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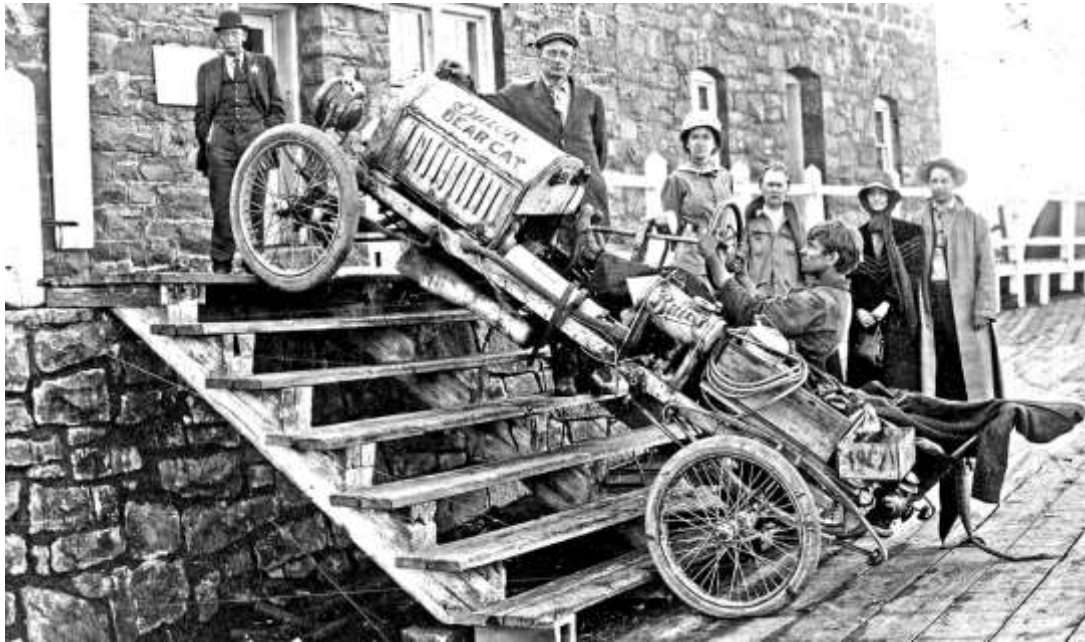


South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

August, 2022

“Cockeye” Brown and His “Bear Cat” take on Pikes Peak



William Wayne “Cockeye” Brown was an auto racer who competed on the Midwestern racing circuit. In 1919 he entered a Hudson in the 1919 Indianapolis 500 and qualified it for the race, although the car went out of the early with a broken connecting rod. At the time of this run-up, Pikes Peak to the summit, Brown was living in St Louis, MO. He later moved back to Kansas City, MO, and he set up a highly respected automotive machine shop there.

Brown’s Buick “Bear Cat” racing car was a modified and stripped-down “Model 10” equipped with an ohv 165 ci four-cylinder engine. With it, he won a race at Colorado Springs on the 4th of July, and later on July 17, 1913, the climb up Pikes Peak. “The Gazette” Colorado Springs newspaper reported the details of the run in the unedited article below, “Bear Cat Went Up Pike’s Peak.”

“W. W. Brown, winner in (July) 4th races here, performed a daring feat in Colorado Springs. Two Daredevil Automobile men set a new record yesterday when they drove from the Buick agency, at 113 North Cascade Avenue, to the summit of Pike’s Peak in three hours and 22 minutes.”

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**ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st**

Noon to 4:00 PM

\$16.50 per person/\$33 couple

IN ADVANCE

**REFUNDED WHEN YOU ARRIVE
PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 15TH**

SEND CHECKS TO:

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- **SJRAACA dues are \$20 per year (due by Jan 1st).**
- **Must be a member of AACA National.**
- Meetings at the **First Baptist Church, 117 S. Main St., Woodstown, NJ 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??

Shirt & jackets orders placed any time.

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 \$50 2X \$53 & 3X \$53

Winter Jackets S-XL Call for price



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| 8-5 Marge Irwin | 8-16 Hok-Wai Chin. |
| 8-6 Cindi Erdner | 8-17 Sue Birchmire |
| 8-6 Maria Symonds | 8-17 Karen Dean |
| 8-7 Valerie Wynne | 8-18 Ken Hinkle |
| 8-8 Terry Shelton | 8-24 MaryJane Shipman |
| 8-10 Ray Fischer | 8-25 Betty Christos |
| 8-14 John Shore | 8-27 Miriam Willis |
| 8-16 Gary Green,Jr | 8-31 Melissa Counsellor |



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green reports that she sent a get well card to Betty Christos.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ron W. Scott



Greetings from the oval office?

It was strange not having a meeting in July but it was out of our control.

Hopefully it'll make us all more anxious to get back together.

Unfortunately, your President and Treasurer will be in Bowling Green Kentucky on August 1.

There were many shows and activities in the month of June and July that I am sure many of you attended. We always look forward to hearing about those activities.

I am sure our VP Terry will do a great job as always conducting our August meeting.

I hope everyone is looking forward to our August activities and especially our club picnic.

Till next time, happy trails.

Ron

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland

Hello Everyone!

It was great seeing 23 out for our Friendship & Food Night Out at the Hollywood Café. Many said we need to go back there again soon.



This heat has really been a little unbearable and the Bobbitt Cruise was a few less cars. But, there was a light breeze in the shade and it really was not too hot.

As you can see I am in need of your articles. So please write something for our newsletter.

Hope to see you at some of our August activities.

See you down the road!

Linda



FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT
AUGUST 18, 2022
6:30 pm
Green Olive 2 Restaurant
3513 S. Delsea Dr. (Rt.47)
Vineland, NJ

RSVP TO LINDA IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

South Jersey Region Events & Activities

AUGUST

- 1 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING, First Baptist Church,
117 S. Main Street, Woodstown, NJ
- 13 9 am to Noon—SOUTH JERSEY CLASSICS
COFFEE CRUISE, 52 Harding Hwy, Newfield
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Paulsboro Sportsman's Club
PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 15th

SEPTEMBER

- 12 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING, First Baptist Church,
117 S. Main Street, Woodstown, NJ
- 10 9 am to Noon—SOUTH JERSEY CLASSICS
COFFEE CRUISE, 52 Harding Hwy, Newfield
- 11 9 am to 3:00 pm—SIRENS & SHIELDS SHOW
Concord Mall, Rt. 202, Wilmington, DE
- 15 6:30 PM—FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT
To Be Announced
- 21 5:00-8:00 PM—BOBBITT AUTO CRUISE
595 Salem Quinton Rd., Salem, NJ

OCTOBER

- 1 8:00 AM LEW ZANE MEMORIAL HARVEST
DAY CAR SHOW, Elmer, NJ
- 3 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING, First Baptist Church,
117 S. Main Street, Woodstown, NJ
- 8 9 am to Noon—SOUTH JERSEY CLASSICS
COFFEE CRUISE, 52 Harding Hwy, Newfield
- 15 1:00-4:00 PM—BOBBITT AUTO TOYS FOR TOTS
CRUISE (Bring a new unwrapped TOY)

Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region

The July meeting was not held since the church was not available due to Bible School.

We will have our August 1st meeting as usual.



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**Place: Paulsboro Sportsman's Club
32 Riverview Ave., Paulsboro, NJ**

Tables & Chairs are being provided.

**Catered by Impact Catering
Bottled water provided,
Soda and other drinks
available at the bar.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11, 2022

**Sirens & Shields Show
Concord Mall, Rt 202
Wilmington DE**

October 1, 2022

**Lew Zane Memorial
Harvest Harvest Day
Car Show, Elmer, NJ**

November 25, 2022

Santa Mailbox Parade

“Cockeye” Brown (Continued)

“Brown and Bradley left here yesterday morning at 11:10. They had lunch at Cascade and left there at 12:10 o’clock. They made the trip up the Peak over the old wagon road. The road is almost impassable in places.”

“W. W. Brown, a Kansas City racer, was at the wheel of the car, which is known as a Buick “Bear Cat,” a 20-horsepower racing machine, and his companion was J. R. Bradley, a local automobile man. The car which made the trip required 24 hours for the journey. After Brown and his companion had reached the summit yesterday afternoon, shortly before 6 o’clock, they drove their little racer, which weighed 1,400 pounds, straight up the steps onto the platform of the summit house where they posed for a photograph.”

“They spent the night in a cabin in the mountains and returned to the Buick agency here this morning shortly after 9 o’clock. The round trip was 58 miles, and the machine used 4½ gallons of gasoline and ½ gallon of oil. Brown’s little racer showed its relationship to the Buick, which finished second to Barney Oldfield in the big Los Angeles road race early this month. The driver of the California car found his machine in the oil fields where it had been through a fire and bought it for \$50. Brown’s car also has been through a fire, and he paid only \$100 for it. Since buying the machine, it has started in 18 races and has won 15 firsts and 3 seconds.

“Never again,” said Brown when he crawled out of the little car this morning at the conclusion of his trip. “Driving up the Peak may sound all right, but when you try it, you find that it is anything but pleasant. It was impossible to hold the car on the road all the time. But at that, we didn’t have an accident until we started back.”

“Leaving the Peak, we started down the Cog road and busted a tire because the gravel wouldn’t hold when the brakes were on. We had to make frequent stops to roll large boulders out of the road and make bridges over gullies. Our actual running time going up was three hours and 22 minutes.”

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**SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA
2022 CRUISE NIGHTS**
Bobbitt Auto
595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ

3rd WEDNESDAYS 5:00-8:00 PM
April 20th July 20th
May 18th August 17th
June 15th September 21st

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th 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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Anarchy of the Early Auto

by [Ruby Rae Scalera](#) | Jul 1, 2021

Carshowsafari.com

This was going to be a factual article. I had it all planned out – the history of early auto racing, where the first race was run, who competed, how fast the cars ran, if anyone was able to complete the race. It was going to be factual.

But the thing is, the history of the automobile doesn't fit nicely and neatly into a box. It is a short history, arguably less than 150 years old, and runs horizontally across automakers, countries, inventors, and, yes, races. To make a list of "the first five auto races" you would have to answer questions like: Are the cars gasoline-powered? Did anyone complete the race? Did more than one person compete? Was it legal for them to race? And other odd, nearly incomparable queries that scratch the surface of just how complicated the early age of autos really was.

In many ways, cars bear a striking resemblance to the rise of technology. After all, the early cars were so incredibly new that they didn't yet have a name – horseless carriage ring any bells? And the idea of the Internet and the smartphone was more akin to a 1960s science fiction story than reality until mere years ago. Humans have been creating the new, wild, and unexpected forever, but I do believe the difference is that now we are accustomed to it, whereas back then, no one knew what to think.

And for that reason, and many more, I've come to a deep and abiding love and respect for early autos, not dissimilar from the love and respect you might feel for a child attempting to learn to walk. It is chaotic and insane and goes against every natural instinct, but miracle upon miracle, they might actually succeed.

Because in addition to sharing some years with the age of the Wild West, the early automotive industry was a Wild West itself. Take for instance the [Duryea Motor Wagon](#) story I shared recently, where the original race date had to be pushed back because not a single car was completed in time to qualify. After that, only 6 of the original 93 cars registered made it to the starting line and only 2 to the finish line.



For a moment, let's forget the era of '53 Corvettes and '64 ½ Mustangs and even Ford Model Ts. Go earlier. Think bigger. Tune your mind to the era where the auto industry wasn't an industry at all but thousands of inventors hacking away at ideas in their garages and barns. Think of an era where electric cars might have succeeded, only there wasn't enough electricity between the cities to go very far. Remember that the first cross-country auto race included nearly as much time digging wheels out of the mud as it did driving, as roads in their long-distance and truest sense, would not come about until nearly two decades into the 20th century.

Those early years of cars were made up of calamity and near catastrophe, of police officers pulling over new-fangled contraptions they had never seen before, of laws made after they had been broken, of car crashes and drunk drivers because hell, they honestly didn't know better.

As of late, I've become quite a sucker for the anarchy of the early auto. Could you imagine having a car world today with two thousand individual automakers? Think about the concept of using your license plate as your driver's license and taking it off if you were going to drive another car. Think, terrifyingly, of the idea that you didn't need to pass any sort of exam to drive on the open roads. (This is actually scarier than you think, as many states didn't require you to pass a driver's exam until the 1950s, ending with South Dakota in 1959...)

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Anarchy of the Early Auto (Continued from Page 5)

And the truth is, the car industry hasn't stopped being a little wild and a little insane. No, it's not quite the nihilistic age of runaway horseless carriages on muddy streets with no blinkers, windshield wipers, or seatbelts. But cars have gone through eras and waves that no one could have ever predicted before, just as no one could have ever predicted their birth. Hot rods? Madness. Muscle cars. Call an exorcist. Green technology? A phasing out of manual transmissions? Government-issued safety standards?

And yes, every time a new wave of the weird and unpredictable comes along, someone is bound to throw up their hands and say that ain't the way a car is supposed to be. But really, how can we possibly say the way a car is supposed to be when cars have changed so very many times since those early barns and garages and stables?

Am I a fan of the self-driving auto? Not particularly. But I wouldn't call myself a car enthusiast if I didn't recognize that autonomous cars are not a deviation from classics of yesteryear, but an homage, kin, the great, great-grandchild of horseless carriages, mixed in along the lines with sports cars and supercars and muscle cars and family cars and sedans and all the rest. In order to survive, classic cars have to be just a little bit wild, a little bit weird, and a little bit off the beaten track.

After all, when cars were first invented, there weren't any tracks at all.



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...Somewhere West of Laramie

By Myron Smith

Vice President - Regions & Chapters
Development & Support
Western Division

Somewhere West of Laramie was the slogan used by the Jordan Car Company for one of the most famous Automobile Ads from the 1920's. It was used then used in 'Old Cars' for a column written by Tim Howley in the 1970's.

If you love to drive, I suggest the following. From Laramie, Wyoming head southwest to Walden, Colorado, over Rabbit Ears Pass to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Walden is a small town that mostly caters to locals but has some tourist businesses also. Steamboat is totally a tourist town, but has interesting architecture, both old and new made to look old. From Steamboat the drive is through the Yampa River Valley on US 40 to Craig, Colorado. It again is a high plains or mountain town. On the western outskirts of Craig our route of travel was to the south on Colorado Highway 13. This road follows the Yampa River valley/canyon eventually going through the mountain town of Meeker and on to Rifle, Colorado.

Rifle, Colorado is where we took I 70 through such towns as Parachute, Palisade, Grand Junction, Fruita and into Utah to the Exit for US 191 to Moab. As you go south toward Moab and for much of the trip you may feel like you've found yourself on the set for the movie 'CARS'.

North of Moab is the entrance to Arches National Park. We highly recommend a trip into the Arches National Park. You climb a lot as you enter the park and the scenery is breathtaking. Natural rock arches, high spires and a rock balanced on a spire that looks like it defies gravity. Moab is another tourist town. You can buy a lot of T shirts there, but it's not like Steamboat. I'm sure the economy depends a lot on the tourist trade from Arches National Park but it is not as artsy as Steamboat. The Arches aren't specifically confined to the park, we saw one along the road as we passed by.

From Moab there are a lot of long hills up and down. Towns such as Blanding and White Mesa are along the way. At Bluff you may take Utah State Highway 162 back into Colorado to get to the 4 corners area. Four Corners is the point where Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico all meet. We proceeded past towns such as Tuba City and on to Flagstaff. We took I-17 south of Flagstaff. This road has many very long straight up and downhill grades. Along this road there are many saguaro cacti which are very interesting. However, I would stop before reaching Phoenix as the traffic is a real rat race.

This jaunt goes through the Navaho Indian reservation and some route is desert. Towns are a long way apart and some of the 'towns' may not have gas stations There are many thrift or antique shops in the little towns that look interesting.

We were able to find non-ethanol gas stations with some searching. These are 2 lane roads except for the small

section that was interstate. However, there are many passing lanes, in various places and signs also will tell you when you are approaching an area for passing.

This isn't a road for the weak of brakes or those without much horsepower. And it's 750 miles with long runs up hill and down with steep grades in places; but it is a fun and beautiful drive.

From AACA Spring 2022 Rummage Box



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- \$18,500

Contact Harry: 856-547-6066





History of Auto Touring - Celebrating Women in History

By Jeff Broadus
Vice President - Marketing



AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

2022

- August 11-13, 2022-Central Fall Nationals, East Moline, Illinois, Mississippi Valley Region
- September 10-16, 2022-Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) Gettysburg, PA—Buzzards Breath Region
- September 18-23, 2022—Reliability Tour (1915 & earlier) Shepherdsville, Kentucky-Kyana Region
- September 25-30, 2022—Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 & earlier) Central New Jersey—New Jersey Region—AACA sponsored
- October 4-7, 2022 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA—Hershey Region—CHANGE: Flea Market set-up is Monday; show date is Friday

2023

- February, 2023 AACA Annual Convention—Date and Location not determined at this time
- March 9-11, 2023— Winter Nationals, Tallahassee, Florida
- April 6-8, 2023—Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, N.C. Hornets Nest Region
- April 30-May 3, 2023—Southeastern Divisional Tour, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, E. Tennessee Region
- May 18-20, 2023—Eastern Spring Nationals, Gettysburg, PA, Gettysburg Region.
- June 25-28, 2023—Eastern Divisional Tour, Hershey, PA, AACA Library
- July 16-22, 2023—Founders Tour,, Ontario & Quebec, Ontario Region
- October 3-6, 2023—Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Hershey Region, CHANGE: Flea Market set-up is Monday; show date is Friday.

They say behind every good man is a good woman. Did you know the first documented trip in a motorized vehicle was completed by a woman, not a man? Thanks to the absolute confidence of Bertha Benz in her husband and his invention, Karl Benz continued his work regardless of repeated setbacks. On January 29, 1886 his efforts were crowned with success: Karl Benz filed a patent application for his three-wheeled “vehicle powered by a gas engine”.

The world’s first long distance automobile journey, of sixty-two miles, was completed by Bertha Benz (wife of Karl Benz), inventor of the three-wheeled Patent motor car in 1888. The trip had proven the safety of the automobile for travel. Although the automobile was still a novelty in America, Europeans were beginning to venture out in motorized vehicles. In doing so, they explored and considered several factors that influenced their routes and stops along the way. Important considerations included where fuel was available, what if the car required maintenance or needed repairs or what do to do to resolve something as simple as a flat tire.

Touring today takes into consideration many of the same factors. Today, tour groups around the world must consider, maintenance of vehicles on the tour, fuel, accommodations, meals and entertainment. As early as 1910, several auto clubs had been established in both the United States and Abroad to support and promote these efforts. These clubs worked to improve driving conditions, pass safety laws, map desirable driving routes and, of course promote touring. How can the AACA support your touring efforts? Let us know. RUM

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