

HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

September, 2020

The Story of My Chevelle

By Edward Fuller



In 1969 my father ordered a brand new, Lemans Blue, Chevelle SS 396 from Rohrer Chevrolet in Camden, NJ. After about a four week wait, my dad took delivery of his Chevelle in February of 1969. Still to this day, he will tell the story of the first time he hit the accelerator pedal as he drove the car off the lot and wondered what he had just gotten himself into!

Over the next several years, the Chevelle served as his main form of transportation. He used it to take my mother out on their first date, to go on their honeymoon, and to bring home my older sister from the hospital after she was born.

When my father ordered his Chevelle, he decided to not check the option box for air conditioning. This decision resulted in seven consecutive hot summers that began to take a toll on my parents. Sometime in 1976, the Chevelle was sold for, of all things, a Ford Grenada with air conditioning.

During my childhood, I could always remember listening to my father reminiscing about his first new car, a 1969 Chevelle SS. In the late 1980's he just happened to be reading through the local evening paper and a classified ad caught his attention. It was for a 1969 Chevelle SS and it was located in the same town that the person was from who bought his Chevelle. Could this be his old Super Sport?

A phone call was made and we went to take a look at it. As it turned out, it was not my dad's old car. Although the car was incomplete and in rough shape, it was still wearing all its SS badging and trim. That was enough for my dad to not want to leave without it. The Chevelle ended up following us home and took up residence in the back corner of our barn and became a "some day" project.

After a few years, my father realized that "some day" might not ever arrive. Once again, another 1969 Chevelle was up for sale on our front yard. After a few weeks, no prospective buyers showed any interest and he proposed a deal to me. His deal was that he would give me the car and we would fix it up together as long as I saved my allowance and worked part time jobs after school and during the summer months to pay for all of the required parts. There was no way a 12 year old boy who was already crazy about anything with an engine would turn down a deal like that. We set up a small workshop in one section of my parent's barn and spent our weekends over the next few years restoring the Chevelle.

During the early 1990's, there weren't many reproduction parts available for late '60's muscle cars and as hard as it is to imagine, the internet did not exist. We had to locate our parts the old-fashioned way through classified ads, swap meets, and junk yards. It was on these treks to swap meets that I learned the fine art of negotiating a price. Often times I was able to use my age to my advantage. If a part we needed was priced more than I could afford, some sellers seemed to have difficulty turning down a low offer from a young kid. I also learned the importance of asking "What is this part off of?" instead of asking "Will this part fit a 1969 Chevelle?"

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2020 Club Elections

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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



**BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**

9-1 Mike Lafferty

9-2 Larry Irwin

9-3 Fran Shore

9-4 Chuck Walzer

9-11 Jill Elwell

9-17 Bob Chalow

9-17 Chuck Gibson

9-20 Joyce Gibson

9-21 Emma Scholes

9-22 Chip Hubler

9-27 Chris Hoffner

9-29 Ian Green



SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green
reports that a sympathy card has
been sent to Mrs. Susan Breslin.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Terry Shelton



Hello everyone!

It was so good to see everyone out to our Annual Club Picnic on Saturday, August 22nd.

We had 42 members and guests attend.

The weather was perfect for a picnic at the Paulsboro Sportsmen's Club.

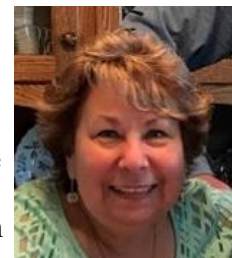
Sitting outside by the river couldn't have been nicer. The Italian Kitchen catered a great meal and the many delicious desserts everyone brought were wonderful.

Looking forward to a nice September with our Coffee Cruise and Bobbitt Cruise. Hope to see you there!

Thank you,
Your President,
Terry Shelton

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland



Hello All! It has been a beautiful month. I can't believe the summer is almost over. But September is always the best month for driving our cars.

We are hoping to get a few more activities going for September and October.

The Friend Village would like us to do another Drive By for the residents so we are looking at either Friday, September 18th or Friday, September 25th.

I think we will shoot for the 18th with the 25th as a rain date. Hope you can attend. The residents always appreciate seeing the cars.

Don't forget your articles. I am always looking for stories from our members.

Linda McFarland

Deepest Sympathy

Robert Breslin, Jr.
1945- 2020



Our deepest sympathy is extended to
Mrs. Susan Breslin & Family at the passing of
Bob.

He will be greatly missed.

South Jersey Region Events & Activities

September

- 14 CLUB MEETING— **CANCELLED**
Woodstown Borough Hall still not open for public use
- 12 9 AM-Noon COFFEE CRUISE @
SOUTH JERSEY CLASSICS,
52 Harding Hwy, Newfield, NJ 08344
- 16 5-7:30 PM BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT -
595 Salem Quinton Rd., Salem, NJ
- 18 2:00 PM FRIENDS HOME DRIVE-BY - Assembling at
entry road to the Friends Village (Friends Drive) just
past the Mary Shoemaker Elem. School off of
Millbrooke Ave. (Call Linda if you need directions)




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 30, 2020

**The Fall Tour noted is tentatively still on, but we will
continue to evaluate this situation.**

**Please note the deadline to reserve your room has been
extended to September 30th.**





SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA
2020 CRUISE NIGHTS
Bobbitt Auto
595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ
3rd WEDNESDAYS 5:00-8:00 PM
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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The South Jersey Region AACA 2021 Calendar has arrived. We will be selling the calendars to members and friends at cost, \$8.00. They will be available at all cruises and activities.



September
12th is the
last Coffee
Cruise of the
Season.



SOUTH JERSEY CLASSICS

COFFEE CRUISE



9AM - 12PM



May 9th * June 13th * July 11th * August 8th * Sept 12th

2ND SATURDAY MAY-SEPTEMBER

SOUTH JERSEY REGION A.A.C.C.
52 HARDING HWY NEWFIELD NJ 08344 SJCLASSICS.NET

The Story of My Chevelle (Cont'd)



We completed the work a few months before my 17th birthday. I had scheduled my driver's license test a year in advance to ensure that I would have the first appointment in the morning on the day I turned 17. Since it always seems to snow on my birthday in February, I had to delay my first drive by myself in the Chevelle a few VERY LONG weeks for the roads to clear of salt and snow.

Once the weather broke, the Chevelle served proudly as my weekend car and provided transportation to my junior and senior prom during my high school years.

My Chevelle even helped me to get my first job as an aircraft mechanic. When I finished my training, I didn't have any experience working on airplanes. It was suggested to me that I should list some practical mechanical experience on my resume. When my future boss looked at my resume during my first job interview and read the mechanical experience that I had listed, the restoration of a 1969 Chevelle caught his eye and he knew that I would be able to turn wrenches.

The Chevelle was not only a great learning experience for me, but it also established a wonderful bond between my dad and I. It continues to be a part of my life and now the lives of my family. We took my son Eddie to his first car show in it when he was only about 6 months old and we continue to enjoy the car together as a family. I look back at my father's "deal" that he proposed to me almost 30 years ago and I never would have realized this old car would become a part of my life in so many different ways.



PANDEMIC HUMOR

From Fran Shore

Fran Shore received this "How To Dress" information from a friend in Australia who will enter their spring season on September 1st and this shows how she looked this winter in Australia.

This funny message is from my friend in Australia who has defined dressing during the pandemic. They have serious rules and must follow them. They are limited in how far they may travel and even out of their home they must be masked. In Australia, they follow the rules.

Put on a hat - hair done
Put on a mask - face done
Put on a coat - any old
clothes underneath
Too easy.

Plus hardly anyone recognizes you
Really when you think about it.
You don't have to worry about how
you look.



SAFETY RECALL

3-Ton and 6-Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands item numbers 56371, 61196, and 61197

For certain units of the Pittsburgh Automotive 3-Ton and 6-Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands there is a potential, while under load and with a shift in weight, for the pawl to disengage from the extension lifting post, allowing the stand to drop suddenly. This condition could cause serious injury for people near or under a lifted vehicle, and/or damage to property.

STOP USING THESE JACK STANDS IMMEDIATELY

ITEM #: 56371	ITEM #: 61196	ITEM #: 61197
		
The 56371 jack stands can be identified by checking the item number found on the label on the top of each jack stand.	The 61196 jack stands can be identified by checking the item number found on the yellow part of the label on the base of each jack stand.	The 61197 jack stands can be identified by checking the item number found on the yellow part of the label on the base of each jack stand.

THIS RECALL ONLY CONCERNS JACK STANDS WITH THE ITEMS # 56371, 61196, or 61197

Following the lifting of any applicable "Shelter At Home Orders", please bring your 3-Ton and/or 6-Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands, item numbers 56371, 61196, and 61197 to your local Harbor Freight Tools store to receive a Harbor Freight Tools gift card equal to the retail price of the jack stands you originally purchased (plus applicable tax).

For more information email: recall@harborfreight.com.

In cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Post until December 31, 2021

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

By Fran & John Shore

Bet John wishes he still had that peddle car.



And that is the story !!!!

John was 3 years old and oh how he loved his first convertible. It was a 1937 Chevrolet.

Johnny, if you notice has not had his first haircut as yet. He was the youngest of a family of 7 and had 5 sisters and an older brother.

The year was 1938. He rode that little car everywhere over the next few years and then the war broke out.

His brother was a pilot; he had three brothers-in-law in the war- one landed at Normandy in the second wave, one was a welder in a tank division (with two babies at home), another was captured and escaped several times - lots of war talk in their home and lots of worry.

The good news was that the stars in the window never had to turn to gold. All came home. But-- to help the war effort, metal collections were very popular. And Johnny donated his pedal car to the war effort. That made him so proud.

Years passed and as a young man very interested in the antique car hobby John realized the value of what he had done.

Several years ago at Macungie, Fran saw a pedal car. The price:\$1800.

Fran took John to the space to see the car and it was the same as he had but John said, the years had passed and said no.

John is still proud that as a child he gave his most favorite item to help the war effort.

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

By Don & Maria Symonds

In 2003 Don's dad gave us an opportunity to do more than ride along to the annual Hershey Pilgrimage :)

He had purchased this lovely old survivor, an early 50's Buick, we THINK 1951, but maybe some eagle eyed reader can verify. The car was entered in HPOF and I have no recollection of how we actually did, but I do remember the drive from North Jersey out to the Hershey area. It was a blast. And we did get a taste of participating in the show as more than lucky spectators.



We made many trips to the show field in this car with my in-laws (always happy to let us hitch a ride).

This photo is from 2007. A nice sunny day at Hershey (they are not always like that!)



**KEEP THOSE PHOTOS AND ARTICLES
COMING! EVERYONE LOVES THEM!**

THE WEDDING OF 2007

By Bonnie Green



When Gary and I began to plan our wedding, we decided we would use antique cars to drive the wedding party.

Well, it escalated from there. Next thing we knew, we were in Philadelphia renting 1920's costumes for the wedding party.

The colors were red and black for the ladies and white for me. We had flapper dresses and the bridesmaids carried Tommy Guns entwined with red roses and feathers in our hair.

The guys wore black zoot suits and hats. My son had his own which was red. That was perfect as he walked me down the aisle.

Best man was Gary's dear friend and my maid of honor was my sister.

Oh my, then the reception! What fun was had by all 100 guests.

Our mothers ended up wearing my bridesmaids feathers.

We had a designated driver to drive anyone home that might need a ride. Guess what? The designated was in no shape to drive anyone! He had to call someone to come pick him up.

I drove Gary home in the 57 Chevy because I was in better shape than him.

We had three antique cars and of course, our 57 Chevy.

Over the last 13 years, friends and family remind us how much fun our wedding was.

What a happy, happy day!

Oh, by the way, we didn't tell the guests that we were having a 20's wedding.

What a surprise we saw on some of their faces. PRICELESS!



Cars that Shaped the World



1929 JORDAN

In 1929, the Jordan Automobile was not selling that well. Ned Jordan and the rest of the management team decided to re-style the 1929 new model G with a lower to the ground look. They had only so much capital to work with and to save money to put towards the new body designs, they kept the same drive train as in previous years. Offering a six or eight cylinder engine, with a new type of stronger steel spring that had less of an arch lowering the car two to three inches. In the past Jordan an advertising genius, named the models either Blueboy, Tomboy or the most popular being Playboy. The Speedboy was named to present a fast-looking luxury automobile that could compete with the Lincolns, Cadillacs, Packards, Peerless and the Pierce-Arrows. The new paint style was similar to the Duesenberg Model J. The design of long fenders with dual side mounts and large attached headlights, impressed many customers who first saw the new Speedway Phaeton at the New York Car Show. The Jordan Motor Car Company formed in 1916, built over 65,000 automobiles from 1917 until 1931.



1911 Austin Automobile of Grand Rapids, Michigan

James Austin in 1901, decided to build an automobile. By 1903, he had completed it and built thirteen more selling them all by the end of the year. The new Austin, (no connection to the English Austin), was built as one of America's largest autos with a 60 horse power, six-cylinder engine to power the 116 inch long car weighing over 3300 pounds. The first cars they built were side entrance Tonneau, and in years offered more models with bigger horsepower engine. The 1911 Austin in the illustration was a touring car built in the heavy-duty manner. Austin came out with a two speed axle, as well as having a four speed transmission with reverse. Double ignition system was standard equipment.

The father and son had decided to limit the production to only twenty-five cars a year. That way they could keep control over the quality of each unit, wanting it to be perfect for the customers. Even when the son got married, he continued living with his father in the house he grew up in. Production was a work of art on each Austin built. They advertised as "Austin The Pullman Of Motor Cars". At the time people knew of the quality work that went into each Pullman Railroad car, and the Austin father and son wanted to capitalize on it. The company stopped production in 1921, after the deep recession caused by the end of WWI. Walter Austin continued inventing gadgets after they stopped building autos.

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

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 - 1931 FORD MODEL A PICKUP \$12,500 or Best Offer

- Nice Solid Running Restored Truck
- Great for Spring Cruising
- \$12,500 OBO

Contact: John 856-468-5107



WANTED: SIDE VIEW MIRROR w/2 holes for 1952 Ford Victoria
Suppliers are currently out of stock.
Hoping someone might have one or knows of someone who does



Contact: Ron 856-629-6085

FOR SALE - 1930-31 MODEL A Cowl \$50

Contact: Harry 856-217-2686



FOR SALE - WHEELS FOR SALE \$25 EACH
1-16"; 3-17"; 1-18"

Contact: Harry 856-217-2686



FOR SALE - 2 3A RACING SEATS \$220 Pair

- Bought 12 years ago
- Seats stored in garage, never used

Contact: Harry 856-217-2686



FOR SALE - MANUEL TIRE CHANGING MACHINE w/Parts \$100 OBO



FOR SALE - 40's/50's CHEVY DELUXE HEATER \$75 OBO



FOR SALE - PAIR VINTAGE US ARMY GAS CANS \$75 OBO

Contact: Bob 856-956-3765



SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - KwikLift 13 1/2' Ramps

- \$1,000 OBO
- Max Vehicle Capacity 5,000 lbs (not to exceed 2,500 lbs per ramp)

Contact Matt Maliszewski 302-798-1601



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 - HUSKY 8 GAL. 1.5 PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSOR

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

Contact: John 856-468-5107



FOR SALE - 1931 FORD MODEL A 2 DR. SEDAN \$8,500

- Nice Running & Driving
- Older Restoration
- \$8,500

Contact: John 856-468-5107



WANTED: R10, 3 Speed Overdrive (GM)
With a 7 bolt side cover

Contact: Nick 302-359-4262

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2021 AACA National Activities Calendar

By Mark McAlpine
Vice President – National Activities



AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

2020 National Calendar & Other Events

- **October 7-10, 2020**, Eastern Fall National, Hershey Region, Hershey, PA (**FLEA MKT & CAR CORRAL CANCELLED**)
JUDGED CAR SHOW STILL ON for Oct. 10
- **October 19-23, 2020, (CANCELLED)** 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

For obvious and understandable reasons, the 2020 car season has been a bust. Restrictions imposed across the country to combat the coronavirus pandemic resulted in the cancellation of most public activities including car shows and tours held by the AACA and other local and national car clubs. The AACA still has two national activities planned for the remainder of 2020—the Grand Nationals in Gettysburg, PA, on August 21-22, and the Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey, PA, on October 9-10. Each of these shows has been tailored to ensure the safety of our members. (While I'm looking forward to the car show in Hershey, it will seem strange without the swap meet.)

2021 will be better. The coronavirus should be beaten into submission by then, and things will begin to return to "normal"—whatever that may look like. The 2021 AACA national activities calendar is very robust with 10 Nationals/Grand Nationals scheduled and 6, possibly 7 tours (depending on whether the cancelled 2020 Central Divisional Tour is rescheduled to 2021).

The Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) has rescheduled the cancelled 2020 Revival AAA Glidden Tour to September 12-17, 2021, in the same originally planned location of Saratoga Springs, NY. Although it now won't be 75 consecutive years, this will still mark the 75th anniversary of the revival of the Glidden Tour and include special activities to commemorate the occasion.

Our host regions and chapters have worked hard to plan and organize some fun activities for us to enjoy. Please support them by participating in these activities. I look forward to seeing you there. Until then, be safe and stay healthy!

2021 AACA National Activities Calendar

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Mar 17-20 Special Winter Nationals San Juan, PR
Mar 19 Special Grand Nationals San Juan, PR
Apr 8-10 Southeastern Spring Nationals Concord, NC
Apr 20-23 Southeastern Divisional Tour Howey in the Hills, FL
May 6-8 Central Spring Nationals Auburn, IN
May 20-25 Founders Tour Davis, WV Jun 2-5 Eastern Divisional Tour Eastern Shore of MD
Jun 17-19 Eastern Spring Nationals Saratoga Springs, NY
Jul 11-16 Vintage Tour Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA
Jul 22-24 Grand Nationals New Ulm, MN
Aug 20-21 Western Fall Nationals Loveland, CO
Sep 9-11 Southeastern Fall Nationals Greenville, SC
Sep 12-17 Revival AAA Glidden Tour Saratoga Springs, NY
Oct 6-9 Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA
Nov 4-6 Special Western Nationals Phoenix, AZ
Nov 7-10 Western Divisional Tour Phoenix, AZ

AACA Rummage Box, Summer 2020



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