing the car’s story that I can flip through very quickly so that the Judges could understand and digest it fast. As a Judge myself, when we introduce ourselves to an owner & we see him holding a book the size of a NYC Yellow Pages, we get nervous thinking the owner wants to spend 2 hours with us. I buckled down, made my pitch book and was ready for them. The car is on the field, being cleaned



Check out the collection of cars

by me and my family and eventually the Judges arrive.

Just the Facts, Jack

Sunday Morning, and another great sunrise. As Beetle-Juice would say, “Its Show Time!” I introduced myself to the Judging Team and started out by saying, “We are



confident that right here today, is the first time a 1944 passenger car is being shown at a Concours in the USA. This has been a long 22-year restoration story, and I will make this as fast as I can for you as I know you are busy today.” The flip book comes out and it’s off to the races.

The first page in the book shows our AACA First Jr Award, and The AACA National Award, and says underneath “The W. Emmert Swigart Cup, presented for the Outstanding Restoration of Rare and Unusual Vehicle at a National Meet in 2024” (I read that off). Next page in the book was a photo of Crankshaft Magazine, issue #9 with our KdF on the cover. I told them “the 14-page story is the feature story in Crankshaft #9”. With the Greatest stuff out of the way, the next page was a photo of what we started with, The Baddest. The photo of the car in Europe years ago as it was found. Stripped to the bone and just awful looking (a fast and great visual). Next page was a photo of a rare period photograph of a KdF, just like ours that was issued to a German Hospital when it was new in early 1944. Next page up was a few pertinent facts written down in large lettering, and I read them off to the Judges. “No passenger cars were built in 1943-1944 Worldwide”. “121 KdFs 82e were built in 1944”, “Only prototype known with internal semaphores in front quarter panels”, “8-10 exist in various conditions worldwide.” I flipped to the next page photo of what is called A VW Birth Certificate. It’s a document prepared by The VW Museum in Wolfsburg Germany that after researching your car, they can give you all the facts known from their archives. It is signed by the Museum director. I have been having mine autographed by pertinent individuals in the Automotive World, starting with Porsche Historian and Author Karl Ludvigsen in 2013. I quickly told the Judges that. Next page, flip, a collage of photos all on one page, showing rare KdF-Beetle Only parts with the Unique KdF-VW logos on them. Each page in the book took quite a while to make, print out, sleeve and organize them into the book, but it was very effective as I was able to flip through each page every several seconds! Best part was the Judges “were getting it”. The long restoration part was done the same way. What we did first, second, third and so on. Each had a clear, concise page telling the story “FOR me” so I could say less, stay on track so the Judging Team could understand more. “Here is what the body looked like after the

stripper removed all the paint and bodywork revealing all the damage”, (flip) “here are the names of the 10 countries involved in our car’s restoration”. They looked closely at it, then.. (flip) “Here are the 2 original doors that were tracked down, found for me years later in Krakow Poland being restored” (flip). It went just like that, boom, boom, boom. My doing this book was absolutely worth all that effort. I ended up getting our car’s story and restoration process across to the Judges far more effectively than I would have ever been able to otherwise. After that, the Judges looked the car over, thanked me very much and the busy Judges were off to their next car to judge. I spent the remainder of the Concours with the book under my arm, offering to answer questions from car admirers. They usually had something to ask. I would answer that, and a conversation would immediately start and their interest would peak; I would start yapping about our car again, and their eyes would get wider and wider open. The book usually came out to show them the photos of what I was mentioning. (People love photos!). Everyone was delighted that they took the time to check out our car and listen carefully to the story. I find it fun to share what I know. A few asked, “is this the one that debuted at Hershey last year? I read about it.” Several told me things like “a friend said I have to see & hear that story on this KdF that’s over there”. Some stayed for an hour or more when there were so many stunning cars on the show field to look at! The car owner next to me in my

Class said, “After hearing that story I WOULD vote for you!!!” Hilarious! It was like that until the awards show started & I thoroughly enjoyed making people happy by sharing a neat story about a rare automobile they had never seen before.

Throughout the day that “nervousness” was subsiding as I was just having fun and enjoying the people’s responses to our car. Just enjoying the moment. I saw the Judge Team walking back to us, their hands outstretched for Congratulations and to present Barbara & myself with a BlueRibbon! 3rd Place with an Honorable Mention! Wow, that was really amazing considering the stunning class of automobiles we were with! Remember that in a Concours it is often about beauty, style, and performance that can add weight to a Class win. We had the plainest, most utilitarian car among the 8 cars in our Post-War European Class 1945-

1st Place

1960 Aston Martin DB4, Series I GT
Touring
Peggy Preiser

2nd Place

1949 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS Superleggera
Coupe
Owner: John and Fred Fischer

3rd Place

1944 KdF-Wagen Type 82e 2 Door Saloon
Owner: Alexander Soultanis

1965. These cars included: a 1949 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS Touring Superleggera, a 1948 Triumph 2000 Saloon, a 1953 Siata 208 CS Vignale Coupe, a 1955 Aston Martin DB2/4 Coupe, a 1958 Lancia Aurelia B20 Farina Coupe, a 1960 Aston Martin DB4 GT Series I Saloon, and a 1962 Morgan Plus 4 Roadster! Our historical factors played a role towards our 3rd place win for sure since KdF-Wagens are the very beginnings of the almost 22 million Beetles built and the beginnings of Porsche cars as well. The judging team complimented my presentation on the car, which I believe assisted them in making a more informed decision.

Celebration time! OK, it's time to load up the car and tomorrow morning it's off to the Hershey Fall Meet!

Moral of the story is, if you're done with your car, and ready to start showing it, I seriously recommend you take the time to document in sequence all that you did and put it in a quick "pitch book" form. Keep the extra photos in the back for other documentation, you may need like I did. It will be totally worth it, you will love it and the Judges will appreciate your efforts too.



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Old Timer's Recognition 2025

In lieu of a program, this month at our November meeting, we honored the "Old Timers" who have belonged to the NJ Region for at least 20 years.

Member #	Name	Year Joined	Member #	Name	Year Joined
247	Wary, Mary Ann (Daisy)	1960	1211	Angerami, John & Karen	1991
349	O'Neill, Walter Jr. & Mary Ellen	1963	1238	Zimmerman, Brenda	1992
420	Smith, Robert	1964	1240	Hogan, Patricia	1993
482	Rawstrom, Charles A & Margaret	1966	1242	Ehmann, Peter J.	1993
511	Woolley Jr., Norman & Frances	1966	1243	Mccann, Gregory & Maureen	1993
536	Swan, Kenneth & Helen	1967	1261	Bernstein, Marc & Grace	1994
590	Rein, Manfred	1968	1270	Cavagnaro, David J. & Bennie	1995
634	Schaedel, William (King) & Peggy	1969	1272	Danner, Sue	1995
667	Judkins, Kirk	1971	1274	Griffith, Jr., John & Maryann	1995
673	Pultz, Clifford	1971	1279	De Freitas, Jose A. & Mary	1995
674	Mcgrath, Patricia	1971	1280	Solomayer, Larry	1995
701	Graham, Margaret	1972	1282	Hedderick, Robert & Joanna	1995
722/1580	Calvert, Bob	1973	1292	Symonds, Edward & Debbie	1997
755	Russell, Richard	1974	1294	Reynolds, Robert & Mary	1997
760	Bates, Charles & Penny	1974	1295	Bush, Daniel	1997
781	Schroeder, John	1974	1298	Kefalonitis, John & Barbara Anna	1997
795	Petrich, Bob & Barbara	1974	1299	Grub, Robert Jr.	1998
866	Sorrell, Tex & Linda	1974	1315	Ackerman, Art & Mary Ann	1999
878	Figorotta, Frank & Lia	1976	1321	Scudese, Frank & Amy	2000
910	Edwards, Gloria	1977	1328	Geller, Edward	2000
942	Manganelli, Patricia	1978	1335	Durna, Carole	2000
943	Manganelli, Michael & Diane	1978	1337	Copley, Duane G. & Trisha	2000
963	Pritchett, William	1979	1338	Dolan, Kenneth J.	2000
966	Bell, Joseph D.	1979	1340	Koziol, Ray & Andrea	2001
973	Ashley, Lawrence H. Jr. & Donna	1979	1342	Fischer, Raymond & Judy	2001
981	Teller, Robert	1979	1345	Wolfmeyer, Paul & Helen	2001
984	Kline, Richard & Angela	1979	1351	Verzi, Matthew	2002
1032	Prudente, Joseph & Barbara	1982	1355	Wilmer, Annabelle	2002
1044	Konwiser, Roy & Ellen	1983	1360	Gluck, Robert & Grace	2003
1074	Holzberger, Louis & Ann	1984	1369	Newell, Greg & Joan	2003
1111	Young Jr., William & Karen	1985	1375	Pitel, Ira	2004
1133	Kantor, Arnold & Rita	1987	1378	Jephson, Robert & Joan	2004
1136	Scannelli, James & Sue Carol	1987	1380	Kapral, Robert D. & Patricia	2004
1140	Cullen, Peter J.	1987	1381	Schulz, William	2004
1178	Olexa, Ronald & Kathryn	1989	1390	Kapral, Brian & Jen	2005
1179	Achtel, Allen C. & Bobbi	1989	1392	Joseph Buono	2005

Warren Haven Nursing Home



On August 24th, 15 members and 2 guests, with 10 cars, visited Warren Haven Nursing Home in Oxford, NJ. The day started out with a little drizzle but by 11:30 AM the sun came out and we spent a beautiful summer afternoon enjoying conversation and fellowship under the maple trees. We were treated to a bag lunch of sandwiches, potato chips, fruit, a cookie and a drink. Also potato salad, pasta salad, zucchini squares and brownies were enjoyed by all.

The following members and their cars were in attendance: Brian Pritchett in a 1961 Oldsmobile 98, Paul and Helen Wolfmeyer in a 1956 Chrysler Windsor, Duane and Trish Copley in a 1948 Plymouth P15 Convertible, Greg and June Roser in a 1992 Mercedes 500SL, Jan Eyerman in a 1978 Ford Granada, King and Peggy Schaedel in a 2000 Astra Van, Craig Kunz in a 1966 Olds F85, Bill Pritchett in a 1995 Chevrolet Cavalier, Pete Cullen and Anthony Cecala in a 1987 Buick Electra Estate Wagon, and Carole Durna, Rebecca and Madeline in a 1964 Ford Galaxie. There was a mystery purple convertible sitting in the parking lot. Art Briggs and Max visited as we were packing up.

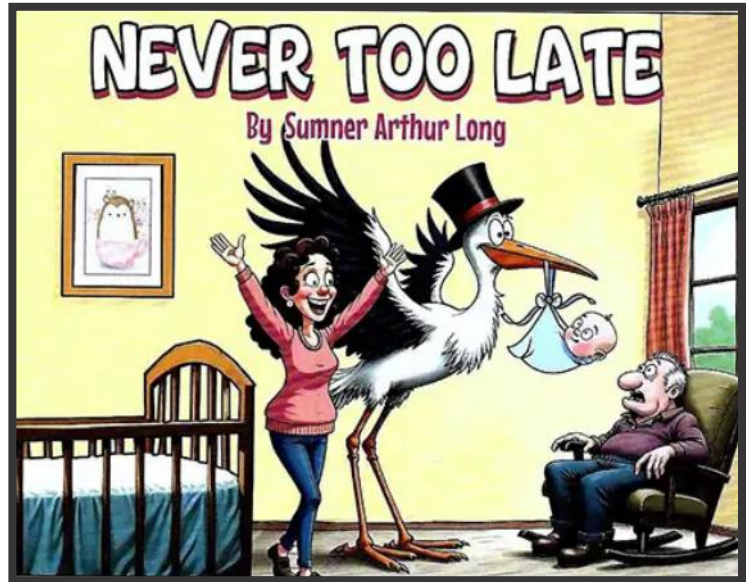
The residents came out and enjoyed looking at our cars and talking with us about them. As we were leaving, the Activities Director came out and asked us to make sure we come back again next year as the residents of Warren Haven really enjoy looking at the cars and were looking forward to us coming back next year, for the 16th year in a row.

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

Carole Durna, #1335



Hunterdon Hills Playhouse



On Sunday, October 5th, we had our Autumn Outing at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ. It was a perfect October day, warm but not hot. We set up wine and cheese for all club members to enjoy before the show, "Never Too Late". NJAACA participants displayed



their cars in the parking lot where audience members viewed and voted on their favorites. The prizes this year were goodies from the Hunterdon Hills Bakery department.

I want to make sure to thank Greg and June Roser. June helped by setting up the wine and cheese table and Greg placed the placards on the cars and handled





the 50/50.

Thanks also go to Rich, Reagan and Debbie from Hunterdon Hills. Reagan was outside in the parking lot



directing the cars to Greg. Debbie made the ballot box and voting sheets, as well as coordinating the tables for the club. Rich oversaw all the ins and outs for us.



List of Attendees: Greg & June Roser, 1990 Cadillac Broughan; Bill Pritchett, 1995 Ford Mustang; Richard & Marian Nalavany, 1947 Cadillac; Michael & Theresa Parrillo, 1957 Thunderbird; Dick & Bobbi Bettie, 1930 Model A; Gus & Carolyn Daub, 1968 Porsche; Abraham &



Ann Platt, 1989 Mercury Sable; P.J. Eherman, 1961 Chrysler 308; and Pete Cullen & Anthony Cecala, 1968 Ford Mustang.

Modern: Greg & Joan Newell, Brenda Zimmerman, Bob & Pat Kapral, Paul & Helen Wolfmeyer, Walter & Veronica Lacz, and Betty Allen

Pictures supplied by June Roser and Bobbi Bettie

Additional pictures can be found at: <https://njregionaaca.com/autumn-outing/>



I've already "reserved" the first Sunday in October 2026 for our next Autumn Outing. Hope to see you there!

Betty Allen, Chair #1523



Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA

October 7-10, 2025



I have been going to Hershey with friends for several years now. Bill Brown, our ringleader, lives in Florida. I met Bill when Bobbi and I were at Fort DeSoto and I spied a gorgeous Auburn. It belonged to Bill, and from that accidental meeting, we became friends. Several of the guys have 2nd homes or rent for the winter in the St. Petersburg area and are going down for the season. We all arrive at the hotel on Monday evening, just in time to have dinner. We plan on having 2 guys to a room, and my roommate is usually Bob Shafer from Ohio. They tell me he snores, but I sleep like a rock. Have pillow, will nap.

to do it! Wednesday is more of the same. Walking the fields, browsing the stalls, and talking with friends.

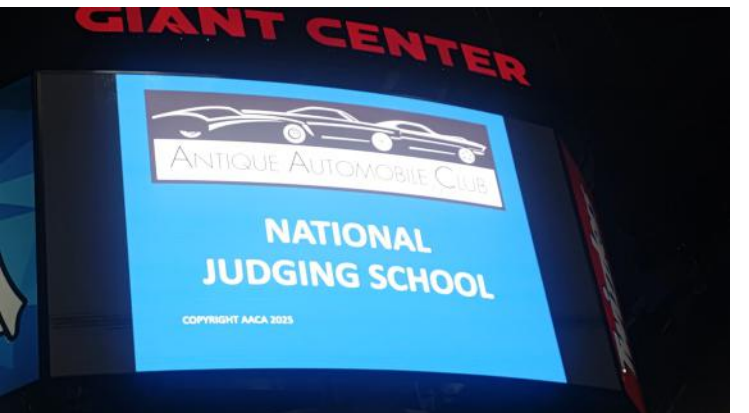


On Thursday, the Race Car Condition in the Stadium is a great time. I meet my former secretary, Dottie, and we enjoy watching the races together. Then it was off to the required Judging School, followed by the Race Car CJE, with not a lot of time for walking around a browsing.

Bill has three spaces, and we all pile into two trucks for the short trip over to the Chocolate Field. Friends from Canada use the third space. I spent the whole day Tuesday, visiting the AACA, VMCCA, Lehigh Valley, and MAFCNJ tents, the AACA Library Yard Sale, and clocking

Friday morning, the Judges' Breakfast is held at 7AM. I take my own car, because as a bonus for being a judge, you get a parking space! After breakfast, we get our assignments and start the judging. Since I was the old man of our group - the one without a cane or bad back or knee replacements, I was designated the "Chassis" guy. Thanks to my padded clipboard, I had something soft to kneel on. I had some amazing cars to judge this year, one didn't even have any dust on the bolts.

Text and photos by Dick Bettel, #1614



10 miles on my stepper. So much to see, and so little time

Mystery Tour on Sunday

October 26, 9:30



Fangs for the Tour!

On a sunny fall Sunday, members and friends of the NJ Region gathered at the Clinton Station Diner in Clinton, NJ. It was time for another mystery tour to who knows where. The clue for this year's was OMG. At the diner there were a few of those as they saw where they were going. Leaving around 10:00, everyone drove through the countryside on many interesting back roads. Normally, the Frenchtown bridge would be used to cross the Delaware, but it was being worked upon, so the crossing was at Milford. That brings up memories for



those of whom were there for displays where the highlight was the bed races. We then proceeded through a covered bridge and up everyone's favorite hill.

After a nice drive, we arrived at VAMPA, Vampire and Paranormal Museum, that is an attraction like no other. It is an extensive collection of paranormal-related artifacts and art that were curated by its owner, Edmondo Crimi, over decades as an antiques dealer.

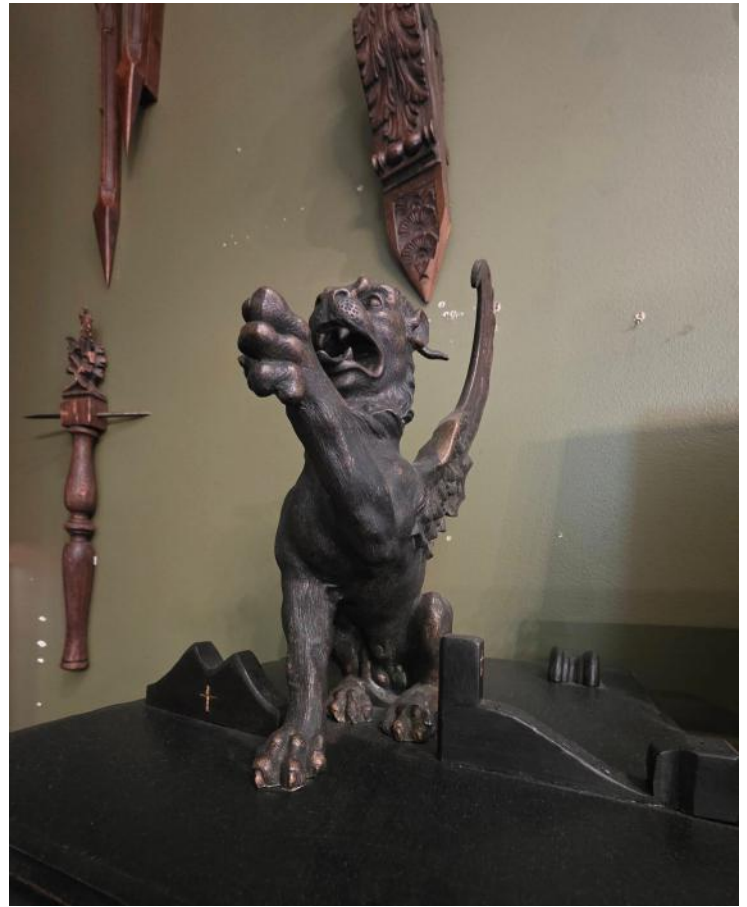
The museum is located on the same property as Crimi's more mainstream Best of France Antiques store. VAMPA



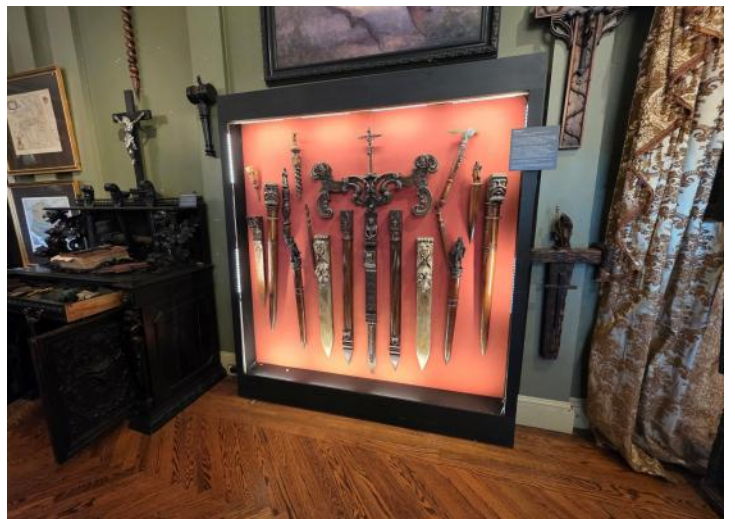


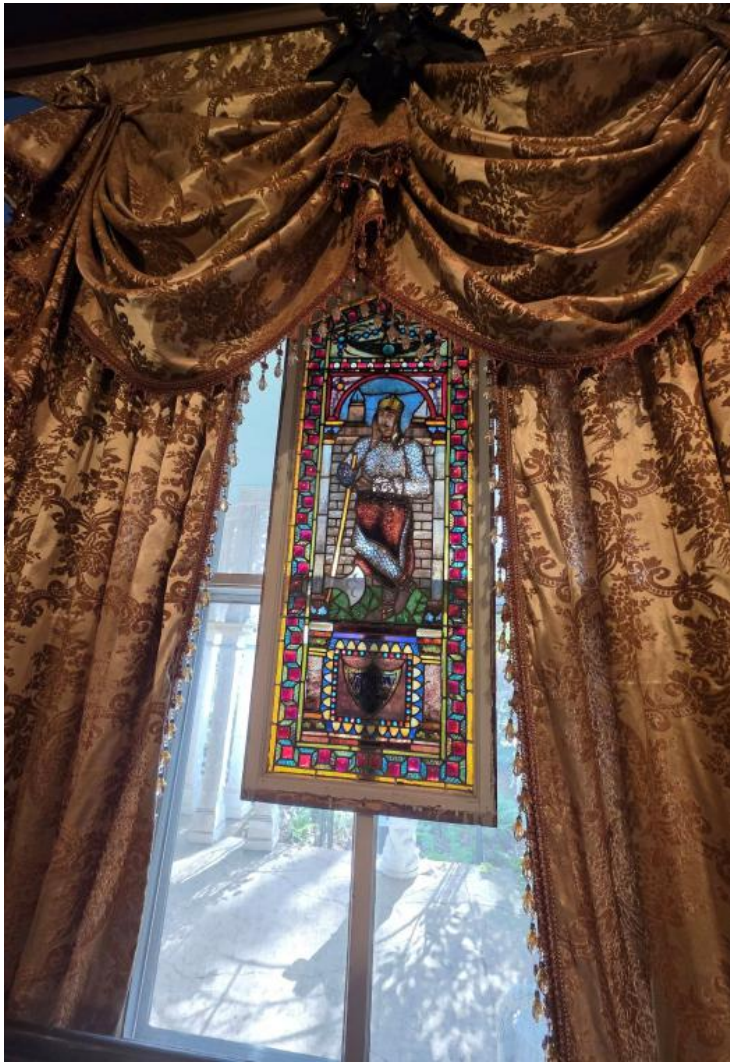
is a new museum in Bucks County, PA dedicated to exploring the intersection of the supernatural, folklore, myth, and faith through the ages as expressed through art. In addition, there are extensive grounds that contain many sculptures and displays. All members and friends returned safely to my knowledge, although there was a rumor that a certain member who lives in PA and NJ did not see himself in the mirrors.

We had a great turnout who are enumerated below. Special thanks to Steve John for helping with the directions.



On the tour: Roger & Kathy (1987 Cadillac); Dick, Bobbi & Helen (2000 Saturn); Peter & Barbara (1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass); Gus & Carolyn (Modern); Kenneth & Sharon (1957 Chevrolet Belair); Carole, Becky & Madeline (Modern); Robert & Grace (1987 Mercedes 560SL); Bob & Pat (Modern); Bob & Kathy (1986 Chevrolet Camaro); Ed (1959 Morris Minor); Nick (1964 Chevrolet Impala SS); Bob & Barbara (Modern); Mark & Barbara (1938 Packard); Brian (1961 Oldsmobile 98 Sport Sedan); Bill (1995 Ford Mustang Convertible); Greg & June (1990 Cadillac Brougham); Larry (1961 Oldsmobile 98 Sport Sedan); Alex & Barbara (Modern); Doug & Virginia (1991 Miata).





Bill Pritchett, Event Chair #963

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BLACK RIVER BARN



On Tuesday, October 14th, eleven members of the NJ Region AACA met at the Black River Barn in Randolph, NJ.

Rick and Doug & Virginia. Abraham Platt, #1524

that they have owned or still have in their garages. When our entries arrived, our discussions turned to food, and as usual, we had a great time. Our waitress, Kristen, made sure that the food and drinks we ordered were to our satisfaction. The food and drinks today, as always, were well prepared and enjoyed by all. Some of us even took home part of our meals to be enjoyed later.

So far this year, with six get-togethers under our belts, we have had an average of eleven members at each luncheon. Thirty-four members have joined us for one or more lunchtime gatherings.

Today's get-together included the following participants: Robert & Grace, Abraham & Ann, Bill P, Robert & Sue, Gail,

When most of our group had arrived, we were seated at a long table with another large round table at one end. This set-up made it easier for us to have some interesting conversations as we were closer together than at one long rectangular table.

The restaurant has a large and varied menu, so it took us a while to determine our fare for lunch. As we perused the menu, we talked about many topics as newer members had an opportunity to learn more about our long-time members and some of the vehicles



*You are Cordially Invited to the
Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers
Sunday, January 4, 2026*

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