



EASTERN DIVISION NATIONAL SPRING MEET



## South Jersey Region AACA

September, 2016

**To the members of the South Jersey Region AACA:**

*The AACA Magazine edited some of the important parts of the article that showed the reason that we accepted this national meet, which was to celebrate the South Jersey Region's 50th year of being an AACA Region. The naming of people involved and the interesting logo designed for the meet represented that combination along with words that described the personality of South Jersey Region.*

*Please enjoy the article that resonates with your success.*

*Fran Shore*

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1966 ♦ 50TH ANNIVERSARY ♦ 2016  
MAY 19-21, 2016

## The Eastern National Spring Meet

May 19—May 21, 2016

Vineland, New Jersey

And

## The New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, NJ

By Fran Shore

Photos by Joyce Gibson, Colleen Gjiefle, Joel Goldman,  
Fran Shore, Linda McFarland

Months of committee work, months of preparation accompanies an AACA National Meet. Meet chairman, Chuck Gibson, established committees and requirements were presented to follow for an AACA National meet. This takes time, interest and the region members accepting the challenge of becoming involved workers.

South Jersey Region did all of that and presented a wonderful three days to the AACA members to experience the area and also to present their vehicles for judging.



Registration Chair Linda McFarland with Eileen Niedzialek, Maria Symons & Sue Birchmier

The registration began on Thursday and Registration Chairman, Linda McFarland and her helpers welcomed the registrants into the hospitality room and presented their packets for the Saturday Meet. These packets and other information provided venues to such places as an amazing Museum of Matchbox Cars, The Bellview Winery, The Millville Army Air Field Museum and the Wheaton Arts & Cultural Center.

All day Thursday and Friday the hospitality room chaired by Sue Birchmier was active with registration pick-ups, along with selecting and hoping to win the attractive raffle basket or items.

In the merchandise room, with chairman Doretta Scott and her helpers, people were happily buying the merchandise that reflects our AACA.

The other attraction in the hospitality room was what antique car people enjoy most - lots of goodies to satisfy any sweet tooth.

Friday evening there was the opportunity to "Drive the Race Track" and many did in modern cars and antique cars. Although no prizes were given for winning on the track, the smiles on the faces were an award in itself. There is a special thrill to drive on a race track.

If you wanted another piece of the past, a movie was shown in the hospitality room and popcorn was enjoyed by the movie watchers and some who just wandered into the room.



Sue Birchmire with raffle items in hospitality room



Doretta Scott & Ron Scott setting up merchandise room

The weather forecast had not been a happy one for the day of the Meet and unfortunately it was very accurate. We do know that cars and not even judges or people in the cars melt; so on we went enjoying the fact that it was possible to watch the cars enter and even have a few hours under an overcast sky but yet providing enough time to get the cars into a presentable condition and placed in class properly over the signage for their car. All of this was taking place as the judges were enjoying a wonderful breakfast and receiving their instructions for the day's judging from the meet Chief Judge, Dave Birchmire.

The judging began at 11 AM and the rain made its appearance at the same time. So the cars sparkled with raindrops (and not a one melted) and the judges in their raingear and the owners all did the normal routines of judging.



Unpacking trophies for the banquet



Leon Erdner & John Shore assembling trophies

Behind the scenes at these meets; there are boxes of trophies that are unpacked, and prepared for the awards dinner. This was done under the direction of Fran and John Shore and with the strong arms of Leon Erdner, Joyce Gibson and Brenda Shore Kaiser.

Kudos must be given to both the judges and to the many members of the region who parked cars. It was wet but all remained cheerful; including the owners who persevered throughout the day of wetness, knowing there would be car cleanup.

A drive back to the hotels, and by 5:30 pm, people appeared back at the Motorsports banquet room looking beautifully refreshed to enjoy the evening of awards. Janet Erdner created beautiful table decorations that were a reflection of the race track venue. The centerpieces were specially crafted blocks of wood with the racing flag colors and holding a bottle of wine with a logo label of this meet and accompanied by a bottle on each side with the beauty of grapes surrounding the bottles. These bottles were given as gifts to those seated with a ticket under their plate area. The tables also had handmade candies formed in the fashion of antique cars and each person had a gift of an antique car candy with the racing flag.

The customary acknowledgements were given to the AACA board in attendance, the workers of the meet and especially to those who attended.

There is a beauty and style to the arrangement of the Trophy table and the awards were joyfully received and inside this room there was the sunshine and reward of accomplishment.

The rain had not dampened the spirit of an AACA National meet nor the excitement of having one's vehicle shown on a AACA national show field.

*Meet photos on following pages*



**Eastern Spring Meet - Friday night "Driving the Track" May 20, 2016**



**Eastern Spring Meet—Show Field, May 21, 2016**



**Eastern Spring Meet—Show Field—May 21, 2016**



**Augie & Tracy Leshner—Augie's first time showing a vehicle at a AACA National Meet**

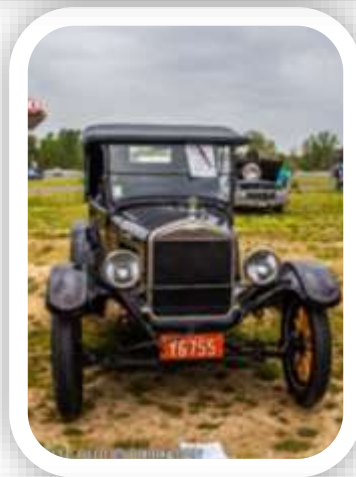


**SJRAACA member Terry Shelton directing a show car to his place on the field.**





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# Eastern Spring Meet—The Banquet—May 21, 2016



Our Table Centerpieces



The Awards



Handmade chocolates



AACA President Bob Parish with Linda, Dave & Chuck



The Awards



The Senior Awards



## Eastern Spring Meet—The Banquet—May 21, 2016



Birchmires, Gibsons, Bob & Dot Parrish



Randy Rutherford announcing awards



John Shore receiving his award from Tom Cox



Ray McFarland receiving his award from Tom Cox



Bob Parish presenting Jim Vertolli his award



Bob Parish presenting Bill & Annabelle Wilmer their award



Les Sutton with his award

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### SEPTEMBER

- 12 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING (Note Labor Day Date Change)
- 15 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT  
FRANCO'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, Pennsville NJ
- 21 5-8 PM BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT
- 24 3-7 PM KOUNTRY KITCHEN CRUISE NIGHT
- 26 7:00 PM BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING at Hitchners Furniture

#### OCTOBER

- 1 9 AM—3:00 PM ELMER DAYS CAR SHOW
- 2 3:00 PM SWAP MEET WORKER DINNER  
Terrigno's Fairfield Inn, Bridgeton, NJ
- 3 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 15 3:00-6:00 PM TOYS FOR TOTS CRUISE  
At Bobbitt Auto

