



HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

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July, 2015

John & Liz Tumolo's 1962 Corvette



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

JULY

- 6 7: 00 PM CLUB MEETING**
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 11 4-8 PM Kountry Kitchen**
Cruise Night
373 Harding Hwy, Pittsgrove NJ
- 13 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING**
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 20 6:00 PM Visiting Tom Cobb**
160 Cobbs Mill Rd., Alloway
- 22 5-8 PM CRUISE NIGHT**
Bobbitt Auto
595 Salem Quinton Rd. Quinton

AUGUST

- 3 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 13 6:30 PM Friendship & Food**
To Be Announced
- 20 5-8 PM CRUISE NIGHT**
Bobbitt Auto

SEPTEMBER

- 14 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 16 5-8 PM CRUISE NIGHT**
Bobbitt Auto
- 21 7:00 PM Board Meeting**
Woodstown Borough Hall



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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

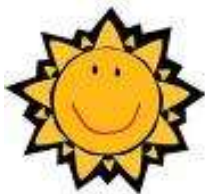


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



July 5 Harry Burton
July 6 Donna Lynn Crim
July 6 Shelley McFarland
July 7 Robin Tindall
July 15 Gloria Orzechowski
July 20 Dorothy Burton
July 21 Bill Smith
July 24 Harry Salmon
July 25 Sabrina Green
July 31 Jim Christos

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 flowers were sent for Frank Heiss Sr.'s funeral. A fruit basket was delivered to Edna Norris. Linda McFarland delivered a fruit basket to Becky Counsellor.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dave Birchmire



This month we mourn the passing of charter member Frank Heiss, Sr. Frank known for his great collection of old cars and his willingness to talk cars or just to talk in general. There are many stories of Frank but the one I remember most is the times he would run out of gas. What a chuckle we would have. Rest in Peace my friend.

This years Woodstown's 4th of July Parade Marshall was driven by our own Russ Shipman. I understand it was a very nice Parade and very well attended.

Our annual Swap Meet Worker Appreciation Dinner held at the Pitman Country Club was also well attended. As a bonus this year we had a one man band playing all evening for our listening pleasure. The food was great and the company better. A few of our members were seen cutting the rug on the dance floor.

This Saturday, July 11th will be our first cruise at the Kountry Kitchen Restaurant in Pittsgrove Township. There will be live music along with a 20 percent discount off your meal. The cruise will start at 4:00 pm and go to 8:00 pm. Let's all come out with our old cars and enjoy a good meal and listen to some great music with our friends.

Our monthly Bobbitt's cruise will be on July 22nd from 5:00 pm—8:00 pm. Our own DJ Ed will be spinning records and to top things off a free hot dog and soda for bringing your classic car out.

This year's club picnic will be on September 13th at Ft. Mott State Park in Pennsville. We will start at noon and end around four o'clock. There will be a sign up sheet at next month's meeting. As in the past the cost will be ten dollars per member and returned to you the day of the picnic. If you are a no show you will forfeit your cost back to the club.

Let's enjoy our old cars and stay safe.



July 11th - 4:00-8:00 PM
KOUNTRY KITCHEN
CRUISE NIGHT
373 Harding Hwy, US Rt. 40
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318
20% discount to those bring
out their antique car

Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region Monday, July 6, 2015

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

Dave asked for a moment of silence for charter member Frank Heiss, Sr. who passed away last month. Dave then thanked everyone who had attended the viewing and funeral for Frank. The family was very appreciative.

Dave then introduced new member Jim Vertolli who told everyone about his 1958 Pontiac Star Chief.

Eileen Niedzialek noted that she has received an application for new membership from Edward Fahey of Monroeville. He is also the owner of the Kountry Kitchen. Dave then asked for a motion that we accept Edward Fahey into the membership. It was approved.

Leon Erdner gave the Secretary's report and Edna Norris gave the Treasurer's. Both were approved and bills were approved for payment.

Sunshine Report: Becky Counsellor reported that Flowers were sent to the Heiss funeral and a fruit basket was delivered to Edna Norris. Linda McFarland reported that a fruit basket was delivered to Becky Counsellor for her recent hospitalization.

Leon Erdner read correspondence. Thank you notes were received from Becky Counsellor, Edna Norris and Fran & John Shore.

Dave thanked Janet Erdner for setting up the Swap Meet Dinner. It was a delicious dinner and it was a great savings for the club. He also thanked Chuck Gibson & Gary Green for all their hard work to make this year's swap meet a success.

Dave noted the following dates:

July 11th from 4-8 pm will be the Kountry Kitchen Cruise Night. We are also considering this cruise for our July's Friendship & Food Night and Collector Car Appreciation Day.

July 22nd - 5-8 pm Bobbitt Cruise Night.

Since there were no Vo-Tech students furthering their education in the automotive field this school year, the club will be donating tools for the two shops. The Vo-Tech teachers will be purchasing from Carlson's Auto in Pennsville and Williams NAPA in Salem.

An overnight tour is being planned to Bloomsburg, PA to Bill's Bike Barn. More information will be available next month.

Our Annual Club Picnic will be on September 13th at Ft. Mott State Park from Noon to 4 PM. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dessert to share. Antique Cars only are to be parked by the Pavilion. There was some discussion on the type of

food that will be served and Edna Norris suggested that we cut back on the amount of food ordered this year. This suggestion will be taken into consideration.

Dave noted that there will be a Board Meeting on Monday, July 13th at 7 pm at the Woodstown Borough Hall. Martin Erdner volunteered the use of Hitchhikers for the board meetings in the future. We will look into this after the new year, since we have already paid for the room through December.

July 9th at 7 pm will be a 2016 National Meet Meeting for Field Marshalls and Swap Meet Workers only. Those folks will be contacted directly.

July 20th at 6:00 pm we will be visiting Charter Member Tom Cobb. We will be meeting at the Cobb home, 160 Cobbs Mill Road, Alloway, and bringing donuts and coffee. Please bring a chair if you plan to come.

Dave also noted some other car shows that we get information on. One was in Staten Island New York and the other is in Mays Landing. If anyone was interested, flyers would be available after the meeting.

It was noted that Russ Shipman drove the Parade Marshall in the Woodstown 4th of July parade in his Mustang.

There was also some discussion regarding the lack of air conditioning in our meeting room and Dave would be contacting the Woodstown office tomorrow.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 pm.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**Edward Fahey of
Monroeville, NJ
Ed has a 1955 Ford
Thunderbird**

Ginger Rogers and her 1937 Dodge





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KOUNTRY KITCHEN
CRUISE NIGHT
373 Harding Hwy, US Rt. 40
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318**

**20% discount to those bring out their
antique car
THIS IS ALSO OUR
FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT
FOR JULY**

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**JULY 20th - 6:00 PM
Visiting Charter Member Tom Cobb
160 Cobbs Mill Road, Alloway
Bring a chair
We will be providing the donuts & coffee**

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**Save the Date!
Annual Club Picnic
Sept. 13th Noon—4 PM
\$10 per person in advance
Refunded when you arrive.**

**Please RSVP to Edna Norris, 410 Rt. 45,
Mannington, NJ 08079
Place: Ft. Mott State Park
454 Ft. Mott Rd., Pennsville, NJ
(Take first left after entering park onto path to
pavilions)
ONLY ANTIQUE AUTOS AT PAVILLION.**

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE



Clark Gable with his 1932 Packard



AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- **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

Babe Ruth Receiving a 1926 Auburn Roadster as a gift



SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



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

- 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 (Negotiable)

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

Contact: Bill Wynne (856) 478-6103



FOR SALE 1976 Alfa Romeo Spider \$3,800 OBO

- 78,000 Original miles **NEW PRICE**
- 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

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, gener-
ating coils, starters, and
a variety of other parts
& tools.

Collecting since 1959.
Contact Bill Crockford
at 609-399-7168.



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

**Contact Linda McFarland with your items for
sale. sjraaca@gmail.com**



John & Liz Tumolo's 1962 Corvette



I have always liked Corvette's. When I got out of the army in 1966 I bought my first one, a '65 silver coupe with 3,600 miles and paid a whopping \$3,600. A lot of money at the time.

In 2006 I bought a neat green '65 roadster with nice paint and a "stinger" hood. But it wasn't the one. After selling the '65 a friend in Pitman sold me his '63 red convertible but I had always admired the early "solid axle" Corvettes (pre '63) and started to look for one.

I had seen a nice '62 at Conte's in Vineland for sale and a friend knew who owned it and maybe I should ask if he wanted to trade. A deal was made and I finally had my keeper—the "Little Red Corvette."

The motor is a later 350 ci - 4 speed posi-rear. I had a new quartz top installed at Smitty's in Westville and have added some rare Halibrand wheels with "knock-offs."

I always get a thumbs-up when ever Liz and I go cruising.

John Tumolo

Laurel & Hardy in their Buick 1930 Series 30 Model 30-45 Phaeton



WANTED!!!!

**Your article about your favorite auto.
Send me your photo and a short story about your car and look for it here!**



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:

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Check out our website www.sjraaca.com



**With Sorrow we report the
passing of
Long Time Member
Frank Heiss, Sr.
1930-2015**

Submitted by: Valerie Wynne

At age 85 Frank Heiss, Sr. went to be with his LORD and his wife, Edith who preceded him in death in 2003. Frank died at home after a long battle with illness with his family by his side. Frank lapsed into an unconscious state the day before his passing; his condition had been deteriorating for several years.

Frank was a pillar of the South Jersey Region who was a charter member having been one of the group of Brandywine Region AACA Members back in 1966 from South Jersey who wanted to start an AACA Region on this side of the bridge. In his "hey-day" he organized tours and was a senior judge for AACA. He was also a presenter at the Annual Meeting in



Philadelphia as late as 1996 doing seminars on "Classic Cars."

We all have funny stories, I am sure, to tell about Frank Heiss. He once told me he started taking in some body work at home as a hobby and registered the name "Franklin Auto Body" to obtain a discount at the parts counter. By 1960 he had six men working for him including one of the men who helped him learn the trade.

Frank was famous for his reconstruction and restoration of Duesenbergs, Cords and Auburns. He owned Miss Cord's car and Amelia Earhart's 1929 Boat-tail Speedster. Frank began his career in auto body building at the Budd Company in Philadelphia.

He even drew the attention of comedian and late-night entertainer, Jay Leno, who invited Frank and

Edie to see his car museum in California and Jay came to West Deptford, New Jersey to visit them and see Frank's collection and shop.

Frank was a proud veteran serving in the Korean War and was a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge where he held many key positions including Master of the Florence Lodge #87 F & AM.

Frank was the all-time record holder for story telling in the South Jersey Region sharing story-after-story, each one more interesting and informative than the last one. He was hard-of-hearing so he spoke in a very loud voice. He loved to dance, was funny, loyal and patriotic and often got emotional when relating some of his life experiences.

The Love of His Life was "The Red Head" Edith, or Edie as we knew her, who he met when she was only 14. They were married over 50 years. Edie was fascinating in her own right having once been a seamstress for the famous Hollywood Designer, Edith Head.

Frank in the last couple days of his life was rambling to Frank, Jr. and told him there was something he wanted him to do. He wanted him to buy Edie a birthday present. Catering to his father's wish Frankie asked his Dad what he should buy? Frank replied, "buy her a white blouse." Frankie said that was the last words he heard his father utter, but his last audible sound was him singing Happy Birthday to Edie. How precious! Oh that we could all leave this earth singing.

Thanks Frank, for a lifetime of memories.



Edie & Frank Heiss, Sr. at a South Jersey Region
Christmas Party

2015 Swap Meet Workers Appreciation Dinner
At the Pitman Country Club - June 14, 2015



Fran & John Shore were celebrating
Their 58th Wedding Anniversary

