



HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

October, 2015

Carl & Angela Earnest 1970 Corvette Convertible



After Carl got out of the Marine's in 1983, he found and restored a 1966 Corvette convertible which we had and enjoyed through our dating years, marriage and the birth of our first son. Not long after, we need to sell the car. Sadly we sold it,

Fast forward 25 years, our sons are grown and now we felt we wanted another Corvette convertible. As we searched and looked we found our 1970 Corvette in North Jersey, that an elderly man was selling. It was in pretty good shape and we made a deal.

We have had the 1970 Corvette for over a year and done a few things to it.

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

- 1 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT at NJ Motorsports Park, 8000 Dividing Creek Rd., Millville, NJ 08332
- 5 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 7-10 HERSHEY FALL MEET
- 10 10-4 PM Elmer Historical Society Car Show, State Street
- 13 7:00 PM 50th Anniversary Mtg.
At Valerie & Bill Wynne's home
- 17 3-6 PM TOYS FOR TOTS CRUISE AT BOBBITT AUTO



NOVEMBER

- 2 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 7 Salute the Troops Car Show
10 am-3 pm Rose Tree Park
1671 N. Providence Rd.
Media, PA
- 15 AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR
9:00 am meeting at Harrison House Diner, Mullica Hill



DECEMBER

- 5 8:30 AM SALEM CHRISTMAS PARADE Breakfast at Salem Oak Diner, Salem, NJ
- 6 1-5 PM ANNUAL CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tilbury VFW Post 253
20 Phillip Dr., Elsinboro, NJ
- 7 7:00 PM CLUB 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

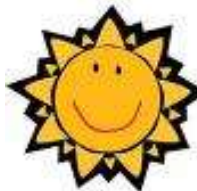


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



10-8	Leon Erdner
10-8	Ted Ritter
10-12	Pat McCann
10-16	Philip Kinsey
10-25	Eileen Niedzialek
10-31	Chris Ferrarie
10-31	Jean Ritter

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 ordered for Mike Torowus' funeral.

ELECTION BALLOTS

Two Board positions are open for election this year. Running for the positions are Ray McFarland and Ron Scott. Ballots are being mailed and must be returned by October 31st.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dave Birchmire



This year's Annual Elmer Harvest Festival was cancelled due to low number of local volunteers. They are hoping to reorganize and be back strong as ever for next year. Our club has run the Lew Zane Memorial Car Show with the help of Edna Norris and many others for quite a few years now. The Historical Society of Elmer did step up at the last minute and will be having a scaled down version of the event. Cars are welcome and the date is this Saturday, October 10th from 10:00-4:00 pm on State Street, Elmer.

This week is our 'Big' event for us car people. The Hershey Eastern Fall Meet, which as we all know is a lot more than a car show. With hundreds if not thousands of vendors selling their wares and car upon car for sale in the car corral. It's like being a kid in a candy store, LOL. Let's hope for good weather.

This month wraps up our monthly car cruise at Bobbitt Auto. This one will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 3:00-6:00 pm. It will be our Toys for Tots cruise. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for the Marines basket. Let's help the children of our area have a nice Christmas. I would like to thank John Bobbitt for being a great host as well as the Erdner's for their generosity and last but not least our DJ Ed Counsellor.

Our next Tri-Region tour will be held on Sunday, November 15th. We will be meeting at the Harrison House Diner in Mullica Hill at 9:00am. Leaving there for the American Treasure Museum. The cost is \$35 per person for adults and \$20 for kids 3-17. The deadline is Oct. 17th. Make your check payable to SJRAACA and get it to Edna Norris ASAP.

Happy Motoring



American Treasure Tour Oaks PA—November 15

SJRAACA is planning another
Joint Region Tour With
New Jersey Region and Ontelauntee
Region

We will be going to The American Treasure Tour
In Oaks PA.

Cost: \$35 per person/\$20 youth 3-17
Includes Tour and catered buffet lunch

Deadline to sign up is October 17
No Refunds after November 1

Send check made payable to SJRAACA to
Edna Norris, 410 Rt. 45, Mannington, NJ 08079

We will be leaving Harrison House Diner 9:00 am

Questions contact:
Chuck Gibson—609-221-5435
Or
Linda McFarland—609-202-3907

Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region Monday, October 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Birchmire at 7:00 pm. All stood for the flag salute. Dave then asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mike Torowus who recently passed away.

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

Becky Counsellor gave the Sunshine report and noted that she ordered flowers from the Club for Mike Torowus funeral.

Leon Erdner read a thank you note from the AACA Museum for our donation in memory of Frank Heiss, Sr.

Linda McFarland gave everyone information on the Torowus funeral on Wednesday October 7th. The family asked that everyone who is able to bring their Model A to the funeral to please be there at Mike's home by 10:30 am.

Old Business: Janet Erdner reported on the club Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday, December 6th from 1-5 pm. It will be at the Tillbury VFW Post. Cost is \$20 per person, refunded if you attend.

Dave noted that the Tour to the American Treasure Museum deadline is October 17th. Please make your check payable to SJRAACA as soon as possible.

The cruise in September at the Kountry Kitchen went very well, though it was not as well attended as the cruise in July. There were about 50 cars in attendance. The food at the Kountry Kitchen was great and everyone received a 20% discount. The buffet was especially good. They would like to have additional cruises in 2016. We are looking into dates in May, July and September of 2016.

Sue Birchmire reported that the Nominating Committee have stuffed all the Ballots and they will be mailed to all members. Please return your ballot by October 31st. There are two Board positions open this year. Running for the Board are Ray McFarland and Ron Scott. There is also a spot to write in someone for nomination.

Dave noted that many members are attending the Hershey Fall Meet this week and some have already left for Hershey.

Our last Bobbitt Cruise Night will be Saturday, October 17th from 3-6 pm and it is our Toys for Tots Cruise. Please bring an unwrapped toy to the cruise.

There will be a 50th Anniversary Meeting at Bill & Valerie Wynne's home on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm.

The Elmer Harvest Day Festival and Lew Zane Memorial Car Show has been cancelled this year due

to lack of volunteers. There will be a separate car cruise on Saturday, October 10th from 10-4:00 pm on State Street in Elmer, run by the Elmer Historical Society.

At the recent Board Meeting there was discussion regarding our donation for the Sunshine Foundation. The Board decided that the Club will contribute \$400 to the Sunshine Foundation and whoever would like to add to this amount is welcome to give their contributions at the Annual Christmas Party. A special basket will be placed at the party for these donations. We will once again purchase gift cards for several Sunshine Foundation families. A motion was made reflecting the above and was approved.

Dave noted that our world travelers, Fran & John Shore have returned and asked Fran to speak for a few minutes regarding their recent trip to 8 countries.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.



YOUR RECIPES WANTED

The 50th Anniversary Committee is creating a Recipe Book of some of our members' favorite recipes. This Recipe Book will be given out at our Banquet to be scheduled for sometime in the fall of 2016.

Please send your recipes to Valerie Wynne along with your name and phone number (if she has any questions). You can email or mail to Valerie:

popwynne@yahoo.com or mail to:
741 Heritage Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080

SAVE THE DATE **MAY 19-21, 2016** **EASTERN DIVISION** **NATIONAL SPRING** **MEET**



Hosted by the South Jersey Region
AACA

The meet will take place at the
New Jersey Motorsports Park, Millville, NJ

This will definitely be a large show on
Saturday, May 21st

We are expecting anywhere from 500-800 cars.
Please mark your calendars and plan to help.



AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- **October 7-10, 2015** Eastern Fall Meet—Hershey Region, Hershey PA
- **November 5-7, 2015** Central Fall Meet—Lagniappe Chapter, Louisiana Region, Houma, Louisiana
- **February 11-13, 2016** AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- **March 17-19, 2016** Winter Meet, Naples/Marco Island Region, Naples, Florida
- **April 7-10, 2016** Southeastern Spring Meet, Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte, North Carolina
- **May 5-7, 2016** Special Spring Meet, Auburn Indiana
- **May 19-21, 2016** Eastern Spring Meet, South Jersey Region, Vineland, New Jersey
- **June 2-4, 2016** Annual Grand National Meet, Susquehannock Region, Williamsport, Penna.
- **June 10-12, 2016** The Elegance at Hershey & Grand Ascent Hillclimb, Hershey, Pennsylvania
- **June 12-17, 2016** Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) Hornets Nest Region, Salisbury, North Carolina
- **July 14-16, 2016** Central Spring Meet, Minnesota Region, Mankato, Minnesota
- **July 17-21, 2016** Founders Tour (Post-'31) Allegheny Mountain Region, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania
- **August 11-13, 2016** Southeastern Fall Meet, Fall Capital Chapter, NC Region, New Bern, North Carolina
- **September 1-3, 2016** Western Fall Meet, High Plains Region, Cheyenne, Wyoming
- **September 11-16, 2016** AAA Revival Glidden Tour (pre-1943) VMCCA hosted, North Conway, N.H.
- **October 5-8, 2016** Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region, Hershey, Pennsylvania
- **October 20-22, 2016** Central Fall Meet, Gulf Coast Region, Galveston, Texas

Sad News—Long time member Michael Torowus has passed. More information and a special write up will be in next month's newsletter.



Earnest 1970 Corvette (Continued)

The Corvette needed a new convertible top, that Carl and I put on ourselves. It was actually a fun car project to do together.

Over this past winter we rebuilt the engine and the car runs great!

We very much enjoy cruising in our car as well as attending many car shows and cruises and all the people we meet and to hear their stories too.



PEDAL CARS

Most kids today are familiar with battery powered ride-on cars, but before the electric ones, we had pedal cars. (This dates back to the "Flintstones.") Known as antiques today, they have actually been around for more than 80 years.

They looked like a mini version of the automobiles popular at that time and were powered by a push pedal which made them go as fast as you could move your feet. They had all the attributes of the bigger automobiles with radiators, bumpers, hub caps and electric lights. They were even made to look like trucks, fire trucks, airplanes and boats.

These pedal cars are highly collectible today and often bring more money than the vehicles they were copied from. They are also being reproduced for today's market. *Hallmark* at Christmas time has replicas of the pedal car in an ornament. They also have a "kiddie Kar Klasic" version which is about 12 inches long with movable parts.

Be sure to ask your parents and grandparents if they had a pedal car when they were your age. Maybe they have it hidden away in the garage or basement? I had a gold mustang when I was growing up, but we don't know what happened to it.

Valerie Bonvechio

From September, 2000 Headlights

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH



**SALEM CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

**8:30 Breakfast at the
Oak Diner, Salem, NJ**

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 6TH**

**ANNUAL CLUB
CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**1-5 PM Tilbury VFW Post 253
20 Phillip Dr., Elsinboro, NJ
\$20 per person, refunded upon attendance.**



Written by: Doretta Scott

From September, 2000 Headlights

Earlier this year the Board and Members of the South Jersey Region AACCA voted to select a charity to which the club would donate funds. The funds would come from profit made at selected shows and events sponsored by the region. The "Sunshine Foundation" is the organization SJRAACA selected. This organization was started in the mid 70's by Bill Sample, a former Philadelphia Police Officer. Mr. Sample was assigned to work at a local hospital while on duty. At this time he became very aware of the needs of many chronically and terminally ill children. This led to the start of the organization.

The Sunshine Foundation aids children and families of children who are chronically or terminally ill. One of the ways in which this is accomplished is by granting various wishes of these children.

Some of our members who have in the past been personally involved with this organization are: Gil & Edna Norris and Ron & Doretta Scott, just to name a few.

Most recently our President and first lady, Ron & Doretta, have volunteered to chaperone on a one day "Fly Out" to Disney World in a plane filled with children who had the trip as their wish.

To date, the Sunshine Foundation has granted over 23,000 wishes to children who otherwise may not have seen their dreams fulfilled.

As a result of the profits made at the Amish Market Show SJRAACA will be sending a check for \$270 to the Sunshine Headquarters. More than ninety cents of every dollar sent goes directly to the wishes of the children and their families.

We are proud that we can do "something" to help fulfill the dreams, and bring a smile to the faces, of many of these children.

Note: Our club continues to support the Sunshine Foundation each year.

It's Bill's fault

Submitted by: Valerie Wynne

All true stories...

One day I was driving and Bill was my passenger, a rare sight for sure. I usually don't chauffeur him around because his white knuckling the dash and screams get on my nerves. But there we were "*thee and me*" on the highway trying to be the first car at the red light, or at least that's Bills observation. As we turned a corner I accelerated and sped up, much to my passenger's surprise. Bill tuned to me his pale face and deer eyes questioning,

"Why did you do that?"

"Do what" I asked.

"Why did you speed up, didn't you see that Speed Zone sign?"

"Sure," I replied, "That's why."

Of course he proceeded to instruct me on the meaning of the sign which makes no sense to me. Why would a sign that wanted you to slow down read...Speed Zone?

Another time I was telling Bill that the brakes seemed a little low on our Mercury, so he said that they were self-adjusting and all I had to do was back up and they would adjust. Okay... so I cautiously went backwards around our block waving to staring and pointing neighbors as I backed past their house. I arrived home to tell Bill that after this mechanical adjustment I had just performed, the brakes didn't feel any different. In between gulps of laughter he tells me I was supposed to back up a few feet and hit the brakes. I think there was a small detail that he forgot to tell me. Oh well...once again, HIS fault.

"The apple doesn't fall far from the tree," I guess that statement is true because our daughter, Valerie, (coincidence?) said her car needed oil so her father told her if she was going to drive she needed to at least be able to put oil in HER own car. No problem for my "little off spring," off she went with oil can in hand headed for her car parked in our driveway. Next thing I know Bill is coming in the house in search of Valerie, it seems that she had a lot of trouble getting that oil in that little hole after she took the dip stick out. Again, Bill's fault, he didn't tell her where to put the oil.

Since this is, once again, deer playing in the street season I thought this woman's observation was interesting to note...A friend sent me a video of a woman complaining to news media about the placement of "Deer Crossing" signs. She felt that they were misplaced on major highways and should be put in areas where there was less traffic and a safer place for the deer to exit the fields. That ranks right up there with a sign on the entrance of a Camden cemetery stating, "No Dogs Allowed" as if the dogs could read?

God had a sense of humor when he created us for his amusement.

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



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

**No Photo
Available**

FOR SALE 1939 Ford Sedan - Price Negotiable

- Unassembled
- Engine almost Finished
- Owner was creating a rod
- Color blue with grey interior
- Has all or most parts needed to complete

For more information call 856-468-6315

350 AUTO TRANSMISSION

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

Call Dave at 856-542-0569



1930 Ford Model A Murray Town Sedan

- Nice complete original restoration project
- Includes 6 19" wheels and title
- \$5,500

Contact John 856-468-5107

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE 1957 Chevy Bel Air Convertible \$90,000

- * Red w/white top
- * Continental kit
- * Garage kept
- * Calif made car/rust free
- * Fender skirts
- * Wide white wall tires
- * Undercarriage detailed
- * Spinner wheel caps
- * 83,500 miles (Condition 2)
- * 283 V8-4 barrel
- * Power Steering & Brakes
- * Power Glide transmission—dual exhaust
- * Interior Red & Silver
- * Original AM Radio

Contact: Dave 1-717-464-9394

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Contact Linda McFarland with your items for sale.

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SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA

CRUISE NIGHT

Bobbitt Auto

595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ

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



KOUNTRY KITCHEN CRUISE

September 19, 2015



FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT
OCTOBER 1, 2015
New Jersey Motorsports Park

Eighteen SJRAACA Members met at the New Jersey Motorsports Park on Thursday, October 1st. Many of us arrived early to check out the area at the park that will be designated as the show field for our 2016 Eastern Division Meet in May. It wasn't a very nice evening. It was pouring rain. But many of the guys measured the field and figured out just how many cars will fit on the field.

After sloshing around in the rain we then went to the "Finish Line Pub" at the Motorsports Park for a nice dinner.



I guess the ladies sitting at the far end of the table were getting a little loud and Chuck & Dave thought they needed a sound barrier. But napkins really didn't do the trick.

