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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

APRIL

- 7 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 16 5:00-8:00 PM CRUISE NIGHT
At Bobbitt Auto, 595 Salem Quinton Rd.
Salem, NJ
- 17 Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 27 Swap Meet Worker Dinner 4:00 PM
Lake House Restaurant
611 Taylor Rd., Franklinville,
Newfield, NJ 08344



MAY

- 5 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 8 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD
NIGHT OUT
- 21 5:00-8:00 PM CRUISE NIGHT
At Bobbitt Auto, 595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ
- 26 Memorial Day Parades—Glassboro- PB Diner 8:30 am
Elmer—Elmer Diner 8:30 am
- 31 10:00-2:00—CARDINAL VILLAGE CAR SHOW
455 Hurffville Cross Keys Rd. Sewell, NJ



JUNE

- 2 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 10 NEW Cruise Night at A'Pizze Tuscan Grill
5:00-8:00 PM - 120 Center Sq. Rd., Swedesboro, NJ
- 12 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT
- 18 5:00-8:00 PM CRUISE NIGHT
At Bobbitt Auto, 595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ



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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!!

April 3 - Linda McFarland
 April 5 - Ron Scott
 April 7 - Chris DeHaan
 April 12 - Megan Bhatia
 April 17 - Scott McFarland



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 sympathy card was sent to the Bobbitt Family as Mr. John Bobbitt, Sr. Passed away.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joe and Margaret Morrison
 William Hallman
 Morgan Reichner & Andrea
 Maximos



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Chuck Gibson

Wow! You folks are truly dedicated members of the South Jersey Region, AACA! The weekend of March 22 and 23 was cold and damp and yet almost 50 of you showed up each day to help set up and organize our Swap Meet which, by the way, was a fantastic success! We received many positive comments by vendors and shoppers alike praising the efforts of our members. In fact, we gained a new region member because he was so impressed watching how we as a region came together to make the Swap Meet happen! Any problems were quickly and quietly resolved so that the public was not aware.

The weather could have been warmer and sunnier but at least it was dry and all the snow had melted! Even after all the snow and rain that we experienced during the winter, the ground was dry and hard at the Fairgrounds. The "tail gate" section continues to grow in popularity and was very well organized this year. A few of the buildings had new and improved lighting installed recently which made the early morning move-ins easier. There is a new regulation in place that requires all food vendors to be registered and approved in the county to sell at the Fairgrounds. Gary and I had to coordinate this with the Salem County Department of Health and, surprisingly, this went very well.

We will host a dinner for all our members who contributed toward the success of the Swap Meet on Sunday April 27 at 4:00 PM at the Lake House Restaurant located at 611 Taylor Rd. in Franklinville. If you are traveling east on US Rt. 40, turn left at the traffic light at Porchtown Rd. Turn left at Taylor Rd. and the restaurant is right there! Anyone who assisted will have their meal paid for in full. Others are welcome to attend for cost.

Again, thank you to all of you who participated by marking out spaces, collecting donations, organizing, picking up trash, moving bleachers, etc. You are appreciated!

Now that spring is really here (I think!) we can start having our cruise nights at Bobbitt Auto in Salem each month. The dates are posted here in the newsletter but the first one is Wednesday April 16. We will also have 2 cruise nights this season at A' Pizze Restaurant in Woolwich on June 10 and August 12. We will also have a car show on May 31 at Cardinal Village in Sewell near Kennedy Memorial Hospital. This is a free event with lunch provided by the village. The residents look forward to seeing our cars and the memories it may rekindle for them! Please spread the word about all 3 events.

So now is the time to charge those batteries and get our cars prepared for the summer driving season. I look forward to seeing all of you!

**Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region
April 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Gibson at 7:00 PM and all stood for the flag salute. Miriam Willis was acting secretary for the evening in Janet Erdner's absence. She read the March minutes and they were approved as read.

There were no visitors or new members in attendance.

The treasurers report was given by Edna Norris and it was approved as given and bills were approved for payment.

Sunshine: Becky Counsellor reported that a sympathy card was sent to the Bobbitt family, as John Bobbitt, Sr. passed away.

Correspondence: Chuck read a thank you letter from the AACA Museum for our donation.

Swap Meet Report: Gary Green thanked everyone for all their help with the Swap Meet and noted that everything went great. He then gave a tally of all the income and expenses for the Swap Meet. He read a thank you note from one of the food vendors, praising our club and all the helpful workers. Fran Shore noted that she received many compliments at the membership booth that she and John Shore manned for the day. We gained 3 new members during that day. One person was so impressed with our club he is joining and currently lives in Norristown, PA. Another couple joined and paid their dues for 2 years. There was much discussion with regard to the traffic and how we could remedy the problem for next year. A motion was made and approved to give the Penns Grove/Carneys Point Police Explorers a check in the amount of \$1,000 for all their help with the parking at the Swap Meet.

Chuck noted that we will schedule the trip to the AACA Library and Museum for May.

Valerie Wynne reported on the September 13th car show in Mullica Hill.

John Shore noted that the club books have been audited and all are in order down to the penny.

NEW BUSINESS: Doretta Scott made a motion that we purchase a First Aid Kit for use at next years Swap Meet. This motion was passed.

Chuck also noted that we will be having a special presentation at the May meeting regarding Collector Car Fraud. This will be a 30 minute power point presentation everyone will definitely be interested in hearing.

Ted Ritter then related an account of a recent break-in at his friends garage in Bridgeton and what happened to his friend's classic automobile.

Ron Scott then noted that he has recently installed a wireless alarm system "simplisafe.com" in his garage and has been very happy with it.

We will be having 2 other Cruise Nights at A'Pizze Tuscan Grill in Woolrich Township on Tuesday, June 10th and Tuesday, August 12th. They are offering 50% off the driver's dinner and 10% off all other present.

There will be a Board Meeting on Thursday, April 17th at 7pm at the Woodstown Borough Hall.

Our Swap Meet Worker Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 27th at the Lake House Restaurant at 611 Taylor Road (on Iona Lake), Franklinville, Newfield, NJ. A time has not been determined as yet and a phone call or email will be sent to everyone who worked the Swap Meet.

Our club will once again be participating in the Glassboro Memorial Day Parade and also the Elmer Memorial Day Parade.

Those attending the Glassboro parade will meet at 8:30 am at the PB Diner on Route 47 in Glassboro. Those attending the Elmer parade will be meeting at 8:30 at the Elmer Diner.

There will not be any Friendship & Food Night Out this month since we are having the Swap Meet Worker Dinner on April 27th.

Ray McFarland suggested that the club take an overnight tour to the Swigart Antique Auto Museum in Huntingdon, PA. We will work on firming up a date for this tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



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CRUISE NIGHTS**

3rd Wednesday of the Month—April thru Sept.

PLACE: Bobbitt Auto

595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ

TIME: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Hot dogs and beverage for all drivers who bring out their antique auto.

April 16th

July 16th

May 21st

August 20th

June 18th

Sept. 17th

NEW

CRUISE NIGHT at A'Pizze Tuscan Grill

120 Center Square Rd., Woolrich Twp.

5:00—8:00 pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 10th

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th

Drivers receive 50% off their dinner all others receive 10% off.

MAY 5th MEETING

7 PM Woodstown Borough Hall

Don't miss this meeting.

A special 30 minute presentation

will be given by a collector car attorney regarding Collector Car Fraud.



Smiles From My Files

Submitted by: Valerie Wynne



I found this article written by Jim Leach in my old "Headlight's" and thought it was worth sharing, so I am presenting it as written. I hope you enjoy it.

EMMA EDWARDS' 1955 CHEVROLET 4 DOOR SEDAN

BY Jim Leach

Few cars in our club have travelled as far or have been through as much as Emma Edwards' 1955 Chevy BelAir 4 door sedan.

The two-toned blue Chevy with a 3-speed overdrive was given to Emma and her husband Jim, by their son Donald to use as a daily driver around 1967 or '68. A buddy of Donald's had purchased the car from his father-in-law, a Mr. Downs, who had driven the Chevy for many years from his home in Tuckerton to his job at McGuire Air Force Base. In all that time, Mr. Downs never installed the carpets in the car and used newspapers instead!

A blown head gasket forced the Chevy into retirement until the original 255 V-8 was replaced with a '62 Chevy 283 V-8 by Donald and his friend. Eventually the friend sold the Chevy to Donald for \$300.

The '55 remained in regular use until 1979. During that time it made two laps around the Indianapolis Speedway and was driven to Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1976 for the fifteenth anniversary of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. While there, the Chevy climbed Pike's Peak—all the way up in second gear!

On August 14, 1979, the Chevy was stolen while parked out front of the Edwards' home in Gloucester. The Chevy may never have been seen again without the help that Donald received from his friends in the old car hobby.

Donald received a tip at Carlisle to go see Dave Block, who dealt in '55 Chevy parts. It turned out that a man from the Fishtown area of Philadelphia was selling parts and seemed like a good suspect.

Donald, with the help of his old car buddies Chuck Gibson, Howard Parker and Bill Edwards went looking for the stolen car and found the suspects car parked in front of his house loaded with parts from the Edwards' car. Chuck Gibson was instrumental in convincing the Philadelphia Police Department to go looking for the car that had been found in an abandoned garage near

the suspect's home.

After the car was recovered, Dave Butcher went over to Philadelphia with his trailer and pickup truck to retrieve the partially dismantled car which was taken back to the Edwards' home. Approximately two months had passed from the time the Chevy was stolen until it was home again.

Since 1979, some restoration work has been done including rebuilding the engine and repainting the firewall and roof. The restoration must share Donald's time with a '67 Caprice which is being prepared for a trip to Nashville next year. There is also Donald's 1941 Chevy which is a 1975 senior award winner and his father's 1940 Chevy sharing garage space.

The thief did not fare as well as the Chevy. Twenty-one car thefts were attributed to this individual who finally went to jail for murder and was himself murdered in jail.



**Tour to the AACA
Library and Museum
Will be rescheduled for
May.**

"FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT"
Postponed until next month.



SWAP MEET WORKER DINNER

Sunday, April 27th at 4:00 PM

The Lake House

Restaurant

611 Taylor Road (on

Iona Lake),

Franklinville

Newfield, NJ 08344

Cost for Guests: \$25

plus tax & gratuity.

Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Sausage & Peppers, Steak Teriyaki, Green Beans Almondine, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Chocolate Layer Cake, Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea. Cash Bar Available.



The 43rd Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral

By Gary Green

The 43rd Annual Swap Meet and Car Corral is in the history book. It was a little cool, but well attended by vendors, spectators and club helpers. I would like to thank everybody that came out on Saturday to help set up. It's amazing what we'll do for food. I wasn't sure how much work was going to get done after eating that big breakfast. I for one was ready to take a nap.

I know we have a great club, but to see all those helpers show up to work. It sure was amazing. THANK YOU!! Then again on Sunday, all the help that we had was just plain awesome. THANK YOU!!

The state police had their hands full directing all that traffic both east and west bound. The young people from the Penns Grove/Carneys Point Police Explorers did a fantastic job again this year parking all those cars. This year was the first time we used on line registration and Pay-Pal. It really helps out in the morning with day of registration. Vendors were able to register the week just before the swap meet. In the past they couldn't.

I'd like to thank Ray and Leon for bringing their tractors. They save us a lot of hard work. Shelly seemed to enjoy driving the tractor, she was always smiling every time I saw her. Chuck had the job assignments handled and after those assignments were completed, the club members kept coming in the office asking if there was anything else they could do.

The golf carts helped out this year, thanks to the generosity of the Wild Oaks Country Club. We didn't realize how much we needed them before, until now. Marci and Bonnie were using the golf carts to deliver coffee to workers until I pried them out of it and took the key away from them to help Betty and Miriam count the money buckets. I'd like to thank Terry, Miriam and Gavin for bringing their motor home on Saturday and staying up all night helping the early vendors find their spaces and collecting money.

There was nothing to worry about in the car corral. Bryan, Donna and family had it under control. Same thing for the tailgate area with Becky and Linda at the registration table nobody was getting in for free. Thanks girls. Ed had his crew working the tailgate parking. They did a fantastic job this year. From what I saw, this was the first time it seemed organized. Painting all those lines really helped.

I would really like to THANK all those that helped at this year's swap meet. It sure was GREAT to see all the dedicated hard working members this club has. You can be proud of your club and it's members. If you have any ideas to help make the swap meet better, Please let Chuck or I know.

THANK YOU,

Gary



Thank You!

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FOR SALE 1955 Ford T-Bird -\$34,000

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- 4 new tires, new battery
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FOR SALE 1970 Lincoln Mark III -\$8,900

- Nice white paint
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- Vinyl top
- New tires
- Runs good

Contact: Bill Wynne (856) 478-6103



FOR SALE 1976 Alfa Romeo Spider \$5,000 OBO

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AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- **May 8-10, 2014** AACA Special Meet, Auburn, IN
- **May 14-16, 2014** Eastern Div. Tour, Northern VA
- **May 29-31, 2014** Eastern Spring Meet, Buffalo, NY
- **June 12-14, 2014** Annual Grand National Meet, TN
- **June 15-21, 2014** Reliability Tour, Lancaster, PA
- **June 26-28, 2014** Central Spring Meet, Lincoln, Nebraska
- **July 31-Aug.2, 2014** Central Fall Meet, Wisconsin
- **August 14-16, 2014** Central Division Tour, Texas
- **Sept. 8-12, 2014** Sentimental Tour, Maine, NH, Mass.
- **Sept. 18-20, 2014** Western Fall Meet, Montana
- **Sept. 21-26, 2014** AAA Revival Glidden Tour, OH
- **Oct. 8-11, 2014** Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA
- **October 20-24, 2014** Founders Tour, Vineland & Clinton, New Jersey.

THINGS YOU AUTO KNOW



Why Do American Cars Now Have Side-View Mirrors On The Passengers Side With The Message “Objects In The Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear”?

A reasonable person might ask why the American automobile industry had to “improve” on those hopelessly old-fashioned side-view mirrors that didn’t distort one’s perception of distance. And why, if the inside rear-view mirror shows objects without distortion, can’t the side mirror do the same?

Car manufactures are required to provide flat, unit magnification mirrors on the driver’s side of the car. The driver-side mirror offers the same undistorted image as the mirror in your medicine cabinet.

The new mirrors are convex (for those who forgot their high school science, convex

surfaces curve outward, as opposed to a spoon, which has a concave surface). Convex mirrors have one huge advantage over flat mirrors - they allow a much wider angle of vision. Engineers have found that convex side-view mirrors afford drivers a much clearer view of the passenger side of the car than the old combination of rear-view mirror and conventional side-view mirror. The rear-view mirror, if used alone, leaves a blind spot that can lull drivers into complacency when they are considering making lane changes. Drivers are less likely to be sideswiped when consulting a wide-angle side-view mirror, even if an oncoming car is closer than it appears, because they are more likely to spot the car in the first place.

The immortal words” Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear,” are mandated by federal law on all convex mirrors. The government has also set specific standards for the curvature of convex mirrors. The average radius of the curvature for convex mirrors should be no less than thirty-five inches and no greater than sixty-five inches.

Ed Sturat, a representative of Chrysler Motors, states that the convex mirror are particularly popular with freeway and turnpike drivers, who can see oncoming cars streaming in from entry ramps much easily. The biggest danger of the convex mirror is that because objects in the mirror appear closer than they appear, drivers will think they have more room to pass another car than they really do. But most drivers look through the undistorted rear -view mirror rather than the side-view mirror before making a lane change anyway, and the prudent driver should check over his shoulder before making his move.

Thank you to the Brass Nickel Touring Region for this article.





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CAR CRUISE
NIGHTS



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