



# HEADLIGHTS



## South Jersey Region AACA

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

January, 2015



### 1966 Corvette Owned by Ron & Doretta Scott

Ron says he grew up with a wrench in his hands. He attended his first car race while sitting on his father's shoulders. His father was the "roving mechanic" of the neighborhood, rescuing cars of friends and neighbors that had problems. Ron learned about the workings of cars at an early age. Now, so many years later, his love affair with automobiles is still going strong.

Right by Ron's side now, is his wife Doretta. While Ron spent his childhood living and breathing cars, Doretta had little interest in them. Her father believed a car was needed to take you where you wanted to go and bring you back, and that was it! She says as soon as she met and married Ron she knew that if they were going to have a happy, sharing marriage she was going to learn more about the car hobby. Now, to even Doretta's surprise, she has become almost as enthusiastic about the car hobby as Ron.

In 1972 Ron bought a 1966 Corvette. It was only 6 years old, but the paint had been stripped off and it looked like a "junker". He purchased it from a police officer in Pitman, NJ, who purchased it from a Delaware woman who had been the original owner. Ron liked the low mileage (30,000 miles), low price and the fact that it was an automatic with air conditioning. This is something of a rarity among Corvettes of that vintage.

Looking at it as an investment, Ron bought it and let the car sit at his brother-in-law's body shop. It would be 10 years before restoration would begin!

Ron and Doretta married and she tells how he bragged about his corvette. She didn't actually see it until they had been married a few years and started talking about restoring the "vette". Not knowing much about cars she wanted to see this "beauty" that was at the body shop. She definitely was NOT prepared for where it was or what it looked like. It had been sitting in a field in her words "it was awful! Vines were covering it, field mice had built nests in the glove box, and a tree was growing out of the engine compartment". But, with some hesitation she agreed that he could bring it home.

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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### JANUARY

- 12 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 15 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT**  
**OUT** - 7 Star Diner, 1890 Hurffville Rd  
(At Delsea Dr. Rt 47), Sewell, NJ 08080
- 22 7:00 PM 2016 Eastern Spring Meet**  
**Meeting** at McFarland Home,  
224 Hogate Blvd., Salem, NJ 08079
- 26 7:00 PM Board Meeting**  
Woodstown Borough Hall



### FEBRUARY

- 2 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 7 My Furry Valentine, Massos**  
7-12 PM, \$30 per couple
- 12-14 AACA National Annual Meeting in Phila.**  
Auto Seminars, Trade Show and lots more.  
Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia



## SJRAACA OFFICERS

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**Treasurer:** Edna Norris  
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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](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 \$38; 2X \$40 & 3X \$42  
Winter Jackets S-XL \$60; 2X & 3X \$63



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



1-1	Nancy Gerber
1-13	Larry Niedzialek
1-14	Bill Flitcraft
1-25	Bob Hopely
1-25	Marcell Lewis
1-31	Paul Kinsey

**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 Lynn Heiss and Terry Shelton received a Fruit Basket and a card was sent to Tom Cobb.

## **2015 Dues are PAST Due!!**

**AACA and SJRAACA 2015 dues are due. The latest issue of the AACA Magazine has the renewal form. Mail \$35 directly to AACA. The South Jersey Region dues is still only \$10, what a bargain. Give or mail your dues to Edna Norris, 410 Route 45, Mannington, NJ 08079.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dave Birchmire*

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. It is an honor to be your new President for the next two years. I take over this position from one of our most dedicated and nicest individuals I have ever met in Chuck Gibson. With the support of our fine board and membership I will do my best to keep our region moving in the right direction.

We thank Janet Erdner and Bonnie Green for another well planned and attended Christmas Party held on December 14th. The food, music and fellowship were all great. Doretta Scott shared our Christmas giving donation to the Sunshine Foundation. This year as in previous years we did not exchange gifts and used that money to buy gift cards for three families with ill children. I went with Doretta to one of the children's homes and it was one of the most rewarding experiences that I have been involved in. This whole family was so touched by our donation. Let me say it was very emotional.

The AACA 79th Annual Meeting takes place in Philadelphia at the Sheraton Hotel on February 12th, 13th & 14th. There will be seminars on all automobile related items. The trade show is all three days, along with the annual meeting and judging schools on Saturday. The National Awards Banquet is held on Saturday night. It is well attended. A registration form can be downloaded from the National AACA website at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org). It is a fun time to get away and be with car people like ourselves. Our region has been known to receive a National Award or two.

Our 44th Annual Swap Meet held at Salem County Fairgrounds will be here before we know it on Sunday March 22nd. Thanks to the help of our membership, each year seems to get bigger and better. It will be chaired again by Gary Green with Past President Chuck Gibson as well. If you would like a specific assignment give Gary or Chuck a call.

Lets have a productive and FUN 2015.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**MARCH 22, 2015**

**South Jersey Region's**

**SWAP MEET**

**Salem County Fairgrounds**

## **Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region Monday, January 12, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dave Birchmire. Everyone stood for the Flag salute. Leon Erdner gave the secretary report and Edna Norris gave the treasurer report. Both were approved and bills were approved for payment.

Thank you notes were read from Lynn Heiss and also from the Sunshine Foundation families and children who received gift cards from our club.

SUNSHINE: Becky Counsellor reported that fruit baskets were delivered to Lynn Heiss and Terry Shelton who had recent surgeries. A get well card was sent to Tom Cobb who has been ill. It was also noted that Betty & Jim Christos have been ill and that Betty had been in the hospital.

Linda McFarland reported on the website and newsletter and encouraged members complete the questionnaire so she can highlight their automobile in upcoming newsletters.

Dave thanked Janet Erdner & Bonnie Green for organizing a great Christmas Party for everyone. A good time was had by all who attended.

Gary Green reported on the Swap Meet and said that 1,000 flyers were mailed last week. He also noted that there will be an ATM Machine available this year. He encouraged everyone to take home flyers and distribute to businesses and friends. Flyers will also be taken to Allentown and Atlantic City swap meets.

Doretta Scott reported on the donations to the Sunshine Foundation families. Four children of 3 families received \$200 each in gift cards. Dave Birchmire also noted how blessed he felt to be able to give to these disabled children. The gifts were greatly appreciated. (See Doretta's article on page 8).

Chuck Gibson reported on the 2016 Spring Meet and there will be a meeting Thursday, January 22nd at the McFarland home at 7:00 PM. Everyone interested in helping should attend.

Ray McFarland reported on the Christmas Parade. A fun time was had by everyone despite the rain.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave noted that February 12-14 is the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. He noted that there will be many automotive seminars and a big trade show. He noted that we would have a booth in the trade show next year to publicize the 2016 Spring Meet.

Dave also noted that there will be a Board of Directors meeting on January 26th at 7:00 PM at the Woodstown Borough Hall. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be April 13th.

Friendship and Food will be at the 7 Star Diner on Thursday, January 15th at 6:30.

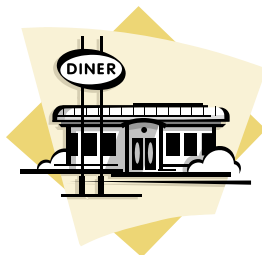
Chuck noted that there will be a "My Furry Valentine" Dinner Dance again this year at Massos on February 7th. It will be \$30 per person and anyone interested should sign up after the meeting and Joyce Gibson will collect the money.

Edna Norris noted that the club will have a publicity table at the Franklin Savings Bank in March and she welcomes anyone who would like to help her with this.

Dave noted that the Cruise Nights at Bobbitts has been scheduled and a flyer will be available next month.

A motion was made and approved to pay for the President's parking and lodging at the Annual Meeting next month.

Dave reminded everyone regarding their dessert choices at the diner after the meeting and that everyone should leave \$1 tip per person. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.



## **FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT**

**Thursday, January 15th**

**6:30 PM**

**7 Star Diner**

**1890 Hurffville Rd.**

**(at Delsea Dr. Rt.47)**

**Sewell, NJ 08080**

## **2016 Eastern Spring Meet**

### **Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:00 PM**

**At Ray & Linda McFarland's home**

**224 Hogate Blvd.**

**Salem, NJ 08079**



## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**Woodstown Borough Hall**

## **FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th 7-12 PM**

**Masso's Crystal Manor**

**210 Delsea Drive South**

**Glassboro, NJ**

**"MY FURRY VALENTINE"**

**Oldies Dinner Dance**

**\$30 per person**

**Contact Chuck or Joyce Gibson  
for tickets**





## 1966 Corvette continued

The Corvette was loaded onto a flat-bed and delivered to the Scott's. After some fast talking and a trip to Corvettes at Carlisle to show Doretta what "Ron's investment" could amount to, it didn't take much for Doretta to agree that restoration to it's original condition was a great idea.

The restoration took two years. Most of the interior work, the detailing, trim and much of mechanical work Ron did himself, with a lot of help from Doretta. It was the first, and "only" time Doretta wire brushed and replaced the interior of a car and helped replace a gas tank! The bodywork, painting and some of the more in-dept mechanical work was done by professionals. An original replacement winshield was a Valentine's day present from Doretta to Ron.

At the end of restoration, and ironically, on their 6th wedding anniversary, the shinny red Corvette, with it's 327 cubic inch, 300 horsepower engine, took it's first "best of show" trophy, and a \$250 savings bond, (which helped a lot with restoration bills). Throughout the next several years many other trophies were awarded. The car that had been their "baby" was truly their "pride and joy"!



### *Editor's Note:*

*Your car story can be here in the coming months.*

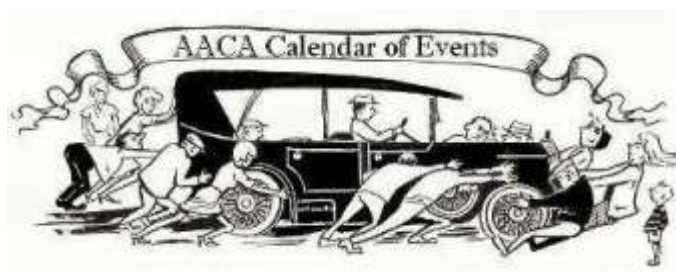
*Not a writer??*

*No problem, let me help you write the story.*

*I have a complete list of questions that will help.*

*Just email me or call.*

*Hope to see your story soon!*



### **AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

- **February 12-14, 2015** AACA Annual Meeting
- **March 6-8, 2015** Winter Meet-Puerto Rico Region
- **March 18-21, 2015** Annual Grand National & Western Spring Dual Meets-Tucson Region
- **April 9-12, 2015** Southeastern Spring Meet—Hornets Next Region, Charlotte, NC
- **April 30-May 2, 2015** Eastern Spring Meet—Tidewater Region, Virginia Beach, VA
- **May 4-6, 2015** Southeastern Divisional Tour— East Tennessee Region, Pigeon Forge, TN
- **May 7-9, 2015** AACA Special Meet, Auburn IN
- **June 4-6, 2015** Central Spring Meet—Kansas City Region, Independence, Missouri
- **June 12-14, 2015** The Elegance at Hershey & Grand Ascent Hillclimb, Hershey PA
- **July 15-18, 2015** Southeastern Fall Meet, AACA 80th Anniversary— Kyana Region, Louisville, KY
- **July 27-31, 2015** Vintage Tour—Buzzards Breath Touring Region, Lancaster, PA
- **August 24-28, 2015** Western Tour—Redwood Empire Region, Northern California
- **August 30-September 4, 2015** AAA Revival Glidden Tour—AACA Hosted, Oklahoma City, OK
- **September 14-18, 2015** Founders Tour (Post '31 Vehicles) Canton & Meander Chapters of the Ohio Region, Northeast Ohio
- **October 7-10, 2015** Eastern Fall Meet—Hershey Region, Hershey PA
- **November 5-7, 2015** Central Fall Meet—Lagniappe Chapter, Louisiana Region, Houma, Louisiana



## 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

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### 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

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### FOR SALE 1976 Alfa Romeo Spider \$4,500 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

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### 350 AUTO TRANSMISSION

- For Sale OR Trade - 350 Auto Transmission with Pontiac bolt up.

Call Dave at 856-542-0569

## SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

### 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.



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### FOR SALE - 1988 Lincoln Town Car \$7,950 (negotiable)

- 302 V-8 with overdrive transmission that delivers great MPG!
- Runs and drives very well with 53000 miles.
- Light Sandalwood with matching leather interior.
- Cold A/C, new tires and brakes.
- Great tour car or HPOF. \$7950.00 (negotiable)

Contact Chuck Gibson, (609) 221-5435 or

[GibsonORGNTNR@aol.com](mailto:GibsonORGNTNR@aol.com).



**LET US HELP YOU SELL  
YOUR CAR AND/OR  
PARTS.**

**Contact Linda McFarland with your items for sale. [sjraaca@gmail.com](mailto:sjraaca@gmail.com)**



**2014 SJRAACA Christmas Party**  
**December 14, 2014**



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**December 14, 2014**





## Salem Christmas Parade

**December 6, 2014**

For the first time in many years, it rained the day of the parade. And, rain or shine, the parade must go on.

The South Jersey Region didn't let a little rain hold them back.

We started off the morning with a great breakfast at the Oak Diner.

After breakfast we waited for our turn to go down the parade route. That's when the rain started. But the parade still must go on.

It was liquid sunshine!

But we sure know how to make a rainy day fun!



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## A Very Special Christmas

By Doretta Scott

It was only through the tremendous generosity of the members of the SJRAACA that Dave Birchmire and I were privileged to present 4 "Sunshine Foundation" children and their families with gift cards totaling \$200 each for Christmas.

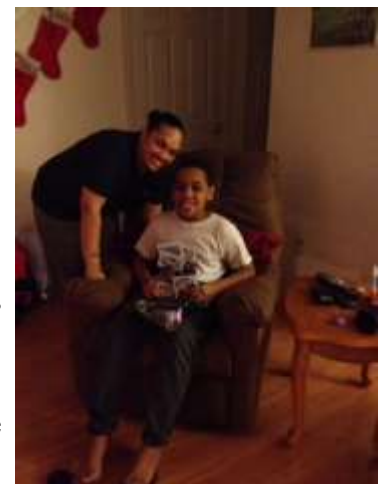
I only wish you could ALL have experienced the expression of joy and gratitude to all of us. Without a doubt we made their Christmas very special.

The first family actually had two recipients. The two children were twins, 13 year old Jasmine & Amber, both had autism and Von Willebrand disease. The health needs of the girls were known to us, but the many financial needs of the family became apparent quickly. The gratitude of the family was truly overwhelming.



The next recipient was Jomary, a 9 year old girl, wheelchair bound, with Cerebral Palsy. Believe me when I tell you, if her single mom was not such an upbeat loving woman, I think I would have started adoption proceedings! This little girl, with this horrible disease, just "bubbled"! While looking at the gift cards she kept laughing, smiling and saying "thank you, thank you"!

Ron and I together visited the final recipient who was a delightful young man named Jeremie. He has a hearing deficit. As he opened the gift and seeing the gift cards he asked if he could *really* spend it on things they need. Naturally, we said he could also use them on things he wants too!



Honored, yes, I felt honored to have represented all of the South Jersey Region in presenting these wonderful families with your loving generosity. It truly brought Christmas to these children!