



HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

December, 2015

Russell & Maryjane Shipman's 1961 Willy's Jeep



Before Photo

This jeep was purchased from Don Mosley in November, 2000. It was formerly owned by Seabrook Farms. After frame off restoration, I needed to get the Bill of Sale which had been lost after the death of Mr. Mosley. The registration was in James Seabrook's name in 1961. I was able to find Mr. James Seabrook and he graciously offered to help.

While waiting for the title at DMV in Bridgeton, Mr. Seabrook told me the story of how and why they acquired the jeep.

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

- 5 8:30 AM SALEM CHRISTMAS PARADE** Breakfast at Salem Oak Diner, Salem, NJ
- 6 1-5 PM ANNUAL CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** Tilbury VFW Post 253
20 Phillip Dr., Elsinboro, NJ
- 7 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING** Woodstown Borough Hall

JANUARY

- 4 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING** Woodstown Borough Hall
- 14 6:30 PM Friendship & Food Night Out at Creekside Inn,** 197 East Avenue, Woodstown
- 23 WINTER TOUR—**A one day tour To Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City
More info at January Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 1 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING** Woodstown Borough Hall
- 11 6:30 PM Friendship & Food** To be announced



Merry Christmas



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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- **SJRAACA dues are \$10 per year (due by Jan 1st).**
- **Must be a member of AACA National.**
- Meetings are at Woodstown Borough Hall at 7 p.m. the 1st Monday of every month except **September then it is the following Monday.** Call any board member for meeting cancellation notices during weather emergency.
- **CLUB WEBSITE: www.SJRAACA.com**
There is always more to see on our Website.

CLUB JACKETS OR SHIRTS??

Placing a shirt & jackets order soon.
The cost is on the members. See Linda
Golf Shirts: S-XL \$22; 2X & 3X \$24
Spring Jackets: S-XL \$38; 2X \$40 & 3X \$42
Winter Jackets S-XL \$60; 2X & 3X \$63

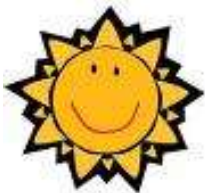


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



12-19 Martin Erdner
12-23 Elizabeth Tumolo
12-24 Dot Toulson

BIRTHDAYS NEEDED! If you haven't been to a meeting lately and never gave me your birthday, then I don't have it.
E-mail or mail your birthday to me so I can make sure it's in the newsletter.



SUNSHINE

Becky Counsellor reported that a dish garden was given to Nancy Cobb. Larry Niedzialek was hospitalized and is now in rehab and should be home next week. Rob Tindall is having some health issues.

We are still trying to get in touch with Donna Shimp to send her a dish garden.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dave Birchmire



With this being the last article I write for 2015 the year is about over. Our region continues to be very active and busy with car related events.

We had a successful cruise season at Bobbitt's Auto. It gets better every year with our members help. We had two tri-region tours this year. It is always a blast to be with other regions and with people of the same interest.

Our Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral is well run and organized thanks to our dedicated membership. Being our main fund raiser it is important that it's supported by the local car committee and the general public.

Next year we will continue our car cruises at Bobbitt's and do few at the Kountry Kitchen as we did this year.

2016 will be our 50th Anniversary and we will be hosting a National AACA Meet in May at the N.J. Motorsports Park in Millville. We also will be having a banquet to celebrate our 50 years of being a Region with AACA.

With the goodness of our membership we reached our goal for the money needed to help the children this Christmas Season. The Sunshine Foundation gives us the names of the children in need. It is done with discretion.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be your President this year. I thank-you all very much.

Sue and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

YOUR RECIPES WANTED



The 50th Anniversary Committee is creating a Recipe Book of some of our members' favorite recipes.

This Recipe Book will be given out at our Banquet to be scheduled for sometime in the fall of 2016.

Please send your recipes to Valerie Wynne along with your name and phone number (if she has any questions).

You can email or mail to Valerie Wynne:
popwynne@yahoo.com
or mail to:

741 Heritage Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080

**Meeting Highlights of the
South Jersey Region
Monday, December 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Birchmire at 7:00 PM and all stood for the Pledge to the Flag.

Leon Erdner gave the Secretary's report and Edna Norris gave the Treasurer's report. Both were approved and bills were approved for payment.

Gary noted that special postcards were mailed out to remind everyone that our Swap Meet for 2016 is on Sunday, March 20, 2016 since Easter Sunday falls on the last Sunday of March. We have been receiving some very positive feedback from the postcards.

Dave also noted that Ron Scott & Ray McFarland have been elected to serve on the Board.

There was some discussion regarding the cost to use the Woodstown Borough Hall for regular meetings and Board meetings. It was decided that we pay for 6 months at \$50 per month for regular meetings and \$25 for 3 Board meetings.

Becky Counsellor reported that a dish garden was given to Nancy Cobb. She also noted that Rob Tindall is having heart problems. Larry Niedzialek was hospitalized for a stroke and in Vineland rehab and will be coming home next week. We are still trying to get in touch with Donna Shimp to send her a dish garden.

There will be a 50th Anniversary meeting at the Erdner Home on December 29th.

The Christmas Party was well attended. Janet Erdner noted that she was not happy with the catering. It was discussed that we try to have the Christmas Party next year on a Saturday and possibly at a different location.

A total of \$320 was collected at the Christmas Party for the Sunshine Foundation. An anonymous donor gave an additional \$80 to bring the total to \$400. This amount combined with the club donation of \$400 will bring the total to \$800 which will be divided among 4 families this year.

Chuck discussed the American Treasure tour and that we got there early and toured the owner's personal collection before the actual tour. Everyone had a terrific lunch and the tour was great.

The Salem Christmas Parade was a wonderful day. 10 Cars paraded down Broadway and Martin Erdner drove his Eldorado with the Parade Marshall. We all enjoyed a great breakfast at the Oak Diner and Gary Green, Jr. of Green Technology paid for our breakfast.

The National Meet is progressing well. Chuck will meet with Pepper Paul about advertising on his radio program.

There will be no Friendship & Food for December

but we will meet on January 14th at the Creekside Inn in Woodstown for the January Friendship & Food.

There will be a short Board meeting tonight at the Diner after dessert.

January 23, 2016 will be a one day tour to Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. More information on this tour will be announced at our January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE
MAY 19-21, 2016
EASTERN DIVISION
NATIONAL SPRING
MEET**



**Hosted by the South Jersey Region
AACA**

The meet will take place at the
New Jersey Motorsports Park, Millville, NJ

This will definitely be a large show on
Saturday, May 21st

We are expecting anywhere from 500-700 cars.

Please mark your calendars and plan to help.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

**Time to renew your AACA
Dues and your South Jersey
Region Dues.**

**Please send your \$35 to AACA
before December 31**

**Send \$10 to Edna Norris for your SJRAACA
Dues.**

Mail to 410 Route 45, Mannington NJ 08079



AACAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Listed below are some upcoming National tours and meets you may be interested in attending:

- **February 11-13, 2016** AACAA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- **March 17-19, 2016** Winter Meet, Naples/Marco Island Region, Naples, Florida
- **April 7-10, 2016** Southeastern Spring Meet, Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte, North Carolina
- **May 5-7, 2016** Special Spring Meet, Auburn Indiana
- **May 19-21, 2016** Eastern Spring Meet, South Jersey Region, Vineland, New Jersey
- **June 2-4, 2016** Annual Grand National Meet, Susquehannock Region, Williamsport, Penna.
- **June 10-12, 2016** The Elegance at Hershey & Grand Ascent Hillclimb, Hershey, Pennsylvania
- **June 12-17, 2016** Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) Hornets Nest Region, Salisbury, North Carolina
- **July 14-16, 2016** Central Spring Meet, Minnesota Region, Mankato, Minnesota
- **July 17-21, 2016** Founders Tour (Post-'31) Allegheny Mountain Region, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania
- **August 11-13, 2016** Southeastern Fall Meet, Fall Capital Chapter, NC Region, New Bern, North Carolina
- **September 1-3, 2016** Western Fall Meet, High Plains Region, Cheyenne, Wyoming
- **September 11-16, 2016** AAA Revival Glidden Tour (pre-1943) VMCCA hosted, North Conway, N.H.
- **October 5-8, 2016** Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region, Hershey, Pennsylvania
- **October 20-22, 2016** Central Fall Meet, Gulf Coast Region, Galveston, Texas



Just a reminder that we will be giving Christmas Gift Cards to 4 needy Sunshine Foundation Families again this year.

Our club has generously donated a total of \$800 toward these gift cards.

Thank you everyone who contributed to this worthy cause. We will have pictures in the January Newsletter of those families we have helped.

Shipman 1961 Jeep (Continued)

By this time Seabrook Farms had been sold to a company in New York yet the vice president of the company lived in Deerfield.

There was a very large snow storm and he called the office and asked them to pick him up with a 4 wheel drive vehicle. His response when he was told that they did not have one - "Go buy one!"

That is the origin of our yellow jeep.

He signed the jeep over to Russ and he has enjoyed telling the story of how he obtained the Seabrook jeep.



Russ & Sons taking first ride in the 61 Jeep



Pictured above are Russ's 65 Mustang, 46 Jeep, 63 Jeep, and the 61 Jeep.

Thank you Russ and Maryjane for sharing your story.

You can have your special automobile story highlighted in our newsletter. Just send me photos and I will help you do the rest. We would love to read your story.



Charter Member Tom Cobb 1933-2015

Submitted by:
Valerie Wynne

On Wednesday November 4th Tom left this earth for his promised new life with Christ just before his 82nd birthday on Thanksgiving Day. This was the wording in the funeral directors obituary and I did not feel I could improve on that statement.

Tom, a Charter Member of the South Jersey Region, was also President and a Board Member for many years. He and wife Nancy were also newsletter editors back in 1973. Tom was a low profile man, soft spoken who liked to laugh. I have known him since the 1980's and my observation is that the center of his universe was his family.

As his sons got older they shared Tom's hobby and love of antique cars. Tom had a 1924 Ford Model T that he and the boys were restoring and one year the boys, secretly gathered the T, now in parts, and assembled it for a Father's Day surprise for Tom.

Tom also had a 1947 Chrysler convertible that at one time belonged to George Agnew Chamberlain, a noted author. Tom enjoyed driving his cars to club functions and in parades. He could be seen on occasion escorting local beauty queens in these parades.

While in deteriorating health, Tom still made it to Hersey for the Car Show and Swap Meet this October.

Tom and Nancy have been married for 59 years and have two sons and 3 grandsons. Tom served his country for two years in the United States Army and was a partner with his cousin in Thomas Cobb and Sons Lumber where he worked until he retired.

According to wife, Nancy, Tom had two cats that he loved, Thomas (named that at the SPCA) and Maggie. She said Tom was unable to sleep in bed so he slept in his recliner with Thomas in his lap to keep him warm.

Tom never met a stranger only new friends. You will be missed, Tom, but fondly remembered with a smile.

The following article is from "Headlights" the South Jersey Region's newsletter written by Tom himself, in 1996. I thought it showed Tom's sense of humor and personality.

Pictured above is an example of an antique hook & ladder truck.

Remembering Ben Shimp

Written by Tom Cobb for
"Headlights" 1996

I don't know when Ben Shimp came into my life, but just all at once he was there and that's the kind of guy Ben was.

Years ago South Jersey Region had their picnic on our yard after the 4th of July parade and he showed off his fire engine. He brought out his pumper that he had rebuilt and demonstrated with his hook and ladder. Our son, Steven, wasn't very old. He laid blissfully in his carrier between Nancy and Ben on the seat through all the noise and confusion.

The next day being the 4th, we set it up on the road by the lake to pump to the peninsula at the far end of the lake. You could swivel the nozzle 50ft up in the air; and I, like a fool,

volunteered to climb the ladder to change the pitch of the nozzle. About the time I went by



the junction where two hoses filled the nozzle, the two hoses blew off the nozzle. I thought I had gone over Niagara! I never saw so much water in my life. That machine was some machine. You could drive with the tractor on the left side of the road and the trailer on the right side.

One year we started out on a trip. Ben's father had coached me how to steer the trailer in the back, about 40 or 50 feet away from the cab. By the time we got to Broadway in Salem from Ben's house, I figured it out on my own after running over a couple of curbs. Ben never cut me any slack - we were wide open the entire time.

Ben's pumper was chain drive. At the end of the sixties, Ben got the crazy idea that we would take it to a car show in Jeckyll Island, GA. At the last minute Ben backed out. But we had figured out a schedule: we would oil the chain every two hours and pull maintenance on the 12 cylinder affair. We probably would never have gotten there in time for the car meet. Ben had bought it from the Pepsi-Cola Company.

Another time Salem got a brand new fire engine pumper and they went down to Major's Wharf to try it out. They and Ben got their signals crossed. Salem was wanting Ben to cut the pressure down and instead he kept increasing the pressure and blew out the seals in the brand new pumper of the city fire department!

It seemed like whenever you had trouble, Ben was standing there to help you.

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE 1976 Alfa Romeo Spider \$3,800 OBO

- 78,000 Original miles **NEW PRICE**
 - 5 speed, fuel injected
 - New water pump, new radiator
 - New fan shroud, new shocks
 - New convertible top with separate hard top
 - Runs well - Extremely fun to drive
- Contact: Ray McFarland 609-202-3906

**No Photo
Available**

FOR SALE 1939 Ford Sedan - Price Negotiable

- Unassembled
 - Engine almost Finished
 - Owner was creating a rod
 - Color blue with grey interior
 - Has all or most parts needed to complete
- For more information call 856-468-6315

350 AUTO TRANSMISSION

- For Sale OR Trade - 350 Auto Transmission with Pontiac bolt up.
- Call Dave at 856-542-0569



1930 Ford Model A Murray Town Sedan

- Nice complete original restoration project
 - Includes 6 19" wheels and title
 - \$4,900 or best offer
- Contact John 856-468-5107

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE 1957 Chevy Bel Air Convertible \$90,000

- * Red w/white top
 - * Continental kit
 - * Garage kept
 - * Calif made car/rust free
 - * Fender skirts
 - * Wide white wall tires
 - * Undercarriage detailed
 - * Spinner wheel caps
 - * 83,500 miles (Condition 2)
 - * 283 V8-4 barrel
 - * Power Steering & Brakes
 - * Power Glide transmission—dual exhaust
 - * Interior Red & Silver
 - * Original AM Radio
- Contact: Dave 1-717-464-9394

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FOR SALE 1979 El Camino "Conquisa" \$9,800

- 305 V8 4-Barrel Carb. 42,000 original miles
- Auto Trans, Power Brakes, Power Steering
- 4 new tires, FM Radio w/cassette player
- New heavy duty battery, new starter
- Oil change & filter, new spark plugs
- Heated & Air Condition since new (2nd owner)
- Remote mirrors, Tilt wheel

For more information contact Jeff Williams 856-589-6165

4 COOPER TRENDSETTER SE TIRES FOR SALE.

P205 70R 15
Brand New—No miles.
\$75 or Best Offer
Contact Ed 856-362-0001



LET US HELP YOU SELL YOUR CAR AND/OR PARTS.
Contact Linda McFarland with your items for sale.
sjraaca@gmail.com

AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR

November 15, 2015

By: Linda McFarland

On Sunday, November 15th the South Jersey Region joined with the New Jersey Region and the Ontelaunee Region and visited the American Treasure Tour in Oaks, PA.

There were 75 total who attended this tour, 37 from Ontelaunee Region, 27 from New Jersey Region and 11 from South Jersey Region. Many folks took their antique auto up to Oaks PA.

Upon arrival at Oaks Business/Convention Center, we enjoyed a buffet lunch prior to our tour at Arnolds Family Fun Center where we had a private room for our luncheon.

After lunch we were split into groups for the tour. We had to drive around to the huge warehouse (once a tire manufacturing warehouse) that has been transformed into the American Treasure Tour.

Our group went on the tram tour first. We were shown through this massive area and saw a group of antique band organs, antique automobiles and lots of memorabilia of days gone by. Riding the tram tour was a must for this area as we would have been walking for miles in order to see this entire collection.

After our tram tour, we were escorted into the area where all the antique nickelodeons and music boxes were kept. All of the nickelodeons were painstakingly restored to their original beauty and functionality. We received a wonderful demonstration of each of the nickelodeons and band organs. The antique music boxes were also demonstrated.

It was a wonderful day and it was so good to see many of our friends from the two North Jersey regions.



Numerous antique autos to see on the tram tour with many eclectic items of years gone by.



We were given the history of the various Nickelodeons, many of which were played for us.



Ray and Terry having fun outside of Arnolds before lunch



Tram tour ride through the thousands of antiques



One of the music boxes on display

SJRAACA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 6, 2015

The South Jersey Region enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Party at the Tilbury VFW Post on Sunday, December 6th. Thanks to Janet Erdner and Bonnie Green for setting up and coordinating the party, we enjoyed wonderful food catered by the Italian Kitchen. Of course Janet made sure there were plenty of door prizes for everyone. Pepper Paul was our DJ for the afternoon and he kept the music flowing.

But the special guest of the evening was Santa. He surprised the Erdner grandchildren with some special early Christmas gifts and also took Christmas requests from many of the members.

Our other special guest was Colleen Gjeffe of Green Technology Services. Colleen keeps our website looking great each month. Colleen is a terrific photographer and the photographs you see below have all been taken by her.

A wonderful time was had by all as you can see by the photographs below. There are many more photos on the SJRAACA.com website.

