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NEXT MEETING

The February (798th) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains
7:30 PM January 29th

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Message from the President



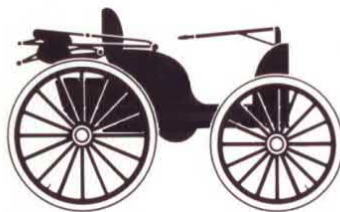
I have always been impressed with columnists who face weekly/monthly deadlines, and who can still write interesting articles. I don't share their creativity, so taking on this monthly column feels like a challenge. To provide some structure, I'll break the column into three pieces:

Region Business: First, thank you, Betty Allen, for organizing and coordinating the Annual Banquet. I enjoyed working with you. Betty has already facilitated reserving January 10, 2027 for next year's Banquet at the Chandelier. Second, I am writing this ahead of the 2026 Board of Director's organizational virtual meeting, so you'll have to attend the monthly meeting on January 29 to hear what we concluded, and what action items we established. Regardless of the outcome of the BOD meeting, your participation in events and sharing your input on how the Region could improve members' experiences is always welcome.

National AACA: The annual convention is usually attended by a dozen or more NJ Region members. The registration deadline is officially past, but if you're registered, I hope to see you there February 5 - 7. If you're familiar with the term Shanghaied, I am reluctant to report I am registered to judge the Special Nationals in Puerto Rico in March. This is a trip that Yvonne is more excited about than me (semi-tropical, warm humid climate, and associated bird species). I think there will be cars there I have never seen before, so the show on Saturday should be interesting.

Winter: After attending a local show on November 15, the cars were mothballed. I enjoy short days and cold temperatures, and this year, specifically planned to do some maintenance over the winter. Things are working out well so far. However, last Thursday saw temps in the lower 50s, and I had to discipline myself to stay focused on turning wrenches on cars and not taking them out for a drive. Between the AACA Convention and the Spring National in PR, I face the possibility of running out of Winter before my projects are done!

Craig, cakunz@verizon.net, 609-466-4899



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Well, it's official. I'm nuts! I took the Model A to the Annual Banquet last month. Ran great, and didn't find too much salt.

By the way, great job Betty. The food was good, loved the make your own Sundae, and everyone seemed to be having a good time. It's not easy to do a table seating chart, and Betty apparently has a knack for it, with the help of June and Greg. Only one minor snafu, the group photo. Once the Chandelier staff understood what we wanted, the picture came out great. Check it out on the front cover.

Every year it is a difficult decision for me to give out the "Editor's Trophy" to **one** person who has done the most for the Road Map. Since I became the Editor, I have had a lot of help without too much arm twisting. Rich Reina was my choice this year as he does an interesting article every month. However, in just the last year, articles have been submitted by (just to name a few): Alexander Soultanis, Jan Eyerman, John Piecinski, Abe Platt, Bill Pritchett, Duane Copley, new members Michael & Theresa Parillo and Tom Tracey, and the Summer Tour articles written by tourists who swear they can't write. Thank you one and all. Keep 'em coming. They make my job much easier, and for great reading for the rest of us.

Although this is the winter doldrums, we have the AACA National Convention the first week of February and the annual "judging session" at my house on the 21st to look forward to this month. Wrack your brains and see if you can come up with some other events that we might do, like maybe a tour of a museum. Ask Bill for some advice on how to set that up. Please notice how I threw Bill under the bus... but really, he's good at it and is always willing to lend a hand.

Safe Travels,
Dick
NJRAACARoadMapEditor@gmail.com





upcoming EVENTS



NATIONAL AACA EVENTS

www.AACA.ORG

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

- 5-8, **Southeastern Divisional Tour** – Flat Rock, NC – hosted by Great Smokey Mountain Region & Little Detroit Chapter
- 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

February

- January 29 NJ Region 798th Meeting**, Watnong VFW 45 Tabor Rd, Morris Plains, NJ, 7:30 - 9:30 PM
- 21 **Judging Refresher School**, 170 Crescent Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932, chair: Dick Bettle, 973-615-2831, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Signup Ahead requested; lunch provided.

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.
- 27 **Judging Refresher School**, Ashley's Auto Body Shop, 274 Hillside Avenue, Flanders, NJ 07836. Chairs: Craig Kunz and Pete Cullen. 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Snacks provided

May

- 3 **NJ Region Spring Meet**, Location to be provided. Chair: Pete Cullen, registration opens 8:30 AM, Judging begins at 11:00 AM.
- 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, 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
- 16-20 **Annual Region Summer Tour** Brattleboro, VT area. Pete Cullen and Bill Pritchett, co-chairs

NJRAACA EVENTS

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

September

- 13 **The Bristol at Somerset** 1870 Easton Avenue Somerset, NJ 12:30 - 4:00 PM Rain date September 20
- 19 **Brookdale Sr. Living** 520 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Rain date: 9/26/2025, Lunch, Prizes, and security provided by facility

October

- 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 (doors open at 2:15)

January 2027

- 10 **Awards Banquet**



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

NJ Region dues of \$25 are annual and were due by December 31, just like the national dues. In renewing your dues, for those with email, you should have received an email with your information that I have for the roster. Please review it and let me know if there are any changes when paying your Region 2026 dues of \$25 payable to NJ Region AACA. Region. Life members should also let me know if there are any changes. For those without email, please see me to review your roster information. Newer members who joined after September 30, 2025, do not owe any dues for 2026 as your membership is good for the remainder of this year and next.

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, 2025, 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!

National AACA 2026 Dues

It's 2026 Membership Renewal Time. Either mail in the renewal notice that was included in the September/October mailing package of Antique Automobile or the use our online renewal option on our website: (<https://members.aaca.org/membership/ReNewMembership.php>). Payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Discover or PayPal. Your payment will automatically update your membership record.

If you have any questions, call (717) 534-1910; kwhite@aaca.org

NJ REGION AACA

Minutes January 4th, 2026, #797



2026 NJ Region Awards Banquet

The annual Region Officer Installation & Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, January 4th at The Chandelier at Flanders Valley in Flanders, NJ. Festivities opened at approximately 12:46 P.M. with an abbreviated meeting, officiated by outgoing Region President, Paul Wolfmeyer, who welcomed and led members and guests in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those members we lost in the last year; a comprehensive list can be found printed elsewhere in The Road Map.

Paul then asked the past Region Presidents to stand and be recognized; he thanked them for their contributions to the club. He then asked any veterans in attendance to stand for recognition and thanked them for their service to our country. Craig, incoming Region President, presented Paul with a gavel pin to commemorate these last three years of service as our president.

The 2026 Region officers were introduced and sworn in; Paul Wolfmeyer administered the Oath of Office: President, Mr. Craig Kunz; Vice President, Mr. Jay DeBoey, Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Pritchett; Treasurer, Mr. Timothy Schimmel; & Membership Secretary, Mr. William (Bill) Pritchett.

The President's remarks included thanking the 2025 slate of officers for their service and announced the next Board of Director's meeting to be held on January 17th. Craig thanked Jerry Peck, Awards Chairperson and Betty Allen, Banquet Coordinator for their contributions to make the banquet possible.

It was noted that this is the Region's 75th year in operation, and that the 75th Anniversary Committee is working to showcase photos and events from over the years; Craig noted that there were some photobooks on the table for members and guests to peruse throughout the event, in addition to a video loop of photos playing on a projector screen for everyone to enjoy. Craig announced that Vince DeLisi will be coming around to hand out license plates commemorating the 75th anniversary, one plate per membership number will be issued; those that would like an additional plate can order one for a nominal fee. They just need to contact Vince or another officer to do so.

Craig reminded the members that the next Region meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29th, 7:30 P.M. at the Morris Plains VFW, due to the National Convention

being held during the regular schedule. He also announced that Judging Seminars will be held in the upcoming months and everyone is invited to attend - no judging experience necessary; the administrative side of the Spring Meet will also be covered if anyone is interested in learning and/or helping out with that at the Spring Meet. The first seminar will be held on February 21st at The Bettles house; food will be provided.

Vince announced that a letter is being put together concerning advocacy for ethanol-free gas to Governor Sherrill and encouraged members to send letters to their representatives in support of this endeavor.

Bill Pritchett announced that dues for both the Region and National AACA are overdue - get them in as soon as possible!

A motion was made to dispense with the regular business; it was seconded with all in favor and none opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:24 PM.

Paul Wolfmeyer delivered the invocation. After dinner, Region awards were presented by Awards Chairman Jerry Peck and President Craig Kunz; Road Map Editor Dick Bettles presented the Editor's Trophy and thanked all those who contributed articles and photos to the newsletter this past year. A comprehensive list of award winners will be printed in The Road Map.

Craig's closing comments included thanking all who chaired events, worked on the spring show, tours, assisted living facilities, served on, or chaired committees, to our Road Map editors and Website and Social Media Manager. Appreciation and thanks also go to all who assisted and participated. The success of the NJ Region is because of you- the members of the NJ Region!

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pritchett #1404, Secretary



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Rich's Ramblings

The One That Got Away

We all seem to have one: a long-lost love from many years ago. We still remember that first glimpse which took our breath away. "She's too good for me," you may have told yourself, or "I can't afford her!" But you chased her anyway, and for a short while, she was yours. Then priorities changed. She DID become too expensive to keep. Finally, maturity overcame your youthful yearning, and you let her go. Yet to this day, you wonder if you made a mistake and should have kept her.



A much younger me behind the wheel, 1991

I'm talking about a car, of course.

The reality for most of us is that we can't keep them all. We don't have the space, or the time, or the funds. Typically, you need to sell the garage's present occupant to finance the new occupant. But, if we could do it all over again, there is that one special car we would have kept. And it's not necessarily the most valuable one. (Don't get sucked into regretting the sale of a car ages ago that today is worth ten times as much. None of us have a crystal ball.) I've owned some special cars: a '57 Ford Skyliner, a big-block Mustang, an award-winning BMW Isetta. But the one that got away from me was my 1967 Dodge Dart. It was no ordinary Dart.

In 1991, I was at a car show when I spotted it in the parking lot: A '67 Dart GT convertible. It was far from perfect, but what first grabbed my attention was the \$1,500 asking price. I found the owner, took it for a test drive, and bought it on the spot. This car's big draw was its standard equipment. On board were a 273-cubic-inch V8 with a two-barrel carb, a four-speed floor-shifted manual, bucket seats, a full-length center console, and a power convertible top. The lack of interior carpeting

exposed what appeared to be a brand-new floor welded in place. On the downside, the rear quarters showed some rust, the poor-quality repaint was flaking in places, and the driver's seat upholstery was patched with duct tape.



V8-equipped engine compartment needed serious detailing

After a tune-up and some brake work, it drove even better. I fixed it up as time allowed. A new carpet provided much-needed sound deadening and transformed the interior appearance. New whitewalls with full wheel covers dressed up the exterior. It became our "Sunday trips to the beach" car. Most importantly, the car was an absolute blast to drive. There was tons of torque, the clutch take-up was silky, and the radials let me pretend it was a sports car. I cannot recall ever driving the car with the top up. Why would you, when you could have the sun on your face and the wind in your hair?

After two years of fun, it was time. My energies needed to be devoted to the Isetta's restoration, so off to a new home it went. Looking at photos now, I realize that this Dart had good bones. It strikes me as an ideal candidate for a rolling restoration: work on it while driving it. I missed the convertible experience so much that a few years after selling the Dart, I bought a Miata. THAT one stuck around for twenty-eight years!



Interior before carpet installation



Trailer to Shows

Jim Elliott
Vice President,
Finance and Budget

There are many advantages to trailering your precious beauty to a show. You don't need to worry about a breakdown from an exploding hose, broken belt or brake issue. Your pride and joy arrives clean with no paint chips or windshield stars.

However, trailering is not to be undertaken lightly. Many trailer options exist but the bottom line is you want to arrive safely. Your truck and trailer combination is always a bigger concern than simply driving your show car.

My preference is to pull the smallest and lightest trailer possible with the biggest and longest truck available. My crew cab long bed pickup with dual rear wheels has kept me safe for over twenty years with very few unintentional "exciting" moments.

There are some trailer basics that can make your trip uneventful. I have my trailer brakes, breakaway brake, and wheel bearings checked annually. Always check your lug nuts prior to leaving and again at your first gas stop. I carry a spare set in case one is lost.

Having a flat tire on the trailer is never fun. I hate to wait on AAA to change a tire so I carry the correct size lug wrench, (which will invariably be a different size than needed for your vehicle) as well as a battery powered impact gun. Some friends carry an aluminum floor jack but I have found the trailer ramp made by EZ Jack to be my preference.

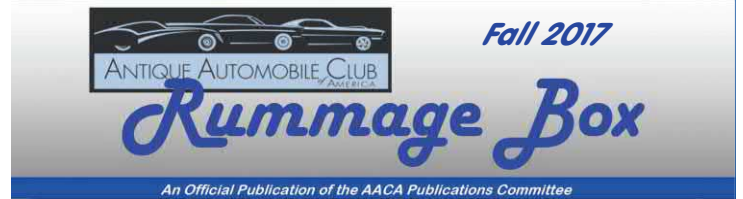
I usually carry two trailer spare tires and wheels. If you need a second one on the road, Tractor Supply Company carries most sizes pre-mounted on a rim.

Always check your hitch. A receiver hitch and trailer ball with a 6,000 pound rating cannot be used if your loaded trailer exceeds 6,000 pounds. The hitch should have a weight rating equal to or larger than the ball.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, check your tires, the higher load rating the better. A tire with a load capacity of 1,750 pounds on a dual axle trailer results in a maximum weight of 7,000 pounds. That means your show car, trailer and other supplies loaded in your trailer must not exceed a total of 7,000 pounds. Inflate your tires to the recommended pressure. Soft tires increase friction and therefore more heat.

Find the date code on your tires and replace them whenever they reach five years old. Storing your trailer with the tires on the ground can lead to belt separation and flat spots so rotate the tires regularly.

If trailering seems too complicated, take the easy way out. Drive your antique and enjoy the waves and admiring looks you receive along the way.



How to have more fun with old cars

Marty Roth Vice President,
Development and Support
Central Division

Is there anything more enjoyable than getting out with our old cars, and with other folks who enjoy them? Other than time with the kids and grandkids - maybe, but not much else. Our old car friends are our second family. AACA activities with them are a great way for local Regions to share with like minded folks from all over.

Your annual region show was fun, and the one-day, or weekend tours brought out memories which really last, right? When was the last time you attended a national meet or drove on a national tour? Not in a while? Never? They bring together an even wider and more diverse group, bring recognition, and even a modest profit to your region, and can generally even help your club make a significant charitable donation. The smallest of clubs can host excellent national activities, and any advice, planning assistance, and support you might need is available from your National Directors and AACA Headquarters in Hershey.

Having been involved for many years in scheduling, planning, and hosting National Meets, as well as National and Divisional Tours, I can assure you that you'll develop lifelong friendships, and you'll retain a feeling of satisfaction that you and your club have had a positive effect for the club and for your community. Additionally, members from all over will remind their friend of what a great time they had because you and your region hosted a national activity.

Email me any time with your questions and ideas. I would really like to share your thoughts and concerns, and want to help you host a meet of tour in the coming years.

Riegelsville Car Show

By Roger Bagley

Fall Roll Out in Riegelsville PA on November 2nd is one of the last shows of the year and extremely popular. I decided on taking my '40 Buick Special. After purchasing the '31 Vicky, garage space is beyond reasonable capacity! I threw in a For Sale sign, packed a sandwich, filled a thermos of coffee and headed out the door at 6:30 AM.

The only cars on the road at that hour on a Sunday were obviously heading to the same destination. I found myself leading the pack, with a Model A hot rod, Camaro and a GTO being my fellow road warriors. We crossed the Riegelsville bridge onto 611 South and were merged into a long line of fellow car lovers. Our 45 minutes in line gave us plenty of time to admire the other participants.

The show included over 450 cars of all years and makes. There were plenty of car related vendors scattered around the park, however, not much in the Model A category.

I met up with some friends from our NJ region AACA, but didn't spot any of our A club friends in the crowd. All in all, the weather totally cooperated and made the day very enjoyable. The only thing that could have been better would have been finding a buyer for the Buick!

p.s. Craig later bought my Buick

Vince's Program Schedule

Speaker lineup for the first part of 2026 is as follows:

- January 29 Larry Ashley - Auto Body Repair.
- March 5 Bill Pritchett & Pete Cullen - How to plan a tour.
- April 2 Dick Bettel – How to build a Road Map
- May 7 no program – Spring Meet review

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)

NJ Region AACA Judges School

February 21, 2026

Our 1st Tech Session of 2026 is scheduled for February 21st at the Bettel (house) Garage, 170 Crescent Road, Florham Park, NJ. We will start at 11:00 AM and, using the NJ Region Judging sheet, go over either Dick's Model A (mostly original), or the extremely not original Lotus or our newly minted antique (Bobbi's 2000 Saturn). An instructor will point out to all of us what to look for. My "non-judged" Subaru would find a new home for the day. After about 1-1/2 hours, go upstairs for something to eat and maybe a follow-up tech session.

In addition to individuals interested in physically judging cars, we encourage anyone interested in contributing their time to the Spring Meet to attend. Hope to see many of you attend so that we will have more help at the Spring Meet. No experience necessary.

Please call me at 973-615-2831 or email NJRAACARoadMapEditor@gmail.com to let me know if you will be attending. Bobbi will need a head count for lunch. This is a rain or shine event. The snow date TBD.

Thanks,

Dick Bettel, Event Chair #1614

Valentine's Day Reminder

*Please remember and be prepared for Valentine's Day on February 14th. Failure to remember this important date could easily ruin the rest of your month or perhaps even the whole year. While a heart shaped box, filled with an assortment of chocolates, might seem a wise choice, perhaps a full set of wide white tires, a new car cover, or even a nice pair of trumpet horns for his or her favorite ride might be more rewarding, "They" say it's the thought that counts, but, sometimes "they" lie!
Duane Copley #1337*

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman, #1238

Birthdays



- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 8 Chuck Teye | 26 Jose DeFreitas |
| 19 Diane Manganelli | 27 Charles Bates |
| 21 Edward Symonds | 27 Pat Hogan |
| 25 Sven Mangulson | 27 Brian Pritchett |

Anniversaries

- | | | |
|----|-----------------------|----------|
| 14 | King & Peggy Schaedel | 65 years |
| 21 | Ed & Debbie Symonds | 44 years |
| 24 | Duane & Trisha Copley | 53 years |



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2025 Participation Points Totals

#	Region #	Name	Total	#	Region #	Name	Total
1	1614	Bettle, Dick	2625	39	1337	Copley, Duane	370
2	1524	Platt, Abraham	2485	40	1530	Hudak, Bob	370
3	1398	Roser, Greg	2265	41	1685	Dolan, Patrick	365
4	1480	Kunz, Craig	2070	42	973	Ashley, Larry Jr. (Donna)	350
5	1140	Cullen, Peter J.	2050	43	1653	Diana, Jack	345
6	963	Pritchett, Bill	1990	44	1299	Grub, Bob	340
7	1404	Pritchett, Brian	1690	45	795	Petrich, Bob	330
8	1614	Bettle, Bobbi	1500	46	1398	Roser, June	330
9	1345	Wolfmeyer, Paul	1435	47	1480	Kunz, Yvonne	320
10	1524	Platt, Ann	1165	48	1717	Parrillo, Michael	310
11	1434	Reina, Richard (Margaret Anne)	1130	49	1345	Wolfmeyer, Helen	305
12	1462	Peck, Jerry	1000	50	795	Petrich, Barbara	280
13	1631	Ungar, Daniel (Eloise)	990	51	1590	Wood, James	280
14	1554	Stern, Cliff	925	52	1540	Deboey, Jay	275
15	1682	Vella, Bob (Ruth)	905	53	1724	Rogers, Helen (Malcolm)	270
16	1551	Pieczynski, John	855	54	1729	Koury, David	270
17	1393	Ernst, George	850	55	1342	Fischer, Ray	260
18	1505	Delisi, Vince	815	56	1471	Tuck, Denise	260
19	1404	Pritchett, Sarah	810	57	1728	Ladd, Richard (Johanna)	260
20	1459	Eyerman, Jan	810	58	1400	Lee, Art	255
21	1552	Rankin, Robert	800	59	1242	Ehmann, Peter J	250
22	1651	Soultanis, Alexander (Barbara)	775	60	1380	Kapral, Pat	250
23	1238	Zimmerman, Brenda	720	61	1658	Lacz, Veronica	250
24	1443	Schimmel, Tim	715	62	1736	Christiansen, Carl (Jane Simpson)	250
25	1335	Durna, Carole	685	63	420	Smith, Bob	245
26	1280	Solomayer, Larry	630	64	1292	Symonds, Edward	225
27	1523	Allen, Elizabeth	550	65	1513	Weingart, Rick (Carol)	225
28	1408	Daub, August (Carolyn)	520	66	1707	Bacchetta, Emilie	220
29	1658	Lacz, Walter (Veronica)	490	67	1292	Symonds, Debbie	210
30	1725	W, Doug (Virginia)	475	68	1477	Bagley, Roger	200
31	1380	Kapral, Bob	450	69	1470	Hutchins, Ron	190
32	1485	Matlaga, Nick	440	70	1706	Casella, Andy	190
33	1584	Koch, Edward (Rita)	420	71	667	Judkins, Kirk	180
34	1471	Tuck, Wayne	410	72	1369	Newell, Greg	175
35	1660	DeLiberto, Mike (Louise)	410	73	1408	Daub, Carolyn	160
36	1647	Rosenberg, Barry (Harlee Hatoff)	405	74	1494	Dulio, Kenneth	160
37	1458	Kelly, Robert	380	75	1673	Davis, Bernard (Eileen)	150
38	482	Rawstrom, Charles A. (Margaret)	370	76	1676	Wagstaff, Rick	150



Annual Awards & Installation of Officers

At the January 4th meeting, we celebrated the Installation of Officers Banquet at the Chandeliers in Flanders. This is the fifth year at this venue, and each time it's getting better and better. Although it is an "awards" banquet, we spend most of our time celebrating with friends and colleagues, and it's a fun time.

This year, in honor of the Club's 75th Anniversary, we changed the decor to reflect this milestone, with Gold and Silver accents. Everyone commented on how festive everything looked.

The welcoming cold buffet filled with cheese and fruit was a great starter. The main courses were equally rewarding. The time between courses gave people time to mingle and to present some awards. The dessert table of make your own ice cream sundaes was a great conclusion to a very relaxing and yet fun filled afternoon.

It was suggested that next year we have some "background" music and we will look into that.

Next year, we reserved the Chandelier for Sunday, January 10th, so save the date!!

Betty Allen, Chair



Greg, June, Betty, Bobbi, Dick, Jan & Nellie



Carolyn, Gus, John, Bob, Pat & Ruth



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Bill, Brooke, Sarah, Tim, Jay, Craig, Helen & Paul

In Memoriam

Memories



Dominick A Speronza

79, of Randolph, NJ, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 17th, 2026, at Morristown Medical Center, with his wife by his side.

Dom was known for his humor, generosity, and kindness and enjoyed antique cars, Lionel trains, and trips with the Chevy Club. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Dominick is survived by Susan, his loving wife of 48 years, his son Michael and his wife Lisa, his son Joseph and his wife Isabel, and his three grandchildren, Victoria, James, and Olivia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society in Dom's memory.

One of the many memories we shared with Dom was our very first tour together to a VCCA Area 7 meet in Fort Wayne, IN. It was a multi day meet and featured a Ladies Luncheon. That meant Dom and I were in-charge of his two sons, Michael (3) and Joey (about 6 months). Dom's wife Sue emphasized the importance that we should not forget to feed Joey. Joey was still on formula. We assured Sue we would be sure to do so.

Dom and I went off to view the cars and some seminars. When we rejoined our wives after the luncheon they asked if we fed Joey. We answered them we had. The next question was, what did we feed Michel?

We looked at each other and realized we were so interested with the cars etc that we had forgotten to have lunch.

Needless to say we (Dom and I) were not allowed to "Watch over" the boys again for a very long time.





Memories

One of our very fondest memories of Dom was when one Sunday on our way to church, David noticed a car following us and he was wondering who this person was. As we pulled into Resurrection Parish parking lot, low and behold this particular car was right behind us. By this time we were very curious. By the way we were driving our 1930 Chevrolet. Dom was very excited, he wanted to know who we were and if we lived in Randolph. We believe that this was in 1986. And that is where our Awesome Friendship began. With many family trips, weddings, birthday parties, Easter dinners etc. All this happened. Thus a Beautiful Heartfelt Friendship began that will remain in our hearts forever. Rest in Peace Dearest Dom.

Bennie & Dave Cavagnaro



AACA Sentimental Tour 2026

The OPW Region and Gettysburg Region of AACA will be hosting the 2026 AACA National Sentimental Tour from June 15 thru June 19, 2026 in the Mechanicsburg, PA, and surrounding areas.

The Sentimental Tour is a 5 day tour for 1928 thru 1958 stock (non modified) vehicles and was first hosted in 2001. It is hosted by an AACA Region in even numbered years. An exception can be made for a 1926 , 1927 and any pre 1928 Oakland. No vehicle newer than 1958 will be accepted on the tour, We need to have 50 cars registered for the tour. The tour will be open to all AACA members.

The host hotel is the Fairfield by Marriott, 503 Winding Creek Blvd. Mechanicsburg, PA, 17050. The hotel is 2 years old with a pool and fitness center located just off exit 57 on Interstate 81. Forty rooms have been reserved for the tour at \$119.00, plus taxes, per night. The price includes breakfast.

Trailer and motorhome parking (no hookups) are adjacent to the hotel. You can book your room by calling 717-795-1918 using the code AACA. I would recommend booking your room on June 14 as the opening banquet will be Sunday 6/14 with the closing banquet on Friday evening 6/19.

Each day's tour will start and end at the host hotel and we will have a hospitality room at the hotel for evening socializing. Most touring will be on 2 lane scenic country roads with daily directions provided The price (yet to be determined) will be inclusive with dinner on your own Monday thru Thursday evenings.

Many restaurants from fast food to fine dining are located a mile from the hotel.

As with any undertaking of this scope additional help would be appreciated. If you live within a reasonable distance I could use your assistance.

If you have any questions or can provide some assistance, please call me at or email me at pullman1914@aol.com. Mark your calendars for June 14 thru 19, 2026 and reserve your room now.

Don Barlup, Tour Chairman

Tentative schedule as follows as follows

Sunday: Evening - Opening banquet at Vissagio's. (Address: 6990 Wertzville Rd, Enola, PA 17025). Nestled in the heart of Enola, Pennsylvania, Vissagio's Ristorante & Hotel promises a culinary journey inspired by the traditions of Italian cuisine. Here, in our cozy ambiance, guests indulge in the most refined flavors amidst a casual dining setting."

Monday: Don Barlup's 1926 service station in New Bloomfield for coffee stop. Tour Perry County covered bridges with box lunch at Little Buffalo State Park.

Tuesday: Army Heritage center in Carlisle with a presentation on The Carlisle Indian School with lunch there. Optional stop at Carlisle antique mall,

Wednesday: Fort Hunter mansion and grounds with a box lunch. Travel to Halifax for a tour of the Lake Tobias wild animal park.

Thursday: Eastern Museum of Motor Racing and private collection featuring Cadillacs in Dillsburg PA.

Friday: Rolls Royce Museum with a coffee stop in Mechanicsburg and tour a private car and sign collection in Camp Hill. Closing banquet at Vissagio's a mile from the host hotel.



FOR SALE

Al Danner's 1968 Mustang. Included with the sale would be a huge bunch of spare and NOS parts, many of the cars show trophies and awards, and also a loose set of very nice chrome GT wheels with bias-plys mounted. Asking \$52K -OBO contact Scott at 908-230-5617 or Sue at 908-963-6834 06/26



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07/26

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for a '39 Ford Fordor Deluxe: Hub and Spoke Cover (aka 'spyder' hub cap) late'38-all '39 accessory. Part# 81A-18140 - Sportlite (aka 'spot light') '39 and earlier? Label reads in part, "The Sportlite, Model J-1, Unity Mfg. Co", Part #68-18552 - Rear Fender Shields (aka 'skirts') '39. Has chrome hex bolt near top center. Part# 81-A-18974 Bob Hudak rjhudak@comcast.net, 732-629-1437 06/26

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FOR SALE

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