



HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

May, 2014

Mud Season is Upon Us



The Old Motor.Com



So many of us take modern roads for granted that we forget about what driving was like on the unimproved roads back in the period. Charles H. Davis and the *National Highways Association* were also instrumental in working toward road improvements, but the Federal Highway Act of 1921 was one of the first on a national level to start the building of a good network of roads throughout the country. (The Old Motor.com)

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

MAY

- 5 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 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
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- 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
- 14 Pitman Manor Car Show 9 am Registration
- 18 5:00-8:00 PM CRUISE NIGHT
At Bobbitt Auto, 595 Salem Quinton Rd.
Salem, NJ
- 21 Ocean City NJ Memorial Car Show 9 am-2 pm
- 28 AACA Library & Museum Tour, 7:30 am Penns-
ville Burger King

JULY

- 7 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 10 6:30 Friendship & Food Night Out
- 12 Merchantville Car Show
- 16 5-8 PM CRUISE NIGHT at Bobbitt Auto



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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!!



May 12 - Jane Kinsey
May 18 - Bonnie Green
May 21 - Ray McFarland
May 24 - Gary Green
May 29 - Elaine Faunce

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 everyone has been well.



HAPPY 50TH MUSTANG



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Chuck Gibson

Bless me Father for I have sinned! Yep, I have bought yet another Ford product! Those of you who know me as a "Chevy guy" are thinking that I've lost my marbles. Even Joyce agrees with that! My excuse; it was just too nice to pass up and a very fair price was agreed upon. After driving that Lincoln to Carlisle and back and finding that everything works perfectly, it looks even better!

Sometimes I like to look at such a thing as the above as "broadening my horizons." I don't know how many will agree with that but let's look at what people like Henry Ford, William Durant (General Motors) and Walter Chrysler did for the auto industry during their time. Speaking for Ford and Durant, those two gentlemen really had to fight for what they believed in because they both lost their original companies and had to fight to regain their place. All three of these men became legends for their foresight and their ability to create huge companies that gave work to millions of Americans. And look what the early cars have become to us! We buy them, restore them, show them and drive them, all the time enjoying the engineering marvels of the day. And, in many cases, enjoying the ability to go back to a simpler time!

What does this mean to us? Our membership in an organization like AACA gives us the opportunity to enjoy our cars and trucks with others of like interests, gain from the knowledge of others and by driving and showing our cars, encouraging other people to do the same. Our South Jersey Region membership seems to cover these points well.

To help you achieve the above, we have planned several events for this year that we hope everyone can enjoy. Our monthly meetings, dinners, cruises and tours will certainly consume some of your "extra" time! The cruises at Bobbitt and A'Pizze will be fun (although the cruises at Bobbitt have been costly to me!), the tour to the AACA Library and Museum on June 28 and the weekend tour to the Swigart Museum in August. The translation to this is; we can tie up traffic, waste gas and help the economy by eating at several restaurants along the way. I hope to see all of you at these events!

Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region May 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and all stood for the Pledge to the Flag. There were no new members or guests. Janet Erdner was away on a trip and Valerie Wynne agreed to take the minutes.

Valerie read the minutes of the April meeting taken by Miriam Willis. The minutes were approved as read.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the treasurers report in order to save time. It was mentioned that Harold Wentzel of Red Oak had donated the dumpsters for our swap meet and a motion was made and approved to give him a \$100 gift card to the Franklinville Inn.

Sunshine: Becky Counsellor reported that everyone was well.

Chuck noted the Glassboro Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th and those participating were meeting at the PB Diner in Glassboro. Glassboro usually gives the club \$100 for its participation.

The Tour to the AACA Library and Museum will be held on Saturday, June 28th and everyone attending will be meeting at the Pennsville Burger King at 7:30am and then they will be having breakfast at the Dutchway Restaurant in Gap, PA on Rt. 41.

The next Bobbitt Cruise night is May 21st and the A'Pizze Cruise night will be on Tuesday, June 12th.

Saturday, May 31st from 10 am to 2 pm is the Cardinal Village Car show. Lunch is provided and there is no registration fee.

Saturday, June 14th from 11 am to 2pm is the Pitman Manor Car Show. Registration is from 9 am to 11 am and it is free. This show is limited to 100 cars.

August 8-10, 2014 is the Tour to the Swigart Museum. More information to follow.

July 12th is the Merchantville Car Show.

September 13th is the Mullica Hill Car Show.

September 28th is the Club Annual Picnic, location to be announced.

Dave Birchmire also noted that there will be a car show in Gettysburg PA to support his son's church's mission trip to Russia on Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day). If anyone is interested, please contact Dave.

Friendship and Food night out is cancelled for this month since there are a lot of things happening and many will be away.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 and Mr. Bruce Shaw then gave his presentation on Car Collector Fraud.

His power point presentation together with handouts was very informative and all who were present learned a lot about the many ways sellers try to scam unsuspecting buyers.

Mr. Shaw's automotive background and knowledge made the presentation very interesting.



South Jersey Region AACA



CRUISE NIGHTS

3rd Wednesday of the Month-April thru Sept.

PLACE: Bobbitt Auto

595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ

TIME: 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Hot dogs for all drivers who bring out their Antique auto.

May 21st

July 16th

June 18th

August 20th

Sept. 17th

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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.



Automobile Trivia

Q: What was the price per barrel of crude petroleum in 1901?

A: 5 Cents

Q: What year was the first speeding ticket in the US.

A: 1902



Smiles From My Files

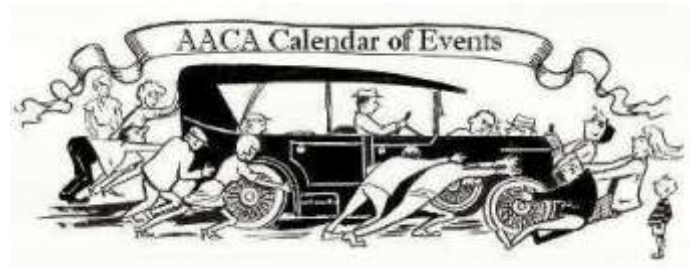
Submitted by: Valerie Wynne



The first time I looked under the hood of my Model A Ford, which by-the-way lifted out not up, I wondered who took the motor? I couldn't believe how little it took to make that car go down the street; it looked like a lawn mower motor under there. Where were the heater and the air conditioner? Where was the big air filter? And, while we are at it, who put this funny hood ornament on here? No radio? What a funny little car every car has a radio! Where is the horn and how do I turn the headlights on? Even more important, how do I start it? "What, you don't use the gas pedal you push this little lever on the steering column? Push what button on the floor? Okay, where are Alan Funt and the hidden camera?" I knew it had to be a joke, no not a joke but lots of fun to drive. It reminds me of a time when Elaine and I were riding in the Model A heading home from the Glassboro Parade all dressed in our hats and period finery. We were smiling and waving at people, having a wonderful time as we motored through the streets of Glassboro. All was well until we got to the 4-way stop approaching Rowan College. I stopped the car, shifted and the car stalled right in the middle of the road blocking traffic in all directions. Elaine, in a voice two times higher than normal, frantically hollered at me, "WHAT DO WE DO?" I said calmly to her, "Elaine, just smile and wave, I'll get us outta this!" I nervously pushed the button on the floor with my left foot and played with the lever on the steering column as I was instructed to do. I finally got it started and we unclogged the town of Glassboro. It was not a parade wave that other passengers were expressing.

Bill and Rich were somewhere behind us probably caught in the traffic jam we created. (They were not waving at us.) Have you noticed that Elaine doesn't ride with me anymore she rides with Rich?

Some old people have good memories and others hold grudges!!! (Just kiddin' cuzzin')



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.



A CAR THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

By Wayne Dewey, The Chemung Valley Region AACA, New York

Hours after Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his “Day of Infamy” speech to Congress on Tuesday and, although the trip from the White House to Capitol hill was short, agents were not sure how to transport him safely. At the time, federal Law prohibited government agencies from buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get special clearance from Congress, and nobody had time for that. One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized a bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was in jail in 1931. Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief. With that, Al Capone’s 1928 Cadillac 341a Town Sedan became the Presidential Limo. And run properly it did. Capone’s car was a sight to behold. It had been painted black and green so it looked identical to Chicago’s police cars at the time. It also has a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio. As an aid to security, the gangster’s car had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. The car was later sold at auction in 2012 for \$341,000.



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YOU PARK, YOU PAY

By: Shirley Carroll, Red River Valley Honkers AACA, Paris Texas

The first parking meter was the brainchild of a man named Carlton C. Magee. With many more automobiles on the road, the traffic congestion seemed to be growing worse & worse in the downtown area. He was asked to come up with a solution and being a little bit on the “inventive” side, he came up with the parking meter idea. In 1932 he put together his parking meter.

Then in May, 1935, he and a man named Hale formed Magee-Hale Park-O-Meter Company, known as POM. The company produced the first working model, the Park-O-Meter #1, installed it at 1st St. and Robinson Ave. in Oklahoma City on July 16, and acquired the patent the same year. Many other meters followed.

There was much heated debate over this “new tax on their cars”....(5 cents per hour)...“UN-AMERICAN,” they cried. The indignant opponents said they deprived them of their money without due process of law. Vigilantes from Texas and Alabama even set out to destroy these “money takers” en-masse. However, the meters survived and by the 1940’s there were estimated over 140,000 of them in the United States. 1992 brought about the electronic meters that were powered with solar or battery and a free fall coin chute.

The world’s very first parking meter, Park-O-Meter #1, is in the Statehood Gallery of the Oklahoma Historical Society.



SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



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

- Professionally restored body
- Detailed engine/trunk
- Car sand blasted and painted golden rod yellow
- Restored port hole top and new black canvas top and frame
- 4 new tires, new battery
- No rust runs and drives nice
- Continental kit available needs interior

Contact: Bill Wynne (856) 478-6103



FOR SALE 1970 Lincoln Mark III -\$8,900

- Nice white paint
- No rust
- Vinyl top
- New tires
- Runs good

Contact: Bill Wynne (856) 478-6103



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

- 78,000 Original miles
- 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

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE 1929 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan—\$9,500

- Drives well
- Nice interior
- Rebuilt generator
- Fun to drive!

Contact: Jim Bowen 856-278-8075

More Information and Photos Available Upon Request

FOR SALE 1925 Model T Doctor's coupe with (wagon-like) trailer.

Asking \$15,000

There are also many parts, manuals, generating coils, starters, and a variety of other parts & tools.

Collecting since 1959.

Contact Bill Crockford at 609-399-7168.



FOR SALE - 2 Trippe Safety Speedlights \$400

With leveler and brackets, needs chroming.

See Bob Hopely - 856-468-2178 or

nascarbob5731@hotmail.com



SWAP MEET WORKER DINNER

Sunday, April 27, 2014

The Annual Swap Meet Worker Dinner was held at the Lake House Restaurant in Franklinville on Sunday, April 27th with 56 people in attendance. Our menu was Chicken Parmesan, Sausage & Peppers, Steak Teriyaki, Green Beans Almandine, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Salad and Chocolate Layer Cake for dessert.

It was a beautiful day and the room where we were seated overlooked beautiful Iona Lake. We had a wonderful dinner with a great group of friends. Thank you to everyone who helped with the successful Swap Meet and Car Corral this year.



SOMEWHERE SOUTHEAST

OF LARAMIE

By Myron Smith, VP-Youth Development

My son Nathan & I enjoy junk yards, I have enjoyed them since I was a child. One of my memories is riding out a rainstorm in a peach colored '58 Impala coupe that in the condition it was then would be considered an easy restoration. Nathan, while wanting to do perfect work particularly enjoys the imperfect. The fresh out of the pasture cars that have been mechanically rebuilt but left cosmetically the way they found it we find particularly of interest. Vintage cars & trucks are interesting no matter what the condition.

Antique cars are to be enjoyed no matter what the condition, and no matter what the age of the owner. Some articles cannot be improved on. This one came to me, not from not near Laramie WY but from Laramie. I could not express thoughts better than Ted Preston has in the following so I offer here his thoughts in its entirety,

How can I get this restoration project moving?

It's winter time, when some of us have free time evenings and weekends to work on those project cars hiding in our garages. I've had one of those in my garage, too. I'd like to say that I've been working on it for the past six years. In truth I worked on it for about six months, then it sat for almost six years, mostly disassembled, and largely in the way. It seems I needed some motivation to complete the project.

I remembered loving how the car drove when I first bought it. I liked it so much that I wanted to build it into a practical, classic daily driver. Seeking motivation, I decided I should reassemble the car enough to drive again, and that might motivate me to get it finished. Mission accomplished!

I put the car back on the road a couple months ago, installed a drivers seat in the otherwise stripped interior, drove it a thousand miles or so, and shook out some drivability bugs. I liked driving the car just as much as I had six years ago, and I was, in fact re-motivated to get it finished.

When I left off with restoration progress all those years back, I left the car with fresh paint on the hood and front fenders, and the rest in primer. I found myself wanting to spray paint and finish the body-

work . . . in November in Wyoming. It worked out better than I had hoped, thanks in part to some unseasonably warm weather. I found that you can easily sand, mask and spray a single panel at a time in the evening after work. It produces a marvelously motivating feeling when you watch the paint job proceed in that fashion, and the car looks a little better every day!

I also learned that my amateur painting skills produce a much better finish this way than when I try to paint a whole car at once. Spraying a single panel gave me far more time and concentration to control the paint film, and my home air compressor was able to keep up just fine. It always struggled to keep up when I sprayed a whole car at once, even a small car.

My paint job is complete now, and I found the motivation I need to finish this project. A new interior upholstery kit is on order, and I look forward to seeing the car finished by spring.

I hope some of the rest of the High Wheelers and Oak Spokes can find their own inspiration to make progress on their projects during these long winter evenings. I'm planning, as the new President of the High Wheelers, to implement a regular monthly garage night, and encourage the members to gather for wrenching and socializing in the environment I enjoy so much: the garage on a long winter evening!

Don't ever feel embarrassed to drive your project car. Getting it out on the street again may remind you why you started that project in the first place! Should we hold a joint "project" car show in the spring, where we can all show off our progress? It may also be a way to reach out to the next generation of restorers, whose rides aren't quite up to normal "show standards."

Happy wrenching!

Ted Preston

President, Hi Wheelers Chapter

Thank you Ted,

Myron Smith VP Youth Development

From the AACA Fall 2013 Rummage Box