

HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

February, 2022

SUNSHINE FOUNDATION RECIPIENTS

The South Jersey Region AACA made Christmas a little brighter for 5 special Sunshine Foundation children this year. Each recipient received \$250 in gift cards to purchase what they desired. Their photos are below with a special thank you note from their parent.

“Eric is excited to save his Walmart gift cards until after Christmas! He says he has No Idea what he will be looking for but, probably going to hold onto it until he has enough to get an Xbox series X console!!”

- Eric's mom, Rachel

Yosif & Family

Eric



We have the most amazing volunteers! Over the holidays the South Jersey Region AACA surprised Yosif with gift cards. His mom said, “I want to thank you to SJRAACA for their kind generosity, and for truly honoring the true meaning of Christmas. You have made Yosif’s Christmas unforgettable and full of joy and happiness. I cannot thank you enough for being so selfless.”

“I just wanna give a HUGE thank you to the South Jersey Region Antique Automobile Club for gifting Cameron with the target gift cards! He was able to get the gaming chair he has been wanting! As well as some other gaming accessories!

He absolutely loves Xbox and was extremely thankful! We can’t thank you enough!!!” – mom, Ashley

Cameron



February Club Meeting
February 7, 2022—7:00 PM
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
Mrs. Kate Sample
President & CEO of Sunshine Foundation

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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, Woodstown, 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



2-3 Ed Possenti

2-6 Don Symonds

2-7 Jeanine Tindall

2-8 Ed Fuller

2-12 John Tumolo

2-17 Annette Scott

2-21 Joe Elwell

2-27 Rich Faunce

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green reports that she sent get a 'Thinking of you' card to Bob Hopely and a Sympathy to the family of Bob Hopely.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ron W. Scott

Hello everyone from the oval office?



Unfortunately I could not make the January meeting but hopefully will be at the February meeting. Our vice president did a great job, I was told, of filling in, in my absence.

Our friendship and food night on January 20 in Vineland was well attended and I think everyone had a great time other than not having heat in the room where we ate. It just made all of us a little closer. Lol!

We will have the President and CEO of Sunshine Foundation, Kate Sample speak to us on behalf of the Sunshine Foundation. I hope the meeting is well attended since that is our official club charity.

We had our first official board meeting on January 27 and covered many topics for the upcoming year. We will discuss some of those topics at our next meeting. I hope this year is a lot less restrictive than it was in the past two years regarding car shows and activities. We are beginning to get flyers from various car shows and activities already for this year.

Please put your thinking caps on regarding places we could tour and people you could get as a guest speaker at our meetings.

So far our swap meet is still on and we will need help as always. The more hands we have the less work for everyone.

Hope to see most of you at our February meeting!

Till next time, happy trails!

Ron

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland



Hello All!

As I write this editorial, we are expecting another big snow storm for our area. Luckily we don't need to go anywhere and I will be very happy to just sit and watch the snow come down.

I would like to say Thank You for all your cards, calls and visits for my husband Ray. He really has appreciated hearing from everyone. He is doing OK and just had his 4th round of chemo. His numbers are going down and he is coping well with the side effects. He is still staying away from lots of folks and that is why he hasn't been out to meetings or dinners. Just trying to stay healthy. Thank you!

I hope you enjoy the February newsletter. As you can see our son has written an article about his first car.

I know many of you can also write a nice article about your first car. We would really love to read it.

How about writing something about your first car!

Linda McFarland



**FRIENDSHIP & FOOD
NIGHT OUT
February 17, 2022
6:30 pm
Golden Palace Diner
2623 S. Delsea Dr.(Rt.47)
Vineland, NJ**

South Jersey Region Events & Activities

FEBRUARY

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117 S. Main Street, Woodstown, NJ
Special Speaker from the Sunshine
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MARCH

**6 7:00 AM-2:00PM - HAMBURG SWAP MEET
And CAR CORRAL
Hamburg Fire Co. Field House
127 S. 4th St., Hamburg, PA
Email:hamburgswapmeet@ontelauneeaca.com**

7 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING First Baptist Church

**17 6:30 PM—FRIENDSHIP & FOOD
To be Announced**

**26 8:00 AM SWAP MEET SET UP DAY
BREAKFAST at Woodstown Diner**

**27 8:00 am—3:00 pm SWAP MEET
Salem County Fairgrounds**

Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region Monday, January 10, 2022

The January 3, 2022 meeting was postponed due to expected snow.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Terry Shelton at approximately 7:05 pm.

All stood for the flag salute.

Terry then asked if there were any new members or guests in attendance. Mr. George Ruhl IV and George Ruhl, Jr. were guests in attendance. They are prospective new members. They introduced themselves and told what antique automobiles they owned.

Linda McFarland read the minutes of the December meeting in Janet Erdner's absence. She mentioned that Janet is recovering from hip surgery. The minutes were approved as read.

Ed Fuller read the Treasurer's report in Chuck Gibson's absence. The report was approved as read.

Sunshine: Bonnie Green noted that a get well card was sent to Janet Erdner and Bob Hopely.

John Tumolo noted that Bob Hopely was home from the hospital and not doing well and is on hospice. John will keep us posted on Bob's condition. Linda McFarland said she would let everyone know his address so they can send him a card.

Terry also noted that Bob Todd (Frank Todd's brother) has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Also that Terry's brother is in the hospital with very serious heart problems.

Swap Meet March 27 – Gary Green noted that Flyers for the Swap Meet have been mailed out and that he brought flyers to the meeting for everyone to take so they can distribute to everyone's local businesses. He asked to please let all your friends know about

the Swap Meet. The more publicity the better.

Terry then spoke about the automotive supplies that were brought back from Durham, North Carolina. We will be selling these items at our swap meet and monies raised will go to the club.

January 20th, at 6:30 PM is our Friendship & Food Night Out at the Prestige Diner, 2196 Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ Ed Possenti will confirm with the diner that our club is coming on Thursday, January 20th.

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM is a Board of Director's Meeting at Hitchner's Furniture Store.

Our February meeting will have a special speaker, Ms. Kate Sample of the Sunshine Foundation. Please be sure to attend.

The AACAA National meeting in Philadelphia is February 10-12, 2022 at the Sheridan Hotel.

Motion to Adjourn was at 7:35 PM.

Terry reminded everyone to please make sure to leave a tip for the wait staff at the diner.

Robert Charles Hopely



By John Tumolo

Robert Charles Hopely or as I used to call him, "HOT ROD" Hopely, passed away on January 15, 2022.

Bob was my friend and riding partner to club meetings and was always willing to come over to my garage to give me a hand or see the latest project I had just "adopted."

Riding with Bob was always entertaining as he always had a story about cars he had built or raced at Alcyon and Bridgeport and his love of Nascar Racing.

I went to races with Bob and he knew all the cars and drivers. Bob lived close to me in a 55+ community and talked about his dream of someday having a large garage to work on his cars. His dream was finally realized when he moved to his house in Sewell, next door to his younger sister Marion.

Marion shared his love for cars and even had her own red Galaxy '500' convertible. She knew his dream and helped restore the large garage that came with Bob's new house. Bob finally had a place to work on his '57 Ford T-Bird, Model 'A' sedan and the '32 Ford Pickup that I had found for him. His garage was his showplace and he loved to gather his buddies and enjoy coffee and donuts and talk about he "good old days".

Sadly health issues ended his dream after only a few years. When I was asked to write a tribute to his life it was easy for me as Bob was such a gentle soul that never had a bad word for anyone.

I will miss "Hot Rod" Hopely-one of the last of the real "motor heads". Rest in Peace.

Sunshine Foundation Recipients (Continued)

Nathan



“Nathan is super excited about his new gaming monitor! Thank you so much - it’s these gestures that shows my boy that others care!” – mom, Karyn

Normarie

“Normarie is very happy and grateful with the gift card she received! She brought an Epson Printer so she could print out her class work and her favorite coloring sheets. Thank you so much!” – mom, Ms. Martinez



The Sunshine Foundation helps so many needy children. You can visit Sunshinefoundation.org and see this for yourself. It also mentions our club’s support to Sunshine. Thanks to our giving members we were able to make these 5 families’ Christmas very special.

Also thanks to the kindness and generosity of one of our members, the postage spent to send the gift cards was covered. An extra special thank you to that member.

Our members are “THE BEST”!!!

My First Car

By Scott McFarland

Everyone wishes they had their first car. You always hear “I wish I’d kept my first car.”

No matter what your first car was, you always remember it, and all the fun you had in it.

Well, I guess I’m one of the lucky ones who kept my first car. As those of you who know me, know I grew up around the antique car hobby. Guess you can say I was born into it. My earliest memory of any car was riding in my Dad’s 1929 Model ‘A’, his first car. My two brothers and I would love to ride in the ‘A’ just about anytime.

So in 1988, it came time for me to find a first car. I started looking through the classifieds everyday. Conveniently enough, I delivered the Salem Sunbeam. So I’d sit on the front step and fold papers and browse the classifieds.

One day, I think it was in the fall, my Dad was working day shift. I heard his truck roll up and he comes in the door and said “come on let’s go look at something”. He tells my Mom we won’t be long, and grabs a wire coat hanger out of the closet, and out the door we go. So I asked where we going? He said to look at a car. He pulls into the Kmart parking lot (the Acme now), and there sits a yellow 1966 Fairlane convertible. At first glance it looked pretty good. It needed a top (duct tape covering hole). It had some rust on the rear quarters but hey it’s a sixty’s convertible, they all had rust. Now I find out what the coat hanger was for. Before I knew it Dad had the door unlocked and open, and was sitting in the car. Then he said that he had the same car when Mom and him were married. He gets out locks the car back up and tells me to leave my name and number and tuck it under the wiper. The whole time I’m thinking, this would be a cool car but I doubted that the guy would call.



Don’t you know, the phone rings later that night. It was the guy with the Fairlane and he was willing to sell it for \$1,500 and wanted to meet the next day!

So after school I rode my bike to the bank and got out \$1,500 dollars and waited till Dad picked me up and we waited by the car in the Kmart parking lot. The guy shows up and starts it up. It ran pretty good. Dad drives it around the parking lot and said “well what do you think”? Of course, I said yup, I like it. Dad told me to offer the guy \$1,200.



So I tell the guy all I have is \$1,200. He said ok that will work, but I need a ride home. No problem I told him. He signed the title right there and I gave him the cash and he followed us back to our house, and we gave him a ride home.

So now the work begins.

I had helped Dad do bodywork before but not welding in patch panels, but I learned most of the patches were gas welded in or stick welded in. Then it came to paint, which we did in the garage with an old box fan blowing out the window.

The engine ran great, it just needed a good cleaning and a couple of new gaskets. The transmission had its own issues it jumped out of gear so we decided to rebuild it ourselves. That was a bad idea, as nether of us ever rebuilt an automatic transmission.

We did get it to move, but it never would shift. So out it came again, and this time we took it to Ponties junk yard. They did a great job and it still is in the car to this day.

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My First Car (Continued)

I drove the Fairlane every day through my high school years and just about everywhere else I went.

Every weekend during the school year my friends and I would cruise Main Street, Newark, Delaware. It didn't matter if it was cold, once we got over into Newark, the top went down, and we had a blast.

October 11th 1990, I was heading back to New Jersey over the Delaware Memorial Bridge and I see a familiar car, it was Shelley Smathers. So I pulled up beside her and waved. She waved back and smiled. I decided to stop at her house to see what she was doing and she asked if I wanted to go to the movies. Of course I said I'll pick you up at six. We had a great date and we ended up back at her house sitting on the porch swing till twelve or one in the morning. She would always sit in the middle next to me, so I took one of the seat belts out of the back seat and put it up front.

The following summer was great. I'd pick Shelley up in the Fairlane as soon as she got home from work, put the top down and head down the shore.

Fast forward to May of 1993, we married and the Fairlane was in our wedding, although we didn't ride in it, we did drive home from our wedding in it.

Over the years the Fairlane was always used for fun rides. Our kids Joshua and Emily loved riding in it and still do. It wasn't till a couple of years ago Emily asked if she and her fiancé Michael could drive it in the Salem Christmas parade. Of course, I said yes. The photo below is of the back of the Fairlane as I followed the kids home. I think that was the only time I've ever follow my own car.



I've had the Fairlane for 34 years now and it hasn't really changed that much. It still wears the same paint Dad and I put on it in the old garage. I did recover the seats and put another top on it.

It's far from a show car and probably never will be. I do get asked if I'm going to restore the Fairlane again and the answer is yes, but I just hate to be without it.

Well, there's the story of my first car. I'm probably never going to sell it, so I guess it will be my last car too.



50th ANNUAL SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL

Sunday, March 27, 2022 Rain or Shine
SALEM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
735 Harding Highway (US Route 40), Woodstown, NJ

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TAILGATERS WELCOME! There's plenty of parking and Police will be directing traffic. There were over 350 vendors for our last Swap Meet!

Please note: Food Vendors by invitation only. Vendors & Campers using electric will be charged \$25 extra. Food Vendors must have all applicable certificates & permits. All Vendors are responsible for the removal of merchandise and trash. We will attempt to give you the same space as previous year, if payment is received by March 18, 2022.

Show Time: Sunday 8am-3pm
Vendor Set-up: Sunday 6am-8am

Covered Spaces : 10' x 12'
Tailgate Spaces : 12' x 35'
Automotive Related Items Only

No Soliciting or Cars for Sale
in Parking Lot or Vendor Area -
CAR CORRAL ONLY



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Please Print Clearly

If you want confirmation send self-addressed stamped envelope

Company Name _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Swap Meet Space - \$35.00

Number of covered spaces _____

Number of tailgate spaces _____

Number of indoor spaces _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Car Corral Space - \$20.00

Number of spaces _____

Amt. enclosed \$ _____

Inside "D" Building - \$60.00

Number of spaces _____ Amt. enclosed \$ _____

Food Vendor Spaces - \$100.00

Number of spaces _____

Amt. enclosed \$ _____

Mail this form with check or money order to:

SJRAACA

Gary M. Green

572 Quinton Marlboro Road
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

ON DAY OF SWAP MEET
ALL SPACES ARE \$50.00

Online registration and all major credit cards accepted via PayPal on our website at www.sjraaca.com

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

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



WANTED: Front Armrests for a 1952 Ford Victoria

Contact: Ron - 856-981-3133



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SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

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 - 1948 Jeep parts

New master cylinder \$40

Used carburetor \$30



Parts catalog \$20



Contact: Gary 856-575-5547

FOR SALE - 1924 Model 'T' 3 Door - \$18,500

- Totally Restored
- Mostly Original Body & Engine
- \$18,500

Contact Harry: 856-547-6066





Still the Same

By Fred Trusty

Vice President – Membership



AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

2022

- February 10-12, 2022—AACA Annual Convention, Gettysburg, PA
- February 24-26, 2022— AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne Florida, Cape Canaveral Region
- March 10-12, 2022-Western Spring Nationals, Las Vegas
- March 20-26, 2022-Founders Tour (1932-1997) Mobile, Ala./Biloxi, Miss-Deep South Region
- April 7-9, 2022-Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC—Hornets Nest Region
- April 17-23, 2022-Central Divisional Tour (1997 and earlier) San Antonio to LaPorte, Tx, Gulf Coast Region
- April 21-23, 2022— Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand Nationals, San Juan, PR—Puerto Rico Region
- May 19-21, 2022-Annual Grand Nationals, Virginia Beach VA—Tidewater Region
- May 22-25, 2022—Eastern Divisional Tour (1997 and earlier) Johnstown, PA—Flood City Region
- June 16-18, 2022—Eastern Spring Nationals, Beckley, WV, White Water Region
- August 11-13, 2022-Central Fall Nationals, Bettendorf, Iowa
- 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 (tentative date) Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA—Hershey Region

As a pre teenage kid growing up in the mid 1960's, I had a huge HO gauge slot car track set up on two sheets of plywood in our basement. My best friend Bob had one set up at his house, too. In the winter months, along with other neighborhood kids, we would spend many hours racing those cool little cars around the track. We learned how to modify them by changing the gear ratio, adding wider tires, and the ultimate upgrade, installing a high output armature. To us kids, this was the equivalent of replacing a six-cylinder engine with a V8.

Our favorite game was “Demolition Derby.” The object of the game was to knock the other kid’s car completely off the track which meant it was out of the game. If a car was still touching the track, you could put it back in the slot and continue. Each player would start with the same number of cars. If you ran out of cars, then the other kid was the winner. Each wired control box had a reverse switch. If you could spin your car around on a curve you could hit the reverse switch and go the opposite direction. A car with wide tires on the back could be used to “drift” in a curve and maybe knock the opponent’s car off the track.

We didn’t have computers so parts procurement meant one of your parents taking you to the local Hobby Shop on a Saturday morning. This could take several weeks or longer depending on what your last report card looked like. Cutting grass, raking leaves, shoveling snow, and picking up bottles were the revenue stream for this expensive kid’s car hobby.

Here it is some 55 years later and I still want to play demolition derby except it’s when someone has cut me off while talking on their cell phone. Millennials are into drifting. I still have quite a few cars, some of which I have modified for more power, and of course wider tires. Parts procurement can now take weeks or months due to supply chain issues. I don’t pick up bottles for the deposit but I do save my aluminum cans and I still cut grass. As the old saying goes, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.”



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