



# HEADLIGHTS



## South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website [www.sjraaca.com](http://www.sjraaca.com)

November, 2016

### Fall Tour to Williamsport PA and Pennsylvania College of Technology



Outside the Herdic Museum in front of the 1949 Pullman Car

Our first stop was to visit 2 local museums, the Peter Herdic Transportation Museum and also the Thomas Taber Museum. Both museums were packed with local history of the area.

Our Pennsylvania College of Technology representative, Debra Miller was instrumental in organizing our museum tours for this trip. The Herdic Transportation Museum, which is not usually open on Thursdays, opened just for our group.

Eleven South Jersey Region members met early Thursday, November 3rd at the Pennsville Burger King to begin our tour up to Williamsport Pennsylvania. We were in 6 cars total 5 vintage and 1 modern.

We traveled up avoiding major interstate roads and passing beautiful country side and towns. We especially enjoyed the fall foliage and breathtaking vibrant colors of the season. We dealt with a little rain on the way up but it passed quickly and we arrived in Williamsport around 2:00 pm after stopping for lunch.

On the platform of the 1949 Pullman Car



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Happy  
Thanksgiving

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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](http://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 \$42; 2X \$44 & 3X \$46  
Winter Jackets S-XL \$70



**Linda is placing a jacket & shirt order this month.  
Please call or email her if you would like to order.**

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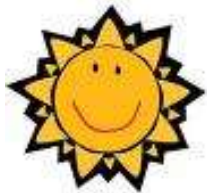
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

### November Birthdays

11-1 Angela Kinsey  
11-7 Wm Powell  
11-25 Dave Birchmire  
11-25 Theresa Chalow  
11-26 Teresa McCann

**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 fruit baskets were delivered to Martin Erdner & Larry Niedzialek. A flower arrangement was delivered to Becky Counsellor for her recent surgery,

delivered by Linda McFarland

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



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dave Birchmire*

Congratulations are in order for our newly elected board members and officers of South Jersey Region A.A.C.A. I thank everyone for helping to make our region one of the best clubs to be a member of.

Our last Bobbitt's Cruise of the year was very well attended, but most importantly it was our Toys for Tots Cruise. We had a large donation of toys this year. The two boxes the Marines gave us filled up quickly and we filled one larger box to boot. Thanks to all of you car guys and gals. You are the best.

Our fall overnight tour to Penn Tech had six cars and eleven members attending. We toured their state of the art facility and saw first-hand how the future of car restoration business will be done. It's very good to know the antique car hobby is in capable hands of these young people. With our donation there will be a scholarship named for South Jersey Region A.A.C.A.

This year's Christmas party will be on Dec. 10th at Terrigno's Fairfield Inn from 5:00-9:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person which you will get back the night of the event. We will be collecting donations for the Sunshine foundation gift cards as we have done in the past. The club will match your donation up to \$400.00. That would give us \$800.00 for the children to have a nice Christmas.

Wishing everyone on a Happy Thanksgiving.

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Wow! Where has the year gone. November already! We certainly have had a wonderful year so far.

Thank you to everyone for their cards and well wishes while I was recuperating from my knee surgery. It was one month on Nov. 5th and I am doing very well. Although, looking back at the October Newsletter, there were several mistakes due to the pain meds. But working on the newsletter helped to keep my mind off my knee pain.

We just returned from our Fall Tour and what a great tour it was. Pennsylvania College of Technology is a wonderful school and offers students interested in Automotive Technology a state of the art education.

Please see the article and photos in this newsletter.

Please enjoy the November Newsletter and please make note of our upcoming activities.

See you down the road!

Linda McFarland



# South Jersey Region Events & Activities

## AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### NOVEMBER

**3-4 FALL OVERNIGHT TOUR to Pennsylvania**  
**College of Technology—Williamsport, PA**  
**Staying at the Holiday Inn Express \$89/night**

**7 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**

Woodstown Borough Hall

**10 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT**

**Carollo's Family Restaurant**

2036 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, NJ 08322

### DECEMBER

**3 8:30 SALEM CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Meet for breakfast at 8:30 am at the  
Salem Oak Restaurant

**5 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**

Woodstown Borough Hall

**10 5:00-9:00 PM CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Terrigno's Fairfield Inn

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

- **November 5-11, 2016** Reliability Tour (Pre-1916) Savannah Region, Savannah, GA
- **February 9-11, 2017** AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- **February 23-25, 2017** AACA Winter Meet, North Central Florida Region, Ocala, Florida
- **March 23-26, 2017** AACA Western Meet—Palm Springs Region, California
- **April 6-9, 2017** Southeastern Spring Meet—Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte, North Carolina
- **April 25-28, 2017** Western Divisional Tour (up to 1992)- Mother Lode Region, Sonoma, California
- **May 11-13, 2017** AACA Special Spring Meet, Auburn, Indiana
- **May 26-27, 2017** AACA Eastern Spring Meet—Huntington Region, West Virginia
- **June 4-9, 2017** Founders Tour (1932-later) Gettysburg Region, Gettysburg, PA
- **June 15-17, 2017** Annual Grand National Meet-Kansas City Region, Independence, Missouri
- **August 17-19, 2017** Central Fall Meet-Mississippi Region, Bettendorf, Iowa
- **September 17-22, 2017** AAA Glidden Tour (AACA hosted)- Nebraska Region, Hastings, Nebraska
- **October 4-7, 2017** Eastern Fall Meet—Hershey Region, Hershey, PA

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

MEMBER  
DUES

It's time to renew your  
AACA membership and  
also time to renew your  
South Jersey Region membership.



Please MAIL your AACA membership of \$35  
to AACA, 501 W. Governor Rd.  
Hershey, PA, 17033

PLEASE give or mail your SJRAACA  
Membership of \$10 to  
Edna Norris, 410 Route 45  
Mannington, NJ 08079



## ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the new  
officers and board members for  
2017-18

**Ray McFarland - President**  
**Terry Shelton - Vice President**  
**Becky Counsellor - Secretary**  
**Edna Norris - Treasurer**

Board of Directors (2 year term)  
**Leon Erdner**  
**Chuck Gibson**

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





## FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT

Thursday, November 10th  
6:30PM

**Carollo's Family Restaurant**  
**2036 Delsea Drive**  
**Franklinville, NJ 08322**



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**SALEM CHRISTMAS  
PARADE**  
**Saturday, December 3**  
**Meeting at 8:30 am for**  
**Breakfast at the Salem**  
**Oak Diner.**

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## ANNUAL CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

**5:00-9:00 PM at**

**Terrigno's Fairfield Inn**

**\$20 per person REFUNDED upon attendance.**

**Please send your check to Edna Norris, 410**

**Route 45,**

**Mannington, NJ 08079**



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

Our club will be matching all donations up to \$400 toward these gift cards and we will have a special basket available at our Christmas Party on December 10th for those who wish to donate additional monies toward this worthy cause.

## Senior inspiration

1. My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 lbs...only 15 to go....
2. Ate salad for dinner...mostly croutons & tomatoes...really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce...and cheese...FINE, it was a pizza...I ate a pizza...
3. How to prepare Tofu: 1. Throw it in the trash.  
2. Grill some Meat.
4. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web...
5. I don't mean to brag but...I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes...
6. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it...
7. Kids today don't know how easy they have it...when I was young; I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel...
8. Senility has been a smooth transition for me...
9. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero out they closed school? Me neither.
10. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented...I forgot where I was going with this...
11. I love being over 70...I learn something new every day...and forget 5 others...
12. A thief broke into my house last night...He started searching for money...so I woke up and searched with him...
13. My dentist told me I need a Crown...I said, "You bet, pour mine over rocks"...
14. I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day...

"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."

*Thank you to Nancy Whiddon, Editor of the Golden Crescent Region AACA Newsletter, Victoria Texas*



## **Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region Monday, November 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Birchmire. There were no guests or new members present.

Dave welcomed back Edna Norris after her surgery.

Dave also welcomed back Larry Niedzialek after his surgery and Bill Wynne who was recently hospitalized.

Janet Erdner read the Secretary's report since Leon Erdner was away. The report was approved as read.

Edna Norris did not have a Treasurer's report due to her recent hospitalization and will have a complete report for the December Meeting.

Bills were approved for payment.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were received from Edna Norris & Becky Counsellor. A thank you note was also received from Bonnie & Gary Green and the Dickson Family at the loss of Bonnie's brother.

Chuck Gibson read a letter from Wayne Burgess of AACA, thanking our club for hosting the Eastern Spring Meet in May.

Dave noted that the Toys for Tots Cruise was very successful and we collected an enormous amount of new toys. Fran Shore noted that she saw many folks come in just to donate toys and look at the cars.

The Swap Meet Dinner held at Terrigno's Fairfield Inn was attended by many of the Swap Meet Workers.

Gary Green noted that he had given out Wawa Cards to each of the workers who could not attend the Swap Meet Dinner.

Gary also reminded everyone that the Swap Meet will be fast approaching and asked for approval to print up the flyers for the March 26, 2017 Swap Meet. He has already been receiving calls from people regarding the date. A motion was made and approved to allow Gary print up the Swap Meet Flyers.

Fall Tour to Penn Tech—Linda McFarland reported that 6 cars and 11 members attended the Fall Tour. She noted that a full report on the tour will be in the November Newsletter. She reported that the group was given the royal treatment by the school and our check will go to a worthwhile program. Bonnie Powell also explained about some of the campus decorations.

Dave noted that December 3, 2016 is the Salem Annual Christmas Parade and we will be meeting at 8:30 am for breakfast at the Salem Oak Diner.

He also noted that December 10, 2016 is our Annual Christmas Party and the cost is \$20 per person, REFUNDED when you attend. Please get your money for the dinner to Edna Norris ASAP.

We will also be giving Christmas Gift Cards to families of the Sunshine Foundation. The club will match all donations up to \$400 again this year. A motion was made and approved for this donation.

Dave noted that the new lanyards and badges have arrived and if members would like a new clip-on badge

and lanyard, they are available for \$2.00.

Club Cookbooks are also available for \$10 each. They make excellent Christmas gifts.

Dave then asked the Nominating Committee to read the election results. Bonnie Green, chairperson of the Nominating Committee read the results.

President - Ray McFarland

Vice President - Terry Shelton

Secretary - Becky Counsellor

Treasurer - Edna Norris

Board Member - Chuck Gibson

Board Member - Leon Erdner

Congratulations to everyone and a special thanks to Bonnie Green, Ed Counsellor and Larry Niedzialek for serving on the Nominating Committee.

Frank Heiss then spoke about the Pumpkin Run which took place this past Saturday in Millville.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 pm.

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## **SJRAACA COOKBOOK**

If you attended our 50th Anniversary Banquet, you received one of our SJRAACA Cookbooks.

Our SJRAACA Cookbook has been recently revised by Valerie Wynne, with many new recipes. But, the big surprise is when you turn it upside down you will have a copy of our original cookbook from 25 years ago.

Our cookbooks are for sale at \$10 each for those who would like to purchase for gifts. They will be for sale at our meetings and also at our cruise nights.

**THEY MAKE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS**



**Have a story about your Special car?  
How about writing something for our  
newsletter?**

**Send it to Linda McFarland  
[sjraaca@gmail.com](mailto:sjraaca@gmail.com)**

# Why In The World Do People Like Touring In These Cars and On AACA Tours so very much?

By Fran Shore

There are so many reasons to tour on an AACA National Tour. The most outstanding one that comes to mind from doing so many AACA National Tours as well as other marque club tours has to be the PEOPLE we have met and with whom we have formed friendships. We have friends all over this country and even some in Australia (whom we have visited- and they have spent time with us)

The opportunity to visit many places from homes to racing stables to boat rides to train rides; all with our tour people and into areas that are usually not open to visitors.

We have experienced the joy of wind in our faces- and yes even rain as we have traveled in open touring cars – that means, no windows folks and we didn't put up the side curtains- we just laughed and got wet and sometimes cold- but what laughter and what fun!!! We have toured in cars from the 1920's to 1978 and each one has given us the joy of friendships and camaraderie. We have ridden in rumble seats, back seats of touring cars, used "lap robes" to keep warm and opened all of the windows to keep cool. We have driven slowly on back roads and through mountains and cruised along the drive on the road along Big Sur in California. We have done roads in states way up north and places way down south. You can select where you want to go and have a new experience or relive one you enjoyed before. It is a time to relax, follow the directions on the pages of the tour book, and yes, getting lost and making U turns is also part of touring.

We ate at places we would never have known about and seen buildings we had read about and walked pathways through tunnels, waterfalls at our sides and touched nature at its best with our eyes. We have driven high mountains and low roads along waterways, we have eaten so many coffee stop treats in so many states and dinners in the quaintest churches and fire halls and the finest of restaurants of historical significance.

It is a wonderful way to enjoy your vehicle- no matter the era. Some like the very early cars and they are not only charming to watch as they chug along but to see what they can do is eye opening. Some want the convenience of our more modern accessories and that's OK and there are tours for each type of eras.

If you go on one tour, you will want to then watch for more. Some of us have toured this beautiful country from sea to shining sea in these antique vehicles. Do we have any car trouble? Yes. Do we handle it? Yes. Does it add to good memories and adventures? Yes. Can a car and its folks do shorter tours? Yes. But this coming year there is one close to you and a good way to start touring and finding the WHY of the question in the heading of this article.

There is a tour close in 2017. The Founders Tour based in Gettysburg has some interesting venues to enjoy. You will see some things up close that you normally would whizz past such as the Carlisle Army Heritage Center, a Rural History Museum in Sharpsburg Maryland and while there you might want to wander over to the Antietam battlefield- the Bloodiest battle of the Civil War was held there- you will drive through covered bridges, the Gettysburg Battlefield and the very interesting Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. That is just ONE of the AACA National tours but this one is close .

Let's review why people like touring with their old cars:

1. They get to **drive** the car and **ride** in the car of another time period (modern cars just don't have the same feel)
2. The **places you will visit** will interest you and yes, educate you a bit
3. The food, **the food**, the food
4. The people, **the people**, the people - there is a song that says: "Make new friends and keep the old, one is silver, the other is gold." So many of our "golden friends" are from our years of touring in the antique car hobby. We never knew them before this hobby but oh so glad to know them and YOU now.

Once you have tried it; you will understand the enthusiasm that those of us who have been doing this touring feel this way about the joy of touring and why we want you to join us.

PS note: I can even teach you how to pack for a week or longer into these cars if you have a smaller car.



Fran riding in the Buick on a Glidden Tour





## Fall Tour (Continued)

The Taber Museum had many interesting exhibits depicting life from the 1700s through the 1900s and a huge display of the Shempp Model Train exhibit with over 300 toy trains.

The Heredic Transportation Museum, while not very big inside offered a first hand experience with the 1949 Pullman Parlor Car and how train travel was back then.



Bonnie Powell, Bonnie Green & Martin Erdner, boarding the 1962 GMC Bus which was fully restored.

That evening we all enjoyed a delicious dinner at a local restaurant near our hotel.



Our hotel was just 1.5 miles from the Pennsylvania College of Technology.



We were given VIP attention, when we arrived with special parking spaces for our cars close to all the areas we would be visiting.



The Penn Tech campus is state of the art and we were very impressed.



Our group is standing with sculptures made by the students outside the Automotive Technology Building.

Inside the Automotive Technology building we were shown the state of the art shops where the students learn all that is necessary for repair and restoration of all ages of automobiles, from the latest model vehicles to antique automobiles. The school has a partnership with Ford, Honda and Chrysler Mopar. These auto manufacturers supply the school with the latest models to work on, insuring the students receive the training they need to troubleshoot and repair vehicles. They even can fabricate a part for an antique automobile that is no longer available, utilizing the 3D printer technology that they are taught to use. Many students serve internships during the summer at various auto dealerships. The students learn various skills from woodworking, sheet metal forming, custom machining/fabrication/welding, classical paint, upholstery installation, automotive research, antique mechanical and electrical systems and much more.

Equipment and facilities include a 49,000 square foot lab, three spray booths, eight frame straightening machines and more.



## Fall Tour (Continued)



Our group saw the 1970 Chevelle that the students completely restored from the ground up.

Three students gave us a complete tour of all the facilities and the many projects the students are completing. Below is a 1909 Chalmers that is presently being worked on and many parts are being fabricated right there in the shop. Many of the antique automobiles



have been donated to the school for the students to restore. As you can see the equipment is state of the art.

You can see much more about Penn Tech's Automotive Program on their website [www.pct.edu](http://www.pct.edu)



Our group with our student guides. We presented a \$500 check to the school.

After we completed touring the Automotive area we went to the school's beautiful restaurant LeJeune Chef where we were served a wonderful lunch. Penn Tech also offers many other course opportunities for students, i.e. Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Nursing, and many more.

Our lunch was completely made and served by the students of the Culinary Arts Department.

Each of us were very impressed with the caliber of this school and feel our scholarship monies will definitely be used to the fullest extent to further the automobile hobby.



## SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



### FOR SALE 1964 Pontiac GTO Hardtop

\$49,500

- Frame-Off Restoration w/photo album
- Factory A/C, 4 Speed, Tri-Power
- Power Steering, Power Brakes
- Tinted Glass, Hurst wheels & radial redlines
- Silvermist grey w/black interior
- PHS documented
- GTOAA regional meet 1st place winner
- Owned 11 years

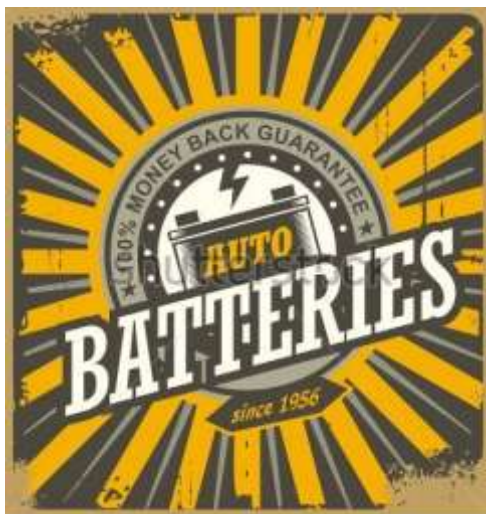
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856-455-4073 (eve)

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### FOR SALE 1930 Ford Model A Pick Up

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- No Motor
- \$5,800

Contact John—856-468-5107

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- P205 70R 15
- Brand New—No miles.
- \$75 EACH or Best Offer

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## SOUTH JERSEY REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

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