



HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

July, 2016

Bob Hopley's '57 Thunderbird

By Denis Mercier, Gloucester County Times

Bob Hopley's lifelong love of things automotive came naturally. When he was but a young lad his parents bought a gas station/repair shop/luncheonette in Barnsboro.

His dad and older brother Phil did most of the repairing and gas pumping until the day when it was "Time for Bobby to help pumping gas."

He did pump gas for a while but quickly drifted over to the repair bays and soon was servicing and tuning cars.

"Back then it was recommended every thousand or so miles."

He really enjoyed working on the two Alcyon Speedway stock cars his family's station sponsored. People who knew him then still comment on his favorite way to work on engines: sitting on a front fender with his feet in the engine compartment.

"That's how they were built then. Don't try it now."

At age 15, he bought a 1932 Ford pickup, got out the torch and chopped and channeled it (lowered the top by removing a section; channeling the body so it rested below the frame). It was the first time he'd ever done such a thing but it turned out well, as did the 59AB flathead engine he totally rebuilt.

"I got all my ideas from Hot Rod magazine. Nothing like that was going on around here." He remembers hauling a trailer full of brake parts home from Wurst's Salvage yard behind his bike.

When he turned 17 the truck was all done, and he drove it to Pitman High and to Alcyon Speedway where it attracted lots of attention to put it mildly.

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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 **4th of July & 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 (Pricing upon request)
Spring Jackets: S-XL \$42; 2X \$44 & 3X \$46
Winter Jackets S-XL \$70



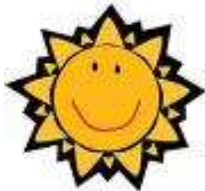
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

July Birthdays

5- Harry Burton
6- Donna Crim
6- Shelley McFarland
7- Robert Breslin
7- Robin Tindall
11-Louis Fisher
20-Dorothy Burton
21-Bill Smith
24-Harry Salmon
31-Jim Cristos



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 fruit basket was delivered to Bill Wynne who was recently hospitalized.

**YOUR CAR STORY IS NEEDED.
EMAIL OR MAIL YOUR
SPECIAL STORY ABOUT
YOUR CAR.**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dave Birchmire

Summer is off to a great start with our National Meet a distant memory we have been gearing up for the summer shows.



Our June Bobbitt Cruise was a great one with over 45 vehicles. Beautiful weather was the key.

Then our Kountry Kitchen Cruise was well attended with some of our members doing double duty by attending the Ocean City Dave Blyler Memorial Show in the morning and then coming up in time for the Kountry Kitchen Cruise. Great weather and a nice turnout.

The Kountry Kitchen is looking forward to our September 24th Cruise with the possibility of Dash Plaques for everyone who comes out.

We are looking forward to July and our Bobbitt Cruise on July 20th and the WoodMeier Tour and Show up to Lambertville, NJ on July 24th .

We are planning a really special 50th Anniversary Banquet for everyone on August 28th. Don't forget to get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Keep those wheels polished and rolling.
Happy Motoring!



FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland

Wow the summer is upon us and we are having fun with our antique autos. Ray and I just returned from the Buzzard's Breath Touring Region Tour in West Virginia. What a beautiful area to visit. We took our '63 and had the top down most of the days.

After a week at the shore with family, we are ready to get into July and have some fun. Bobbitt Auto Cruise is on July 20th and then we are leaving for the Eastern Divisional Tour in Richmond Virginia.

If you haven't tried touring with your antique car, you are really missing a lot of fun. We love to see new areas and these tours take us to places we wouldn't normally find on our own. The region who hosts the tour always finds interesting collections for us to see and always finds the best places for us to eat.

Our son and daughter-in-law who also love to tour with us say touring with our antique car is like being on a scavenger hunt going from one eating place to another and stopping to see neat things on the way.

Hope to see you at our next Bobbitt Cruise or maybe at the WoodMeier Farm Classic Car Show & Pig Roast.

Linda McFarland

South Jersey Region Events & Activities

JULY

11 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING

(NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Woodstown Borough Hall



14 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT

Green Olive Restaurant

610 Shiloh Pike, Hopewell, Bridgeton, NJ

20 5-8 PM CRUISE NIGHT AT

BOBBITT AUTO

24 8:00 AM WoodMeier Farm Classic Car Show

Meeting at Malaga Diner for breakfast

3433 Harding Hwy. (Rt. 40) Franklinville, NJ

AUGUST

1 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING

Woodstown Borough Hall

17 5-8 PM CRUISE NIGHT AT

BOBBITT AUTO

27 8am-3pm CHESAPEAKE CITY CAR SHOW

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FOR MORE INFORMATION.

28 3:00 PM SJRAACA 50TH Anniversary

Celebration Banquet

Buena Vista Country Club

LOOKING AHEAD

October 1—9am-3 pm—Elmer Days Car Show

October 1—6 pm SWAP MEET WORKER DINNER

Terrigno's Fairfield Inn, Bridgeton, NJ

November 3-4 - Fall overnight tour to Pennsylvania

College of Technology—Williamsport, PA

**Always check out our Website
SJRAACA.COM
For up to date information on
all our activities.**

AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

- **July 14-16, 2016** Central Spring Meet, Minnesota Region, Mankato, Minnesota
- **July 17-21, 2016** Founders Tour (Post-'31) Allegheny Mountain Region, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania
- **July 31-August 3, 2016** Eastern Divisional Tour, Richmond Region, Richmond, VA
- **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
- **November 5-11, 2016** Reliability Tour (Pre-1916) Savannah Region, Savannah, GA
- **February 9-11, 2017** AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

NEW MEMBERS

Dave & Brenda Shore Kaiser

Katy, Texas

Dave & Brenda are Fran & John

Shore's daughter & son-in-law.

They have several automobiles:

'31 Chevrolet Roadster; '49 Kaiser Sedan;

'63 Chevrolet Nova SS; '72 Chevrolet Corvette;

'46 & '57 Cushman Scooters



Robert & Susan Breslin

Salem, NJ

Bob & Susan have the following automobiles:

'64 Chevrolet 2 dr ht Impala SS

'68 Chevrolet Corvette convertible

'74 VW Super Beetle Sedan



BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHTS

3rd Wednesdays 5:00-8:00 pm

Bobbitt Auto

595 Salem Quinton Road, Salem, NJ

April 20th

July 20th

May 18th

August 17th

June 15th

Sept. 21st

Saturday, October 15—3:00-6:00 pm

Toys for Tots Cruise

Music by our own DJ Ed Counsellor

Come on out and enjoy the music

& see old friends.

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South Jersey Region AACA CRUISE NIGHT

June 25th - 4-8 PM

September 24th - 3-7 PM

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Special car?**

**How about writing something
for our newsletter?**

Send it to Linda McFarland

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Sunday, August 28th

SJRAACA is Celebrating

our

50th Anniversary

With a Banquet at the

Buena Vista Country Club

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of celebration with our own Ed Counsellor as DJ and some special gifts for everyone. Come out and enjoy the good food and friendship.

Invitations were mailed July 1st. So if you have not responded or did not receive an invitation,

please contact Linda McFarland at

SJRAACA@gmail.com or

call her at 609-202-3907



SJRAACA Winners at the EASTERN SPRING MEET



Sorry but I missed one of our South Jersey Region members who received an award at the Eastern Spring Meet.

Donald Symonds—Repeat Original HPOF

1980 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme

Congratulations Don & Maria

Bob Hopley's '57 T-Bird (Continued)

He was offered so much money for it he sold it and did much the same thing to a 1931 Ford five-window coupe.

"Body work back then was leading and glazing putty," Bob laughs.

After a few years he sold the coupe and bought a '56 Chevy Bel Air hardtop. "It was pretty fast until the 57s came out."

He bought a '59 Corvette in '59 and joined a Corvette club.

"What a beautiful car it was. Even though I abused it, it never let me down." Then, as Bob so eloquently puts it: "Then came four children and the station wagons."

Bob didn't get another "fun car" until 1967, when he bought his first '57 T-Bird.

"It needed an awful lot of work and painting, but I had fun in that car." He traded the 'Bird in 1971 for a '37 Ford street rod and kept it for 22 years.

But when he retired from Air Products in 1999 he went looking for a Corvette or Thunderbird, finally deciding on the 'Bird.

"It was less expensive, the car looked good and Ralph Richards found it for me." A test drive confirmed his choice and the owner even delivered it. Tinkering with the car was far less strenuous than getting a personalized license plate.

"All the ones I wanted were taken, but a nice lady at Motor Vehicle finally got me TBRD57."

He got the car the way he wanted it and began doing shows and cruises.

"I don't do parades because the car is a stick shift and parades are hard on the clutch."

His idea of the perfect event is a cruise where he can eat. "It's a great package deal."

He brings a chair to the shows but is hardly ever in it.

"The best part of any automotive event is the people you meet."

If an adult with a child approaches his white T-Bird he lets the child sit on the red seats and the adult to take pictures.

"My car is a driver, and - who knows? - maybe someday he or she will want an old car and join the fun."

Bob's current "old car" is a rare one indeed.

"It's a 292 'C, model with a two-barrel carb and three-speed." They are rare. Most are 312 (cubic inches)." His has a portholed hard top as well as the original soft top.

Bob is delighted to have the original window sticker/build sheet and points out the car's "birthday" - when it was begun—as 1/29/57. When it rolled out of the Dearborn plant at 12:45 a.m. February 1st the base 'Bird was optioned with about \$650 worth of goodies, including the \$8. "positive action wipers," power steering and brakes (\$74.55) signal-seeking radio (\$79.60) and a heater and defroster (\$58.50). The total price included destination and delivery, registration, license and fees—and even a charge of \$4.14 for "10 gal gas; 16 pts AF."

The whole thing came to \$3,072.97.

Is he happy? Well, yes, but "I'm still looking for a Corvette up to 1962 that's a driver, but the old ones are expensive. I also want a 1938 Chevy Coupe Street Rod."

"That's what happens to you when you're a 'car crazy, - you want it all."



Thanks Bob for sharing your story. Bob also owns a '31 Ford Sedan and a '32 Ford Pick-up.



TOO FUNNY!

Tom finally decided to tie the knot with his longtime girlfriend.

One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning one of his hot rods for an upcoming show.

His wife was standing there at the bench watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally speaks.

"Honey, I've just been thinking. Now that we're married, maybe it's time you quit spending all your time out here in the garage.

You probably should just consider selling all your cars along with your gun collection.

Tom gets this horrified look on his face.

She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

"There for a minute you were starting to sound like my ex-wife."

"Ex wifel she screams. "YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE MARRIED BEFORE!"

Tom's reply, "I wasn't."

A Mountain Area Tour

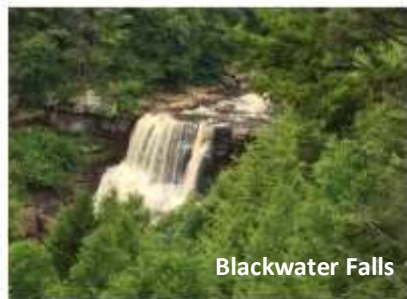
By Fran Shore

In June, the Buzzard's Breath Region enjoyed their annual region members only tour in West Virginia. This is a non-geographic region and whomever hosts the tour for that year is wherever the tour is held. This tour is always managed with a lower budget than most tours and yet has a good turnout of the region members and interesting venues to visit. All members of this region are seasoned tourers and enjoy the driving of their vehicles and are unflappable with the day's events or with their cars or the routes.

This year the group toured the beautiful West Virginia area with its mountains, rocks and water ways. We enjoyed another region's cars as they enjoyed ours and then left for a beautiful train ride on the Potomac Eagle that rode on the rails along the South Branch of the Potomac River where we saw the soaring and nesting of eagles.

We visited the Dominion Power plant and saw up close how the electricity is transformed from the coal of the region to the current to run our homes and businesses.

We experienced the rushing water over the falls of the Blackwater river and the sharply stunning Seneca Rocks area. The word views cannot be under voiced as this day and every day was filled with endless scenery as we drove the roads up, up and through these lushly green mountains.



Blackwater Falls



Fish Hatchery

We visited a fish hatchery where we saw the treatment of the fish that eventually would be used in streams and rivers for fishing. Then a driving

climb to Spruce Knob where we drove the winding mountain road to the 4,863 feet above sea level tower and view. It was wonderful to experience the great display of military memorabilia one man has collected and perfectly displayed on our return to our tour hotel.



Spruce Knob

An unbelievable tour of a mulch factory gave us an appreciation of the environmentally perfect use of every part of the tree and how the environmental controls do protect not only us but our products. An inside look at an antique auto restoration business followed by the beautiful items of the crafts of the West Virginia people completed our tour.

A few days in the high elevation of this area was a joyful one and far removed from life and conveniences (such as constant cell phone coverage and gas stations everywhere) that we take for granted in this populated area in which the South Jersey members live.



Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region Monday, July 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Dave Birchmire. All stood for the pledge to the Flag.

There were no guests or new members in attendance.

Leon Erdner did not have the secretary's report as he was on vacation last month.

Edna Norris gave the treasurer's report and it was approved as read and bills were approved for payment.

Sunshine: Becky Counsellor reported that a fruit basket was delivered to Bill Wynn who was recently hospitalized.

Dave thanked Becky & Ed for taking the time to deliver these gifts and visiting with our members.

Leon Erdner read a thank you note from Bill Wynne for the fruit basket.

50th Anniversary Banquet—Linda McFarland reported that all was going as planned and invitations were mailed out. She encouraged everyone to attend the banquet on August 28th, as a lot of nice things are planned for the evening.

Dave noted that July 20th is our Bobbitt Cruise and that we had over 40 cars at the June cruise.

He also reported that the Kountry Kitchen Cruise was well attended with around 50 cars. The Kountry Kitchen is looking forward to our September 24th cruise and may be giving out dash plaques. Marcie Lewis is helping to organize this.

Elmer Days - Dave reported that he and Edna Norris are working on organizing the Elmer Day Car Show which will be on **October 1st from 9 am—3 pm**. A special surprise is in store for those who attend.

Linda McFarland reported that we have 9 cars and 20 people attending the WoodMeier Farm Car Show and BBQ in Lambertville NJ on July 24th. She noted that there is still time for last minute sign ups but she needs to know by Wednesday if you are planning to attend. We are meeting at the Malaga Diner at 8 am and then traveling up to Lambertville by way of Rt. 206 and NJ 29. Those who are meeting us up there need to arrive around 11:30 am.

Fall Overnight Tour - Dave reported that we are planning a tour to the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA on **November 3rd & 4th**. We will be touring the College's automotive classes. More information on this next month.

Swap Meet Worker Dinner—It was decided that the Worker Dinner would be held on **October 1st at 6:00 pm** at Terrigno's Fairfield Inn in Bridgeton, NJ. Leon Erdner will call to schedule this for our group. Those who are unable to attend will receive Wawa gift cards.

Dave noted that we received applications for new membership from Dave & Brenda Shore Kaiser and also from Bob & Susan Breslin. Both were voted into membership. We hope to see them at some of our upcoming activities.

Linda McFarland reported on the recent Buzzards Breath Touring Region Tour in West Virginia. It was a well run tour to a beautiful area of West Virginia that was attended by 65 members and 30 automobiles.

She also explained a little of the Buzzy Region and noted the criteria for being a member of this region. You must have attended at least 2 AACA tours in the last 2 years and you must ask a member about membership. The Buzzards Region does not recruit members. It is a non-geographical region with members all across the country.

Chuck Gibson reported on the AACA Sentimental Tour that he and Joyce and Gary & Bonnie Green attended. He noted that it was a very laid back tour and a very enjoyable one as the days were short not covering over 50 miles a day. He noted some of the interesting venues that they visited.

Friendship & Food Night Out will be held on Thursday, July 14th at 6:30 pm at the Green Olive Restaurant, Hopewell, Bridgeton, NJ.

It was noted that a gift certificate will be given to Hal Wentzell of Red Oak Disposal. A bill was never received from Red Oak for our Swap Meet use of the dumpsters provided by them.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 pm.

The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago.



What a difference a century makes!

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved Roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200-\$200 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Physicians had No College Education

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools,

Many of which were condemned in the press AND

The government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost 4 cents a pound

Eggs were 14 cents a dozen.

Coffee was 15 cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia & influenza

2. Tuberculosis

3. Diarrhea

4. Heart disease

5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!

Crossword Puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been Invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6

Percent of all Americans had graduated from high School.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time Servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. (but almost everyone had a gun!)



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COULD BE
RIGHT
HERE!**

KOUNTRY KITCHEN CRUISE JUNE 25, 2016

Here are some of the more than 50 cars that attended the Kountry Kitchen Cruise. Our next Kountry Kitchen Cruise will be on September 24th from 3 pm to 7 pm.



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CELEBRATION BANQUET
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