



# HEADLIGHTS



## South Jersey Region AACA

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

March, 2015

### 1959 Corvette Owned by Ted & Jean Ritter

My interest in automobiles has existed as far back as I can remember. I joined the AACA in 1964 and I owned my first car, a 1929 Model A, at age fifteen.

I learned of this 1959 Corvette through a Corvette broker who advertised in Hemmings Motor News. The broker charged a fee of \$1,000 to put me in touch with the owner.

The seller, a gentleman in his late 60's, was retiring and moving.

I flew up to North Adams, Massachusetts, on August 10, 1986, with a friend, bought the car and we drove it home.



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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### MARCH

- 2 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 18 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD**  
**Kountry Kitchen Restaurant**  
373 US Rt. 40, Pittsgrove,  
Elmer, NJ 08318
- 21 SWAP MEET SET-UP**  
8:30 am Breakfast @  
Woodstown Diner
- 22 SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL**  
Salem County Fair Grounds

### APRIL

- 6 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 13 7:00 PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MTG.** Woodstown Borough Hall
- 15 5-8 PM CRUISE NIGHT**  
Bobbitt Auto, 595 Salem Quinton  
Rd., Salem, NJ
- 22 7:00 PM 2016 National Meet**  
**Committee Mtg. at McFarlands**

### MAY

- 4 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 17 JOINT REGION CAR TOUR**  
Wheels in Motion Museum
- 20 5-8 PM CRUISE NIGHT**  
Bobbitt Auto  
595 Salem Quinton Rd.
- 30 10 am-2 pm CARDINAL**  
**VILLAGE CAR SHOW**  
Sewell, 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](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!!



3-8	Janet Gaunt
3-9	Janet Erdner
3-10	Frank Heiss, Jr.
3-13	Bill Wynne
3-17	Dave Leash
3-13	Karen Quillen

**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



EVERYONE HAS BEEN WELL!

## **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*



At this years AACA Annual Meeting which by the way the snow held off until the end of the event, South Jersey Region was recipients of a few National Awards. The Augustus Post Memorial Plaque went to Chuck & Joyce Gibson for co-chairing the Founders Tour hosted by the Buzzards Breath Touring Region. Our own Fran Shore received a Master Editors Award for co-editing the Buzzards Breath Newsletter the "Buzzard Drop-pings". Last but not least Linda McFarland received the Award of Excellence for regional websites and publications. Congrats to all.

Some of our members attended what seems to be an annual Valentine's dinner dance at Masso's Crystal Manor in Glassboro in support of an organization called "Pet Savers" which helps animals in need. We had a great time dancing and a delicious dinner with our fellow club members. And to top things off, with one member in Florida, some of us won auction baskets. LOL!

Believe it or not we set our clocks back next weekend so that must mean warmer weather is around the bend.

In just a few weeks our 44th Annual Swap Meet will be here on Sunday, March 22nd. As in the past we need help setting up on Saturday, March 21st. We will meet at the Woodstown Diner for breakfast at 8:30 am. Breakfast is on the club. Lunch is also provided if needed at the fairgrounds. With the size of our group we had last year we should be out of there by noon. Sunday morning we need to arrive at or before 5:00 am to work the gate and help vendors find their spots. If some would like to come a little later that would be fine to work on the clean up detail. This is our largest fundraising event of the year so PLEASE come out and join us with the work and pleasure of being with fellow club members. For any questions or concerns see our co-chairs Gary Green or

## AUCTION

**Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:45 am**

**Automobiles & Memorabilia of  
Ben & Donna Shimp**

Brooks Auctions, 1085 Delsea Drive  
Franklinville, NJ 08322

Autos up for Auction

1925 Model T Truck 'C' Cab

1929 Ford Model A Fire Chief Car

1924 Overland Model 91, 4 door

1975 Cadillac, 9 passenger sedan

1963 Chevy Biscayne Station Wagon

1976 Cadillac, Coup de Ville

## Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region Monday, March 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Dave Birchmire and all stood for the Pledge to the Flag.

There were 2 guests in the audience and they introduced themselves.

Leon Erdner gave the secretary's report and Edna Norris gave the treasurer's report. Both were approved and bills were also approved for payment.

Sunshine-Becky Counsellor noted that there was nothing to report. All were well.

Correspondence-Leon read a thank you note from the AACA Museum for our \$500 donation given at the AACA National Meeting in February.

Chuck Gibson reported on the 2016 National Meet meeting that was held on February 26th and noted that we have finalized our tour suggestions for the Friday before the meet and that we have also received the contract from the Motorsports Park. The next meeting for the committee will be April 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the McFarland home. All are welcome to attend.

Linda McFarland reported that there will be an auction of antique automobiles belonging to Ben & Donna Shimp on March 23rd at Brooks Auctions in Franklinville, NJ (More information on page 2.)

Dave reported that 6 couples had a great time at the Furry Valentine dinner dance.

Ray McFarland reported on the AACA National Meeting and also explained more on the upcoming 2016 National Meet.

Dave congratulated Chuck & Joyce Gibson & Fran Shore on their recent honors received at the AACA National meeting and then he presented Linda McFarland with Award of Excellence certificates for our club website and newsletter.

Our Friendship & Food Night Out will be held at 6:30 PM at the Kountry Kitchen Restaurant, 373 US Rt. 40, Pittsgrove (Elmer), NJ 08318.

We will be having a Joint-Region Tour on Sunday, May 17th. (Please see page 7 for more information.)

May 30th is the Cardinal Village Car show.

Gary & Chuck then discussed the upcoming Swap Meet. Gary noted that registrations are coming in and we will be meeting for breakfast at the Woodstown Diner at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 21st and then going to the Fair Grounds for set up work. He noted that the deadline for Vendors is March 8th and all on-line registrations will end on Saturday, March 21st. All spots the day of show are \$50. If you plan to help, please show up for breakfast on Saturday and then you will be assigned a job for that day and the day of the Swap Meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



**Dave Birchmire presenting Linda McFarland with certificates for 2014 Award of Excellence for regional websites and regional publications.**

### A Little Bit of Humor!

A husband went to the police station to report his missing wife:

Husband: I have lost my wife. She went shopping yesterday and still has not come home.

Sergeant: What is her height?

Husband: Oh, 5 something...

Sergeant: Build? Husband: not slim, not really fat...

Sergeant: Color of eyes?

Husband: Never noticed...

Sergeant: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes according to season....

Sergeant: What was she wearing?

Husband: Dress/suit/blue jeans—I don't remember exactly..

Sergeant: Did she go in a car?

Husband: Yes

Sergeant: What kind of car was it?

Husband: 2014 Corvette Stingray 3LT with the Z51 Performance Package, shark gray metallic paint, with the 6.2 litre V8 engine with Direct Injection generating 460 HP, 8-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission, and GT bucket seats, and has a very thin scratch on the front left door (at this point the husband started crying).  
Sergeant: Don't worry sir.....We'll find your car.

*Multiple Sources:  
Internet*





## 1959 CORVETTE (Continued)

This 1959 Corvette was, and basically is, an unrestored car with one original color repaint in the 1970's.

The Corvette has had only two owners over the past forty years. According to the gentlemen I purchased the car from, he acquired the car from his son.



It has a correct 283 cubic inch base, 230 horsepower engine, four-speed transmission, positraction, and a working, original, wonderbar AM radio.

It is all original with the exception of new brakes, heater core, firewall insulation, hoses, carpet, weather stripping and newly powder coated wheels. The interior was professionally restored over the winter of 2013-14. The car is neither purely a good original nor restored. It is a little of each.

The '59 is a driver, not a show car. I love to drive it on local tours, rallies, cruise ins and just for pleasure.

It is my purely personal opinion that a 1959 Corvette, in this color combination, is one of the best looking cars ever built.

### *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.*

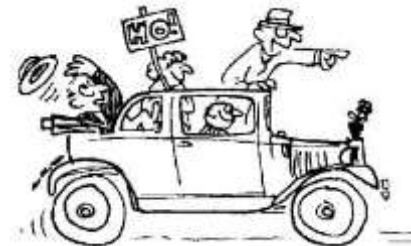
*Hope to see your story soon!*



### AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- **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)**



## My Furry Valentine February 7, 2015

Twelve members of SJRAACA attended the Pet Saver's My Furry Valentine dinner dance on Saturday February 7th. The dinner was very good as usual and Masso's Crystal Manor was decorated very nicely and the many raffle baskets were also very nice.

Unfortunately the band left a lot to be desired. At least for our crowd. We waited and waited for the band to play something we could dance to, unfortunately it was a long time coming.

Finally Eileen Niedzialek wrote a note on one of the cocktail napkins with this request "Please play something slow so my husband will dance with me."

The band continued to play fast numbers that were definitely not for us.

Finally after the first half of the raffle baskets were called the band returned and finally played 2 slow numbers in a row. All our group immediately got up to dance.

But unfortunately this was short lived as no more slow numbers were played and it was getting on to 11 pm and we were tired of waiting.

Our big winners for the evening, Larry & Eileen and Ed & Becky.



Those who attended were Birchmires, Counsellors, Gibsons, Niedzialeks, McFarlands and Shores.



The Counsellors and Niedzialek's each won a raffle basket and McFarlands and Shores won a door prize bag of goodies.



Next year we will definitely find out what band is playing before attending. But all in all it was a nice evening with good friends.



### SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA CRUISE NIGHT

**Bobbitt Auto**

**595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ**

**WEDNESDAYS 5:00-8:00 PM**

**April 15th**

**July 22nd**

**May 20th**

**August 19th**

**June 17th**

**September 16th**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th 3:00-6:00 PM**



**TOYS FOR TOTS CRUISE**

**Bring a NEW unwrapped TOY**

**Hot Dogs & Beverage for all drivers  
who bring out their antique auto  
Come on out and enjoy the music by  
Ed Counsellor and see old friends.**



**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Dave Birchmire 856-371-9304**

**Martin Erdner 856-935-0537**

**Check out our website [www.sjraaca.com](http://www.sjraaca.com)**



## 2015 PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL MEETING

By Fran Shore

The weather was cold; but no snow and the AACA members were happy to be again in an environment of people who love the antique car hobby. Friendships were enjoyed for long-time friends and new ones were made. The hotel, the seminar and trade show routines were familiar and enjoyed with a dash of the two hospitality rooms at the 22nd and 23rd levels.

Our South Jersey members were seen out and about all weekend and participating in important seminars and responsibilities, even seeing some of our South Jersey members receiving national awards for their service.

For those who have attended this annual event that is so close to New Jersey; it is an enjoyable weekend with information, conversations and an opportunity to learn about our hobby in a larger scale beyond our region and area. Some

portions of the time is devoted to seminars of varied topics and the evenings are a time to enjoy the social aspect of this hobby. It is amazing that this event is so close to all of us in this region and most do not take advantage of the experience. There were people there from California, Wisconsin, Arizona, Louisiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Montana, Texas and every state on the east coast east of the Mississippi. Some flew, most drove, a few came by train; and several had to come with truck and trailer as they had their cars on display in the trade show and at the banquet.

Friday opens with seminars of many interests, knowledge and at time great fun; such as watching Linda and Fran putting together cork coasters. Friday morning there is a Lady's breakfast hosted by the First Lady or the First Spouse of the present president of the year just completed. This was established to honor the women and people who provided courtesies to the AACA president and spouse during their year of travel and service across the country.

Friday evening, following a Region President's dinner there is a fun auction where the income goes to support the AACA Museum. It is great to bid (remember it is a 501c3 so money is a charitable donation) but fun to watch as well.

Throughout Friday and Saturday, there is a Trade Show which has businesses that we need and use in our antique car hobby. There are special cars on display, this year the featured cars were race cars, along with a wonderful 1903 Cadillac brought by a Tidewater Region member to have us enjoy. The upcoming year of tours and meets are each represented with a booth to promote and provide information of the event. We saw many of our SJ members who were there giving some time to help in the Vintage Tour booth.

Our South Jersey members who were represented were Chuck & Joyce Gibson. Chuck was part of a team that presented a seminar on how to put together a "Progressive Tour". Others represented from South Jersey with that seminar from our club was Linda McFarland who put together the PowerPoint for the seminar. Ray McFarland, John Shore, Sue & Dave Birchmire were there and they had also been part of the committee for the tour that was the seminar subject. Our South Jersey President, Dave Birchmire was heavily involved in the Judging training hours on Saturday with his responsibility of the South Jersey National Spring Meet in 2016. Fran Shore was a participant in the Publications seminar. So South Jersey members in attendance were recognized as being part of a very active region.

The awards banquet is an elegant culmination of the weekend where special awards are presented to AACA members for service, for newsletters, for outstanding cars shown at national meets and tours and for scholarships for youth. The actual trophies for each award are on display in Hershey headquarters and that evening they are pictured on the screen with an explanation of the purpose of the award and the right side screen shows the car, the newsletter, website or the youth photo in the case of scholarship.

It is the closest event that national has to our homes unless we sponsor something ourselves (such as the 2016 Spring Meet) and provides an interesting and enjoyable weekend.

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### SAVE THE DATE Sunday, May 17, 2015

#### The First Joint Region Car Tour

The New Jersey Region, South Jersey Region, Ontelaunee Region and Ford V8

Club will join together for a special joint tour on Sunday, May 17, 2015.

Each individual club will tour and meet at Wheels In Motion in Pottstown, PA then travel to the Boyertown Museum in Boyertown, PA for lunch and a tour of this outstanding antique car museum.

**Reservations are required.** Cost includes lunch and admission to the Museum.

Details to follow at our April Meeting.

Chuck Gibson will be the Chair for the South Jersey Region.

### FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, March 18, 2015  
6:30 PM

Kountry Kitchen Restaurant  
373 U.S. Rt. 40,  
Pittsgrove (Elmer) NJ 08318





# SOUTH JERSEY REGION A.A.C.A.

## 44th Annual

### SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL

Sunday, March 22, 2015 Rain or Shine

### SALEM COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS



Fair grounds located  
1/4 mile west of Cowtown  
735 Route 40, Woodstown, NJ 08098  
(5 miles west of Woodstown, NJ)



#### Automotive Related Items Only

Covered Spaces are 10' x 12', Tailgate Spaces are 12' x 35'

Show Time: 8 AM to 3 PM

Vendor Set up Time: 6 AM to 8 AM

#### Food Vendors by invitation only

Food Vendors and Campers using electric will be charged \$25 extra. Food Vendors must have all applicable certificates and permits.

Vendors are responsible for the removal of merchandise & trash.

We will attempt to give you your same space as previous year, if your money is received by March 8, 2015

No Soliciting or Cars for Sale in Parking Lot or Vendor Area -  
**CAR CORRAL ONLY**

South Jersey Region A.A.C.A. recommends that vendors obtain  
a New Jersey Sales Tax Identification Number

### Highlights

Police directing traffic from parking lot  
Over 350 Vendors Last Year  
Tailgaters Welcome  
Plenty of Parking  
ATM Available



### Contributor



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### For more information contact:

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E-mail: gibsonorgntnr@aol.com

Gary Green @ 856-575-5547

E-mail: 19chevy57@comcast.net

### Day of Show Phone Number:

Chuck Gibson @ 609-221-5435

Online registration and all major credit cards  
accepted through Pay Pal @  
[www.sjraaca.com](http://www.sjraaca.com)

**Please Print Clearly**

If you want confirmation, **send self-addressed stamped envelope**

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Swap Meet Space - \$35.00  
Number of covered spaces: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tailgate spaces: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of indoor spaces: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Car Corral Space - \$20.00  
Number of Spaces: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Food Vendor Spaces - \$50.00 Amt. Enc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and your check or money order  
S.J.R.A.A.C.A.  
Gary M. Green  
572 Quinton Marlboro Road  
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**DAY OF SWAP MEET ALL SPACES ARE \$50.00**

Online registration and all major credit cards accepted through Pay Pal @  
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