

Our 1983 Monte Carlo SS

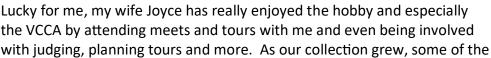
By Chuck Gibson

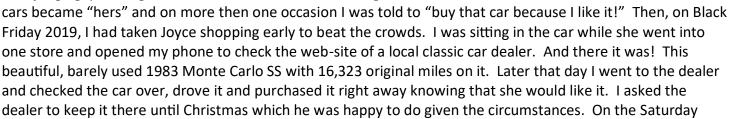


It all started in September of 1987 when I was asked to escort a pretty lady at a friend's wedding. She was driving a 1986 Monte Carlo SS which immediately made me think that she had good taste! Exactly one year later on the same date we were married and of course, the wedding procession had to be old Chevys! The 1986 Monte Carlo remained as her every-day driver until 2002 when it was

replaced with a new Monte Carlo SS, a yellow one this time. Don't worry, we kept the '86! But it had accumulated over 80,000 miles and had lived outside, so it

showed signs of use! But by now, a large garage had been built so it could now be kept indoors.





prior to Christmas while Joyce was at her volunteer job, I went to get the car. The dealer even provided the beautiful red bow to put on the hood. I put the car inside the one garage that she would have no reason to go into.

Since the car came with the original window sticker, presentation was easy and fun. I framed and wrapped the sticker and put it under the Christmas tree with the other gifts. To make it even better, I had found the window sticker for the '86 and framed and wrapped that as well and made her open that one first, then the one for the '83. She was really surprised and



asked where the car was. It was then that I told her the whole story of acquiring it and that it was safely hidden from her in the garage that she would have no reason to go into! After breakfast, I got it out for her to see and admire!

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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!!



5-6 Mike Chafardon 5-8 Robert Thomson 5-12 Jane Kinsey 5-18 Bonnie Green 5-18 Bonnie Green 5-24 Gary Green 5-29 Elaine Faunce

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.

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SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green reported that she sent a get well card to Trudy Lazzaro who broke her ankle and a sympathy card to Dave & Brenda Kaiser, at the passing of Dave's mother.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Terry Shelton

Hello everyone!

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health.

It's been a horrible 60 days waiting, cabin fever whole bit...

We will be making a decision on the Swap Meet as soon as they've lifted the quarantine.

We won't be having any more meetings until further notice.

I hope you all stay in and stay safe. This has been a horrible time for all of us and I hope to see y'all in the very near future.

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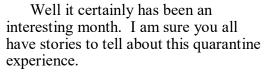
Thank you,

Your President,

Terry Shelton

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland



Ray and I have been keeping busy around here. We have cleaned out the closets and have a great number of things for the local thrift shop.

Ray has been steadily working on our automobiles. The 1939 now has break lights and the gas gage is now working after taking down the tank. He is still working on the Model A and hopefully will have that completed shortly.

I have been making face masks and scrub caps for my niece who is an ER nurse and also for neighbors and friends. If you need any masks, please let me know and I will get them to you. It definitely helps to be a quilter with plenty of fabric to use.

With any luck, we will be able to gather sometime in May. But, who knows?? In the meantime we will social distance and hope for the best.

Stay well everyone.

Linda McFarland



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South Jersey Region Events & Activities

MAY

- **CLUB MEETING CANCELLED**
- 20 5-8:00 PM BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT CANCELLED

21 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT—CANCELLED



FRIENDSHIP & FOOD **NIGHT OUT**

CANCELLED



Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region Monday, May 4, 2020 TO PROTECT OUR MEMBERS WE ARE CANCELLING OUR MAY MEETING AS PER STATE MANDATES.



FALL TOUR to CAPE MAY, NJ October 23-25, 2020 THE GRAND HOTEL



1045 Beach Ave., Cape May, NJ 609-884-5611

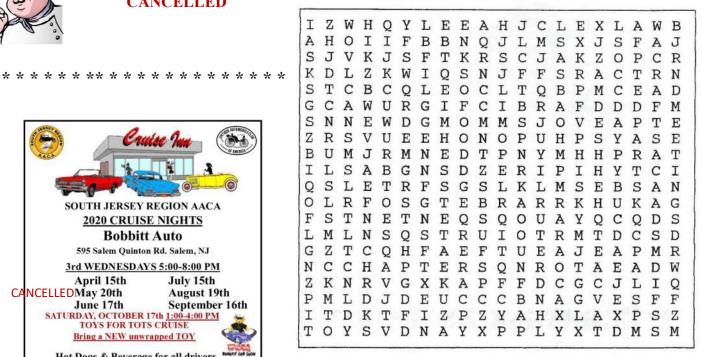
Reservation: South Jersey Region Antique Auto **Club (Group Booking Code 531074)** \$163 per night +tax

MUST RESERVE BY September 15, 2020

Word Search From the 1996 "Headlights"

We try to have something for

everyone... An original "Search A Word" Valerie Bonvechio



TENTS CARS ANTIQUES DASHPLAQUE TROPHY PARTS **FLEAMARKET** SPECTATORS JUDGES CRAFTS

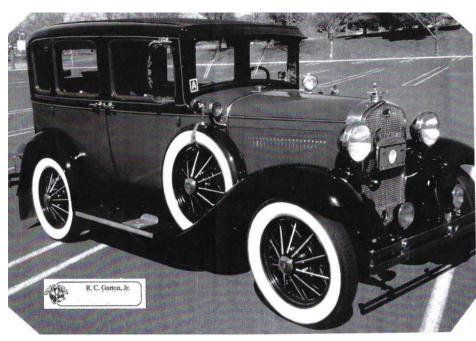
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1931 Deluxe Town Sedan By Russ Garton

Editor's Note: A few months ago, Bob Hopely, gave me a couple of articles written about his '31 Deluxe Town Sedan. Unfortunately I was unable to ascertain the name of the publications where those articles originated and due to copyright laws, was unable to use those articles.

But, after searching some old South Jersey Region newsletters I came across an article from a <u>1996 "Headlights"</u> regarding the same '31 Deluxe Town Sedan, originally owned by Russ Garton. This article was written by Russ Garton, a South Jersey Region member for many years. I hope you enjoy it.

Thank you Bob Hopely for sharing this story with us. We hope to see the Model A, in person, sometime soon.



I started working on Model A cars and AA trucks in 1939 when I was only 13 years old, and worked in a Gulf service station. Now, 52 years later, I finally have a Ford Model A of my own to restore.

My collecting antique automobiles started in the early 1980's when I was on the road for Singer Company. I found a Model A chassis, with the title, north of Baltimore, Maryland and had it towed home. I also found a pickup cab and box on the Eastern Shore. Both of these sat in the garage until I retired in 1986. From 1986 to 1990 I did major work on my '40 Plymouth, which is credited with two laps on the Indianapolis Speedway!

It is interesting how we find out about antique cars. I was Christmas shopping in Chews Landing Mall when a cashier and I started to talk about old cars. She said her husband had a '31 Model A he wanted to sell. I bought it in early 1991, a 1939 Deluxe Town Sedan, 155C Murray Body. On April 1st, 1991, my buddy took his flatbed to Williamstown and brought my baby home to Somerdale.

The Model A arrived with no roof, or windshield header T. It had 16" 1935 wire wheels and incomplete hydraulic brakes. With the parts from the first Model A, I was able to return to the original mechanical brakes. If it was good enough for Henry Ford, who advertised "Steel From Pedal to Wheel", they were good enough for me. The amazing thing was the engine sounded wonderful and I have yet to see smoke from the tailpipe. From this time on, it was a case of stripping down the "A" to just the body-on-frame.

I have tried to keep "Baby" original, even down to the nuts and bolts. So to make a long story short, I put four years of work including painting on this car. The real enjoyment is when other people see the car and it brings back memories for them. I have also been able to help other people with their restoration problems, thanks to "Baby".

I would like to close by thanking God for giving me the patience, direction and ability to finish the restoration. Yours In The Hobby,

Russ Garton

Additional Note: Ron W. Scott was President of South Jersey Region in 1996. He related to me that Russ Garton painted this car himself, in his driveway. The car is beautiful and has won many awards. The car was featured in the 1998 Snap-On Calendar. The photo above is from that calendar

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Early 1929 Model A Business Coupe Story

By Harry Salmon

I heard about the business coupe from my brother Dick. An enthusiast in Pitman had been restoring Model As in a garage on Broadway but his lease was up. The old time Ford mechanic who tuned up his cars was getting old. So in 2004 he sold me the 1929 business coupe and his car lift. He sold his roadster pickup and remaining parts, gave up the garage, and bought a Corvette with the profits.

The Business Coupe was in good running order, and was cream color



with red primer new old stock fenders. Upholstery was new and about 80% installed. First thing was to reline the brakes. I measured clearances and then bought the extra

thick brake pads to account for wear. When we riveted them on they were too tight and the wheels wouldn't turn so we sanded the pads down till the wheels ran free. They now stop well and I haven't needed to adjust.

Then I chipped a tooth in the rear going down my steep driveway. Instead of replacing the gear I bought a 1930 rear axle and driveshaft from Mike Torowus. I borrowed a spring compressor from Larry Corn of the Garden State Model A Region (GSMAR

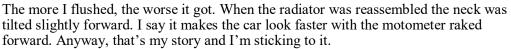
Deptford). Then Ed Bouvier, Jerry Fecteau and I installed the "A" frame assembly.

In 2009 Frank Heiss took the car, dipped the body to prepare it for painting, repaired some bent metal in the left rear wheel well and painted the car the original Rose Beige with Seal Brown window trim and bright orange striping. We got the paint mixing formula from the AACA Library. I opted to have the wheels bright orange to match the striping. Original

would have been black in 1929, colored wheels became available in 1930. Many of the Rose beige cars in the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) Magazine have the orange wheels because they look good. Frank did a lot of small finish work and also restored the running boards.



When I started to bring the car to cruise nights at Lapp's I started seeing the temperature creep up. The more I flushed it the worse it got. I couldn't go five miles without boiling over. I finally took the radiator to Penns Grove to be repaired. When they got the top off and rodded it out it appeared that at some time the radiator cap was left off and a mouse built a nest in there.



A Model A owner in the VMCCA restored his car and gave me his old set of hubcaps which will make the car more finished. It also needs an electric windshield wiper, two

new side mount tires, and repair of the gas gage and speedometer. I bought new tires but failed to get the same width white walls as are on the car. Easiest fix appears to be to have the same width whitewalls on one side, and maybe a different width

on the other side. It would be hard to notice. Frank Heiss painted the bumpers and wheel nuts black. Commercial vehicles had black bumpers from the factory so I have left them black. I refer to the MARC Model A Judging Standards when considering any changes. There is a new set of standards for Touring Class but I haven't invested in that yet.

My goal for the remainder of the Corona 19 Virus quarantine period is to install my new battery and get the car running for this season. Up until last spring the car always started on the second try, one to prime and one to start. I had trouble last spring, bought a new six volt battery in July but couldn't get the car started. I will check the points, then start it up. This week it will go. Hope to see you all at Bobbitt's.





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QUARANTINE STORIES FROM OUR MEMBERS

I asked some of our members to please share their stories of what it has been like to be "Cooped-Up" for the past month and here is what they sent me.

This is from Fran & John Shore

This has been an interesting time in our lives. We live in a community of 286 homes and it has always been a family oriented community. We have seen more walkers, more people outdoors in their yards and taking runs and walks. On Easter weekend we had some celebrations without the traditional Easter egg hunt. The families put paper or plastic eggs on their mailboxes and the families walked with separation (and drove) around the development and the one who counted the most eggs won. All took place with Social Distancing.



Mailboxes were decorated. Here is ours.

Even the Easter bunny walked around our neighborhood as the children and families walked and counted Easter Eggs we

"bunnies from the homes" had put on mailboxes- paper or plastic of course. The Bunny came again riding on a fire truck.



We have learned new words- Zoom-Video Conferencing, Skype, Social Distancing and the one we never wanted to be part of our vocabulary- Pandemic. The word "mask" no longer makes us

think of Halloween but safety. Our favorite doctor became Dr. Faunci.

There has been a nice bit of environmental news. The skies are clearer in many countries. Gasoline prices were low but we couldn't go anywhere so it did no good except

cheaper gas for the lawnmowers.
Neighbors were speaking and
laughing again as took place years
ago. Kids were on bikes, skateboards
and with their families on walks.
They were following the rules even
with distancing, yet socializing more
than before the virus. The families
were out each day and one mother
broke the pushing the baby carriage
routine with the best "fashion



presentation" of any. It brought people out of every house with cameras and giggles.

Smiles and Friends will get us through, John & Fran Shore.

This is from Maria & Don Symonds

I've been home 5 weeks, starting my 6th. A few things:

- 1. We generate less laundry, but more garbage.
- 2. I have not tied my shoes or worn blue jeans since March 16.

3. We finally organized a family video call. My mother in NH, a sister in Idaho, another sister in Oregon and my Dad from the island of Bequia. It took 15 minutes to get everyone on line and we still couldn't get video from Dad. For a bunch of reasonably smart people, we can be pretty DUMB!

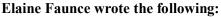
4. We bought a NEW car in March. We had to get it towed to the dealer after it wouldn't start. A new car, with a defective battery?! By the way, all the tech in New cars today is overwhelming, and I work in IT.

Odd experience to deal with a service center (or

any public place really) in this situation.

5. In addition to a run on TP, it's really hard to get jigsaw puzzles! Puzzles have gone to the 7th most searched item on Amazon, up from 7000 or something crazy. Thankfully we have a stash, so if anyone needs puzzles...let us know! We did a beer label collage....Corona still made an appearance.





"I wore my LADY GAGA wig on April Fool's Day. Told Rich he was having coffee with Lady Gaga. He thought that was funny."



Larry & Marge Irwin wrote the following:

"The thing about this house arrest is you get to receive, read, and send numerous jokes, short videos, and stories from many sources in an effort to keep your friends smiling."

Fran Shore wrote the following:

"So busy here. Now that cleaning is complete and laundry, I must think what we will have for dinner. Juggling food is a new experience and takes deep concentration. Will it be something easy? Or something I can get several meals from? Or what has to be shifted in the freezer/refrigerator to accomplish this? These concerns take deep thinking."

Phil Kinsey wrote the following:

"No stories, but here are some funnies...especially the last one...very appropriate for we car folks."

Unfortunately due to copyright laws I am unable to print these, with this exception.

"Have you noticed your car's fuel economy improving? Most people are now getting 2 to 3 weeks per gallon."

Thanks everyone for sharing your stories.

A Long Ago South Jersey Region Tour -

from the Shore's many photo albums

The tour was so special, relaxed and great fun.

A super terrific two day run.

The cars were shined as bright as can be

The people who passed thought they were fine to see.

We traveled the roads from flatlands to hills

We saw the beauty of Autumn to give us a thrill.

The stop at Yuengling Brewery was great

The tour, the murals and the beer was first rate.



On to the Holiday Inn Express to relax and share stories Some took a ride to see small towns and Autumn's glory. Our evening meal was just great

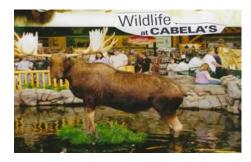
It's amazing how car people are surprised with how much they ate.

Sunday we drove to Jerry's Car Museum where we looked all around

It was full of memories as we wandered each Cars and items from the past were upstairs and down.



On to Cabela's where many were amazed to find Animals, fish and things to buy of every kind.



We made our last section of drive toward home in late afternoon
All hoping that we will tour again soon!

Unique 1930's Wrecker out on the Job

Courtesy of theoldmotor.com



One look at this truck with a wrecked mid-1930s coupe on board told us that this wasn't your run of the mill International tow truck used for bringing in inoperable or crashed cars. After some thought, it appears that this machine may have been an old rigger's truck pressed into service by Andrew Murphy & Sons of Omaha, NB, for picking up and transporting damaged cars.

Rigger's trucks are used for lifting heavy objects or machinery that need to be transported to another location, and this one is equipped with a winch and a gantry crane. A cable powered by the winch is run through a moveable and lockable heavy-duty trolley hanging under the front of the I-beam supported by bridgework above the truck bed. With the use of these devices and some maneuvering of the trolly, a car can be lifted and pulled forward onto the truck bed.

Photograph is dated October 16, 1935, courtesy of the <u>Durham Museum</u>.



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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 \$14,500**

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

Contact: John 856-468-5107



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- The ultimate journals of automotive history

FOR SALE - Automobile Quarterly

- 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

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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

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- Little Use (bought larger one)
- \$100 or best offer

Contact: John 856-468-5107



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





Have an automotive item for sale. Send photo and description to sjraaca@gmail.com



NEWS FROM NATIONAL







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:

AACA and its affiliates will continue to monitor issues related to the coronavirus, as well as abiding by CDC 2020 National Calendar & Other Events 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.

- June 7-11, 2020, (CANCELLED) 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 12-15, 2020 (Original Date May 13-16), Eastern Divisional Tour (up to 1995), Eastern Shore, MD
- 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, Hershev. 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

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