

HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

April, 2020

THE SWAP MEET THAT WASN'T!

By Chuck Gibson and Gary Green

Sunday March 23, 2020, the day of our 49th Annual Swap Meet dawned a cool and sunny day. The day began in the high 30's but the sun was going to shine so that would warm things up. But, sadly, the Salem County Fairgrounds was totally empty. This was certainly sad but understandable with our current health situation in the world.

On Thursday evening the 12th, Gary and I got together to discuss how we were going to handle registration, etc. in Gary's absence as he and Bonnie were going to be on a car tour in Florida. Ed Fuller was going to work with me on registration, space assignments, etc. and most other club members already knew what their jobs would be on Saturday and Sunday of the event. The virus matter was beginning to heat up so Gary, Terry and I had the "what if" discussion about the possibility of postponing the Swap Meet. On Friday morning I called the Fairgrounds treasurer to get their take on the matter and he immediately said that my call was very timely as the Salem County Health Department has just summoned him to a meeting. He called me back after the meeting and stated that the Health Department did not want us to hold the event since it certainly attracts more than 250 people which, on that day, was the recommended maximum. (How things have changed in a few short days!) Incidentally, this was Friday the 13th! So, between Gary, Bonnie, Edna Norris and myself, all vendors were contacted about the postponement. And the folks at Green Technology Services were able to update our website at a moments notice.

49th ANNUAL SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL
 Sunday, March 22, 2020 Rain or Shine
 SALEM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 725 Harding Highway (Route 40), Woodstown, NJ

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 VISITORS WELCOME! There's plenty of parking and Public will be showing cars. There were over 300 vehicles last year!
 Please note: Fuel limited to 10000 only, Vendors & Customers using vehicles will be required to bring their own fuel. Fuel vendors must meet all applicable regulations & permits. All vendors are responsible for the removal of their vehicles and items. We will attempt to give you the same space as previous year. Payment accepted by March 20, 2020.

Other than Sunday Swap Meet, Vendor Setup on Sunday from 8am - Closed Spaces: 10' x 12' Tables: Spaces: 12' x 30' Automobile Related Items Only

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY if you want confirmation send self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail this form with check or money order to: SALEM COUNTY, 552 Quarter Meridian Road, Woodstown, NJ 08022

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Online registration and all other info on our website: www.sjraaca.com or call 856.221.5820

Swap Meet Space: \$35.00	Car Detail Space: \$50.00	Food Vendor Space: \$100.00
Number of tables: _____	And enclosed to: _____	Number of tables: _____
Number of vehicles: _____	Number of vehicles: _____	And enclosed to: _____
Amount enclosed: \$ _____	Number of tables: _____	And enclosed to: _____

Naturally, we fielded many calls from interested people asking if the Swap Meet was going to happen. Everyone was disappointed but understood the matter. But often people get very interesting. All day Saturday the 21st, Gary and I fielded calls from people asking the same question about the Swap Meet taking place! More than once I couldn't help myself and became a "smart aleck" asking if they had been watching or listening to the news? They would say yes but didn't know if it affected the Swap Meet! Really! Calls were still coming as late as 10 AM Sunday morning the 22nd!

So, the matter still remains as to finding another date to hold the event. This is something we're reluctant to focus on until the Corona Virus matter has subdued. Then we must work around the bookings the Salem County Fairgrounds has in place and other local and National car club events. For example, Spring Carlisle hopes to hold that event at the end of May and the AACA Spring Meet in Charlotte is now re-scheduled for June 12-13 right after the Sentimental Tour. It remains to be seen whether any of these events will happen at this point as we all must think of our own health and safety. Let's be positive but we'll see!

2020 Swap Meet has been POSTPONED

Gov. Murphy has placed a ban on gatherings above 250 people. Therefore we are postponing the Annual Swap Meet.

We will provide further information once a new date has been established.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to protect our members and community, the South Jersey Region AACA will be suspending all activities for the immediate future to prevent the spread of the corona virus (COVID-19). As soon as permitted we will resume our club events.

Thank you for your patience.

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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 **4th of July & 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
 Mens Golf Shirts: S-XL \$22; 2X & 3X \$24
 Ladies Golf Shirts: same as above
 Spring Jackets: S-XL \$46; 2X \$48 & 3X \$48
 Winter Jackets S-XL \$70



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



- 4-3 Linda McFarland
- 4-3 Sarah Chafardon
- 4-5 Ron W. Scott
- 4-12 Alexandria Chin
- 4-17 Scott McFarland
- 4-20 Mike Orsini

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 - Bonnie Green reported that she sent a get well card to **Ron L. Scott.**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Terry Shelton

Hi Everyone!

I hope all is well with you and your family during this health crisis we are experiencing.

I have been keeping busy with work as the weather has been good for my business.

Unfortunately, for many of us, this quarantine hasn't been exactly what we were expecting. But, our health is most important. So make sure you are social distancing and stay well.

It is a great time for getting your special vehicle in top notch condition so it will be ready for a ride when we finally get the "all clear".

So stay well and be ready to ride.

Your President,
 Terry Shelton

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland

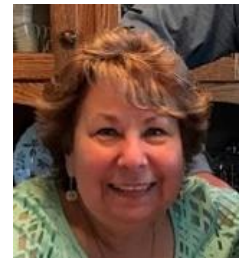
Hello Everyone! I hope everyone is well and that you are staying safe at home.

Please enjoy the article about our Model A. I had been encouraging Ray to take a step back in time and remember the fun. Maybe you have an article you can share.

Many of us have already had tours cancelled and I am sure a few more will follow. Our April activities are also cancelled. But in the meantime we can just sit tight and plan for the future.

So get those cars shined up and ready to roll.

Linda McFarland



Young Eddie Fuller was really sad that our Swap Meet was postponed.

So he focused his attention to Hershey 2020 and created this poster for their flea market spot in October, to be used when he and dad are away shopping. He used our flyer to make his poster Great Job Eddie!



Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region
 Monday, April 6, 2020
**TO PROTECT OUR MEMBERS WE ARE CANCELLING
 OUR APRIL MEETING AS PER STATE MANDATES.**

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South Jersey Region Events & Activities

APRIL

- 6 CLUB MEETING— **CANCELLED**
- 15 5-8:00 PM BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT - **CANCELLED**
- 16 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT—**CANCELLED**

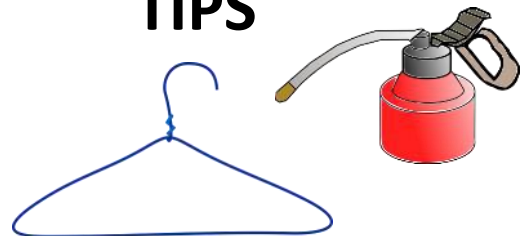


FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT

CANCELLED

 **FALL TOUR to CAPE MAY, NJ** 
 October 23-25, 2020
 THE GRAND HOTEL
 1045 Beach Ave., Cape May, NJ
 609-884-5611
 Reservation: South Jersey Region Antique Auto Club (Group Booking Code 531074)
 \$163 per night +tax
MUST RESERVE BY September 15, 2020





TINY TIPS



Tight Windows?

If you've ever had trouble raising and lowering your windows and never got motivated enough to take off the door panel, grab a coat hanger and straighten it out. Bend a hook in one end, lower the glass, insert the wire between the glass and the sill and hook the wire over the part that needs oiling. Take a can and squirt oil on the wire and it will flow down to the mechanism, lubricating the tight part.

*Submitted by Arthur L. Pognosky, Kentfield, CA
 Courtesy of Piney Wood February 2020
 Newsletter*

SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA
2020 CRUISE NIGHTS
Bobbitt Auto
 595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ
3rd WEDNESDAYS 5:00-8:00 PM

CANCELLED April 15th July 15th
 May 20th August 19th
 June 17th September 16th

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th 1:00-4:00 PM
TOYS FOR TOTS CRUISE
Bring a NEW unwrapped TOY



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

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MY FIRST CAR

By Ray McFarland

It was December 1961 and my mother asked me “What would you like for Christmas?” My answer to her was “a Model A Ford.”

Well, I did receive a Model A Ford for Christmas but not one I could drive. Literally a small toy model of a Model A Ford.

The following May 1962, I turned 16 years old. And in June while riding with my friend in Delaware County Pennsylvania, there sat a Model A Ford in a repair shop parking lot, for sale. It turned out to be the owner’s son’s car that was for sale. I turned the key and pulled the choke and it started right up. The car had no top, no upholstery, one semi upholstered front seat and the other front seat bare springs. No back seat. Incorrect wheels (spoke wheels from a ’34 Ford). I offered the man \$150. The man’s son took it. We towed it home with a rope.

When changing the title into my name the car had been titled by 9 previous owners. I was the 10th owner. It was always a Pennsylvania car.

I towed the car to my friend’s parents garage till I could get it road worthy and pass State inspection, i.e. turn signals, top, safety glass and covered the two front seats using an old canvas awning from my parents basement.

A friend gave me two 15” reversed Ford rims, that I placed 2 used, 8 X 20 X 15 tires from a junk yard. I used the other spoke tires for a while. Then eventually I put 15” Ford rims on the front. The car was in red primer. I also found ’50 Mercury small pot hubcaps for the wheels.

I drove it every day to high school (2 city blocks). It had sealed beam headlights and when I drove it a lot at night it would kill the battery so when it would not start I would push it to get it started and later change the battery to one that I kept on charge in the basement of our house.

Note, that prior to me having the car, I never had a regular part time job other than car washing, cutting grass, snow shoveling, etc. After purchasing the car I knew I needed a part time job in order to keep gas in the car. (21 Cents a gallon) So I secured a job, after school, in the records room at a hospital for 3 hours a day at minimum wage, \$1.25/hr.

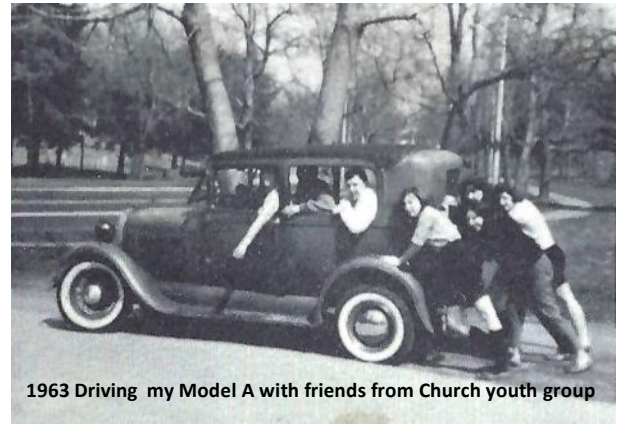
My friend’s dad gave me a set a chains off of his milk truck which I would put on my Model A when it snowed. So the milk man and I were always the first vehicles down our street when it snowed.

In the summer, I drove the Model A down to Long Beach Island, looking for a place to have a beach party with our church youth group. I had to stop at a police station and the policeman hooked us up so that we had beach access and by the time all the other young people came down with their cars, we flagged them in and we had a party on the beach till dark. Earlier that day I decided that I was going to ride through a puddle on the beach to splash my friends and the car sank deep into the soft sand. In a matter of time the tide came up and the waves were splashing and hitting the side of the car. So I got some of our guys to lift the car up and place it on solid sand and away I drove. During this time era you could rent Model A Fords, used as beach buggies, to drive on the beach at the end of the island. Of course, I also did this with my Model A.

For the back seat, I found a junk yard in Pottstown, PA. The junk yard was written up in Hot Rod magazine as Acres of A’s. But, the owner wanted \$500 for the back seat springs. This was too rich for me. So I continued to use my mother’s steel glider cushions for the back seat.

Some time later, I was involved in an accident at dusk in Darby PA with another car, where the other vehicle damaged my driver’s door, left front fender, bent the axel and broke the bell housing of the ‘A’. It was not my fault and I did get some insurance money from the other driver for the parts and tow back to my rented garage in Southwest Philadelphia (\$7/month).

Shortly thereafter, we traveled up to Pottstown and “Acres of A’s” again as I got word that the owner had passed away and they were selling off complete cars and parts and I was able to purchase a driver’s door and back seat springs, bell housing, fender and a starter.



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My First Car (Continued)

Before I graduated from high school in 1964 my friend Jack helped me paint the car blue on blue. And my other friend who worked at Pep Boys fixed me up with blue & white seat covers. My friend Charlie sewed them up to make them fit using my mother's treadle sewing machine. Then Charlie got some old black velvet curtains and made the headliner for the Model A.

I later obtained a factory rebuilt Model A engine from Beasleys Motors in Altoona, PA for \$287. And this is the engine that is in the Model A to this day.

Fast forward to 1969, Linda and I got married. And our pre-nuptial was that she would agree we keep the Model A and never sell it.



1980 at a Church Old Fashioned Sunday Picnic

In 1971, while at Hershey's Swap Meet, we purchased the correct wheels, tires and tubes. In 1972 our son Scott was born. Then in 1973 our son Matt was born and in 1976 along came Philip.

It was a busy time and we always were going to restore the Model A. Raising 3 sons and working a lot never left a lot of time for working on the car. But, I always kept it in running order and the family enjoyed driving it around.

In the meantime I was able to purchase a 1955 DeSoto which was literally owned by a little old lady. It didn't need too much other than a paint job and new interior. We managed to get this done and in 1988 the 1955

DeSoto went to Hershey to be judged and we received a 3rd place trophy.

By the time the boys were teenagers, and after many trips to Hershey they wanted to restore the Model A and make it look like all the ones at the show.

So we purchased the entire interior, headliner, bumpers and headlights. Every year during Hershey we would buy a little something more for the Model A.

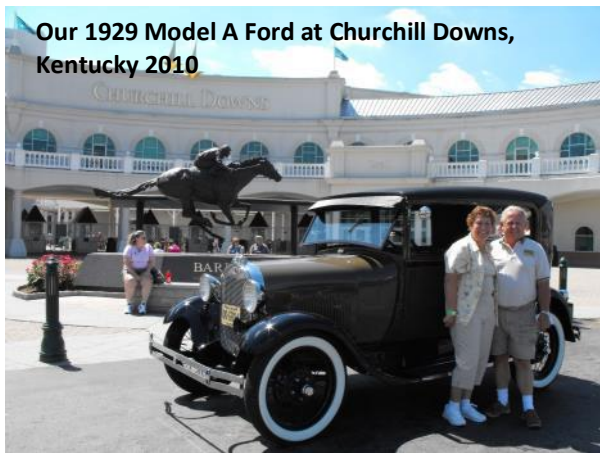
Finally the day came that the boys wanted to start the restoration. They always wanted to have it ready for Scott's prom in 1989. The car came apart and we took it to have the body sand blasted.



Our boys & friend after taking the Model A apart

Life went on. Everyone was busy.

The 1955 DeSoto was the prom car for the next several years. The Model A was still in pieces. And all the parts and upholstery we had bought remained in our basement stored for the future time when we could assemble the car.



Our 1929 Model A Ford at Churchill Downs, Kentucky 2010

Weddings and grandchildren came. It wasn't until we moved out to our new house in 2003 that we finally decided it was time to work on the Model A. In 2010 we finally finished the Model A. On Father's Day 2010, the family came over to celebrate the completion. Everyone got behind the wheel to test drive the car.

We showed the Model A at the AACA 75th Anniversary meet in Kentucky, June 2010, and she received a 1st Junior. Later that year we took her to the Blacksburg, Virginia AACA Meet (Virginia Tech Campus) and she

received her Senior.

Our Model A is affectionately known to us as Rosie because of her rose beige paint.

She is fondly loved by the entire family and she has definitely instilled the love of antique automobiles in our children and grandchildren.

They all love to drive her.

She has been on many tours, meets and local cruises. A week doesn't go by, year round, when I don't have her out on the road.



2011 the Model A finally went to the prom with our oldest grandson Josh.



TOOLS EXPLAINED

Nancy Whiddon

DRILL PRESS : A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh*t'

DROP SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting on fire various flammable objects in your shop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW : A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into nonremovable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50-cent part.

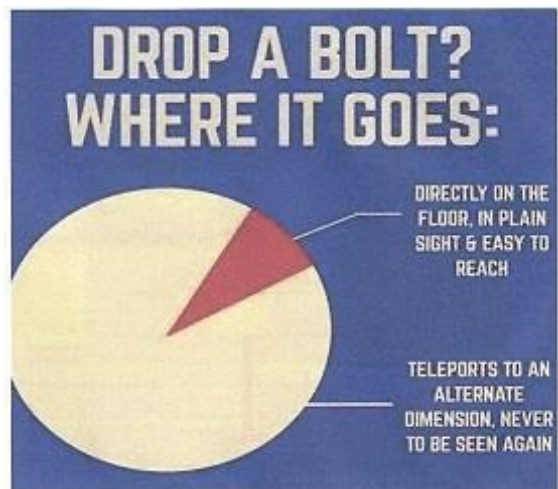
HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

ADJUSTABLE WRENCH: aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Commonly used as a one size fits all wrench, usually results in rounding off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted buckles, curse words, and multiple threats to any inanimate objects within the immediate vicinity.

Son of a b* TOOL**: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a b*tch' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.



From "The Broken Axel" newsletter, Victoria, TX
Nancy Whiddon, Editor

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - 1950 Mercury Coupe \$30,500

- V8 flathead completely rebuilt
- 80,000 miles,
- Many new parts
- Excellent chrome
- OD transmission
- Runs and drives great
- Asking \$30,500



Contact Ray 732-873-3094 (New Jersey)

FOR SALE - 1952 Ford Custom \$14,500

- V8, stick with OD
- 76,000 miles
- Excellent condition
- Runs great
- Great touring car
- Asking \$14,500



Contact Ray 732-873-3094 (New Jersey)

FOR SALE - 1949 Willy's Jeepster

Call for more information 856-825-8185



FOR SALE - 1971 CADILLAC ELDORADO \$10,000

- 21,000 Original Miles
- Very good condition
- Very good interior
- Runs great
- \$10,000



Contact: Joe 856-649-4339



FOR SALE - 1930 FORD MODEL A PICKUP \$15,000

- Nice Solid Running Restored Truck
- Great for Spring Cruising
- \$15,000



Contact: John 856-468-5107

FOR SALE - HUSKY 8 GAL. 1.5 PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSOR

- Little Use (bought larger one)
- \$100

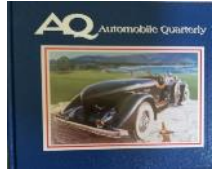


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SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - Automobile Quarterly

- The complete collection offered is from Volume #1-1 to Volume #52-1.
- The ultimate journals of automotive history
- Best appreciated if the collection is kept intact.
- 4 books to each year; except for volume #52 when publication ended.



Contact for information: 610-566-9453

or E-mail: shoreinmedia@outlook.com.

FOR SALE - '28-'31 FORD MODEL A PARTS

- Radiators \$100
- Fenders \$100-\$300
- Frames \$500
- Bumpers \$100
- Misc. parts



Contact: John 856-468-5107

FOR SALE - 1929 Ford Roadster \$12,000

- Beautifully restored Roadster with rumble seat
- Green with black fenders and cream wheels
- Older restoration, with a full set of side curtains, turn signals, Stone Guard, and Wind wings.
- Included is a trunk rack (with a partially finished professionally made trunk, if buyer wants it).
- Asking \$12,000



Contact: Shirley Cormack 785-841-6033 kstrunguy@yahoo.com

FOR SALE - 1929 MERCEDES BENZ SSK GAZELLE Replica/Kit \$9,000

- Ford 2.0 4 cyl. Engine
- 4 Speed Manual Transmission
- 1,540 mileage
- Runs Great—Lots of fun to drive
- \$9,000



Contact: Larry 302-528-1435



If you are in need of automotive batteries, call Ed Counsellor at 856-362-0001



WHAT WILL 1000 HP GET YOU THESE DAYS

By Ruby Rae Scalera, March 9, 2020
Carshowsafari.com

In the days of modern engineering, when automakers scramble to develop the next great alternative energy source and set their sights on Mars, it seems every other vehicle has a thousand horsepower. When the Bugatti Veyron first came out in the early 2000s, it was a remarkably powerful vehicle, with top speeds of well over 400 miles per hour, and even it didn't hit the 1,000 horsepower mark.

Now, it seems most of the world's performance automakers are well into the game. Ferrari has several vehicles that max out over four figures, Bugatti, of course, Lamborghini, Koenigsegg, Mercedes, McLaren, and Porsche all produce some form of race or track-ready vehicle that is limited only by the melting point of the tires. Even the new GMC Hummer EV is in on the game, with claims of over 1,000 horsepower, though those remarks have been challenged by skeptics.

Humans are already fast. Usain Bolt can run over 23 miles per hour. Although many in the animal kingdom can beat that, our long distance stamina means we're still incredibly speedy and we won't tire easily. But for as fast as we go on foot, we've constantly been searching for the next great speed enhance. First it was horses, then cars, then rockets. We dream of hyperspeed and continue to push the limits on what fast really is.

So with all of that taken into consideration, it is little wonder that the first vehicle to claim over 1,000 horsepower was not the Bugatti Veyron. It was not some F1 monster engineered in a sterile room. It was not the product of Elon Musk's overactive imagination. It was the Sunbeam 1000 hp Mystery, and it raced in 1927.

Now, like all great number-boasting vehicles, there is some conjecture as to whether or not the Sunbeam 1,000 hp Mystery actually did have 1,000 horsepower. Records actually put it closer to 900 when tested, but there is no question that it was the first vehicle to achieve 200 miles per hour, a record set in March of 1927, at Daytona Beach. It was the first non-American vehicle to set a record there, and it set one hell of a record.



The Slug, as it was also called, was built by the Sunbeam car company from England, and in true madman mechanics, it was powered by two aircraft engines, one located in front of the driver and one behind. As the modern day machines can attest, those kinds of speeds can kill tires in an instant, and the tires on the Sunbeam 1,000 hp mystery were meant to withstand only about three and a half minutes of driving over 200 miles per hour.

Three and a half minutes is more than enough to set a record.

Unfortunately, though the speeds were great, the times were not. After the Great Depression, Sunbeam Motor Car Company fell into receivership and was sold to the Rootes Group after decades of producing bikes, motorcycles, cars, and Grand Prix racers. The name has appeared on myriad vehicles through changing hands for decades since.

While the Sunbeam 1000 hp Mystery remains little more than a footnote in automotive history, its impact reverberates today. After all, it was not a Ferrari that first drove 200 miles per hour, not a Ford or a Lamborghini or a Porsche or a Mercedes. It was not a heavy hitter in the early automotive field nor yet a prince of performance. It was a Sunbeam 1000 hp Mystery from Wolverhampton, England. And it set the future into motion—at speeds no one had ever seen before. Now there's something to be said about that.

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AACA UPDATE:
Event Cancellations &
National Headquarters
Shutdown



AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

2020 National Calendar & Other Events

- May 13-16, 2020, Eastern Divisional Tour (up to 1995), Eastern Shore, MD
• June 7-11, 2020, Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) Moorefield, West Virginia
• June 12-13, 2020, Southeastern Spring National, Charlotte NC
• June 24-27, 2020, Eastern Spring National, White Water Region, Daniels, WV
• July 19-24, 2020, Reliability Tour (1915 & earlier vehicles) Lockhaven/Wellsboro, PA
• July 23-25, 2020, Annual Grand National, Allentown, PA
• August 20-22, 2020, Southeastern Fall Nationals, Kyana Region, Elizabeth, IN
• September 13-18, 2020, AAA Revival Glidden Tour, VMCCA, Saratoga Springs, NY (vehicles 1942 or earlier)
• October 7-10, 2020, Eastern Fall National, Hershey Region, Hershey, PA
• October 19-23, 2020, Central Divisional Tour, Tulsa Region, Tulsa, OK (vehicles 25 years and older)
• February 11-13, 2021, AACA Annual Convention, Philadelphia
• March 18-20, 2021, Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand Nationals, San Juan, P.R., Puerto Rico Region
• April 8-11, 2021, Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC, Hornets Nest Region
• May 6-8, 2021, Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, Indiana
• June 17-19, 2021, Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga Springs, NY, Saratoga Region
• July 22-24, 2021, Annual Grand Nationals, New Ulm, Minnesota, Minnesota Region

AACA and its affiliates will continue to monitor issues related to the coronavirus, as well as abiding by CDC and other governmental agency recommendations. Our members are our utmost concern, and we will work diligently to keep you informed of changes to scheduled events as they arise. As such, we have two new developments that we would like to notify you of..

The AACA Western Spring Nationals and Founders Tour in April have been canceled. The Phoenix Region will process refunds as soon as possible. AACA, this region, and their volunteers put a lot of effort into this dual event and are deeply disappointed in having to make this decision. As in all our affected events this year, if there is a possibility of finding a safe and suitable new date the club and regions will explore those in the future.

In addition, we are also sad to announce that the AACA Central Spring Nationals in Auburn in May has also been canceled and will not be rescheduled. AACA always enjoys putting on this great event for our members and, along with RM Auctions, deeply regret this turn of events. Registration checks will be returned as soon as possible, and judges' reimbursement will take place shortly.

As you may or may not be aware, the National AACA staff is working under difficult circumstances at present. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf has ordered a statewide shutdown of all non-life sustaining businesses in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, therefore our national headquarters and library are in fact closed. The majority of the staff are doing their best to work from home, so please be patient with our response times to your calls, emails and mailed requests.

We are hopeful that our normal schedule can return beginning in June, but all of that remains to be seen. As stated, your health and that of our nation is the most important factor in all our determinations. We wish you all the best in this very trying time for all of us.



McFarland's 1955 DeSoto taken at the 2016 Eastern Divisional Tour

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 6 CLUB MEETING - CANCELLED
- 15 BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT - CANCELLED
- 16 FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT - CANCELLED



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PLEASE NOTE

In order to protect our members and community, the South Jersey Region AACA will be suspending all activities for the immediate future to prevent the spread of the corona virus (COVID-19). As soon as permitted we will resume our club events.

Thank you for your patience.

