

#### The May 20-25, 2021 AACA Founders Tour

Story by Fran Shore- Photos by Fran and Maria Symonds



Almost Heaven, West Virginia, Blue Ridge Mountains-Blackwater Falls and Rivers. Mountain beauty that seems unreal except we were driving it. The twisting



roads that seemed to climb to the heavens and the clearest night sky to enjoy while each day seeing deer and wild geese along with

the beauty of the forests and the small towns still making us aware of the past mining industry and the view now of the windmills atop these mountains collecting the wind for modern electricity. We were blessed with perfect weather every day. Our South Jersey region was represented by Ray & Judy Fischer, Dave & Sue Birchmire, Gary & Bonnie Green, Don & Maria Symonds, John & Fran Shore.

Our opening and closing dinner was well done in the Davis, West Virginia Fire House and it was so great to again be touring with the many friends after our months of isolation. We returned to our beautiful Canaan Valley Resort Lodge to enjoy the beauty of it and for the touring prepared singlehandedly by our chairman, Franklin Gage. There were 181 people, 93 cars and 22 states represented.

Along with driving the normal turns in the directions; our drivers had to become used to the curves and twists of the West Virginia mountain roads. By the end of the tour all were experienced mountain drivers. Up, down and around and through the beauty of these mountains roads from the coffee stop to Spruce Knob.



What a ride,
What a walk!!





Then off for a terrific lunch at a charming mountain restaurant followed by a drive through the beauty of these mountains to Seneca Rocks.

Nature certainly did create beauty. These shining rocks were home area to Indians, German settlers and an area during the Civil War and a training area for the World War Two soldiers. The German home and gardens showed the calm, yet isolated living of the early settlers who lived in view of this natural magnificence of nature.

We toured the rail museum in Elkins to enjoy and learn the history and importance of the rail trains which was a contributor for the livelihood of the people in the mountain areas. This area of logging industry and mining was very connected to the rails. It was an additional interest to see a 1946 Cadillac Rail Car- yes one that rode on the rails. It was being restored and was almost completed. (*Cont'd Pg. 4*)



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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 resumption of our FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT 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

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**SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green** reports that she sent get well cards to Miriam Willis, Bob Hopely and Larry Irwin.



#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Terry Shelton

Hello everyone!

May has been a busy month and a hot

June looks like it will also be a busy one. Lots of opportunities for us to get our cars out and about.

Hope to see you at one of our events.

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Thank you, Your President, Terry Shelton

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland

Hello All!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at one of our events for June.



There are several things happening including a OUT. This month we will be meeting at 6:30 pm at the NEW Green Olive Restaurant, 3513 S. Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Vineland, NJ.

Ed & Brooke Fuller are going to have a Cars & Coffee show at their home the morning of Saturday, June 19, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will also be having a Club Meeting. So we hope many of you will try to attend. We will probably conduct the meeting around 11:00 am. Their address is 1079 Route 45, Pilesgrove, NJ.

> Linda McFarland



### FRIENDSHIP & FOOD **NIGHT OUT**

6:30 PM Thursday, June 17, 2021 **Green Olive Restaurant** 3513 S. Delsea Dr. (Rt.47) Vineland, NJ 

**CARS & COFFEE at the FULLER HOME** SATURDAY, JUNE 19th - 9 am to 12 pm



1079 Route 45, Pilesgrove, NJ

CLUB MEETING @ 11:00 AM

## South Jersey Region Events & Activities

#### **JUNE**

- 3 7:30 PM BOARD MEETING- McFarland Home 224 Hogate Blvd., Salem, NJ
- 7 CLUB MEETING CANCELLED
  Woodstown Borough Hall still closed to the public
- 12 9am to 12 pm—SOUTH JERSEY CLASSICS COFFEE CRUISE 52 Harding Hwy, Newfield, NJ
- 13 10 am ALLEGRIA SENIOR LIVING CAR SHOW 114 Hayes Mill Road, Atco, NJ 08004
- 16 5:00 pm-8:00 pm—BOBBITT AUTO CRUISE 595 Salem -Quinton Rd., Salem, NJ
- 17 6:30 PM-FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT Green Olive Restaurant—3513 S. Delsea Drive (Rt 47) VINELAND, NJ
- 19 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM— FULLER HOME CARS & COFFEE & MEETING @ 11 am 1079 Route 45, Pilesgrove, NJ Ed and Brooke Fuller are opening their home for A Cars & Coffee and Meeting for our club.
- 20 10 AM—? DRAGON VILLAGE CAR SHOW 97 Trench Road, Bridgeton NJ 08302
- 26 9 AM—OCEAN CITY ANTIQUE & CLASSIC SHOW AND PARADE Ocean City, NJ



## Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region May 15, 2021

The meeting took place at the Gibson Car Show and was called to order by Board Member, Chuck Gibson. All stood for the Flag salute. Chuck began with a report regarding our Swap Meet. They are waiting on Fairgrounds regarding several dates for the fall. More information to follow.

Chuck then noted the upcoming Cruises for May including the Bobbitt Cruise and also several June Cruises and Shows.

Dave Birchmire noted that the Pennsville Septemberfest Parade Committee is looking for folks with convertibles willing to drive for the Parade on September 11, 2021.

Linda then noted that there will be a Car Show at Dragon Village (formerly Dutch Neck Village) on Fathers Day from 10 am to?. There will be money prizes given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

2021 OCEAN CITY ANTIQUE & CLASSIC AUTOMOBILE SHOW & PARADE Saturday, June 26, 2021 9am—2 pm
Ocean City Tabernacle

Ocean City Tabernacle 550 Wesley Ave., Ocean City, NJ For registration form: http://jerseycape.aaca.com



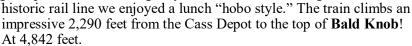
#### **AACA Founders Tour (Continued)**

The afternoon in Elkins was a highlight as we drove to the Gandy Dancer Theater for a spectacular lunch and a professional Branson Style show of music that took us through This day was another joyful experience. the years of most of our lives.



Each day was followed by another of weather perfection, mountain beauty that enthralled us as we saw nature in her glory. We first happily toured the little area of the Cass Railroad. This day was a 4-1/2 hour round trip on the Cass Railroad to the top of Bald Knob Mountain.

We rode on the open car Cass railroad though beautiful mountain country to the top of Bald Mountain, the highest point on Back Allegheny Mountain. While riding on this



Smoke Hole Cavern was our coffee stop for the 4<sup>th</sup> day and a walk through the caverns. It WAS a cavern and the name originated from the time of the Indian usage when they smoked their meat there. It was used for the Civil War for a dry place to store weapons' and people. Now it is a venue for us to see and learn how these

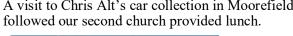
interesting formations underground are formed. It was a fascinating journey under the ground to experience geological history.

Many made a stop to go antiquing and there is always room for these purchases. Then off to Lunch, Two of our days, the lunches were provided by church groups who fed us well. Driving then to Reeds Creek Fish hatchery. we learned to appreciate the work and what goes into this process.

Our last day was a short drive from the lodge to Blackwater Falls.

The falls were full from the winter snows and beautiful. The walk to the falls was over 200 steps down and of course the same back up. Gary, John and Dave (and Fran took the photo) made the trip down. The 61 foot cascade of water over the stone falls ledge into the Blackwater canyon was spectacular and beautiful. The entire park was lovely to drive through and we enjoyed our coffee stop in the park.

A visit to Chris Alt's car collection in Moorefield





Our final stop was at the Grant County Mulch factory which was interesting and gave us appreciation of use of what we use to make our yards so lovely.

We ended with another lovely meal, celebrating the 4 couples who have done all 32 Founders tours. Ray and Judy Fischer of our South Jersey region are one of those who have attended all 32. We enjoyed the friendships old and new and discovering nature at its best.

A wonderful tour, great mountain views, a terrific resort hotel and the joy of antique car touring with great people.













#### THE STUDEBAKER STORY

In 1835, the Studebaker family moved from East Berlin, Pennsylvania, Ashtown, Ohio. There, brothers Henry, Clement, John (J.M.), Peter and Jacob grew up. Seventeen years later, Henry and Clement ("Clem") moved to South Bend, Indiana, where, on Feb. 16, 1852, they opened a small blacksmith and wagon-building shop. They built and sold three wagons in their first year of business. In 1856, the brothers built their first carriage, and a year later, accepted their first big order from the U.S. Government for 100 wagons for federal troops in Utah.

The Studebaker brothers: front row, Clem, Henry, J.M.; back row, Peter and Jacob.

In 1858, a third brother, John Mohler (J.M.), joined the enterprise, investing \$8,000 capital for plant expansion, money he had earned building wheelbarrows and doing repair work for gold miners in Hangtown, California. Soon, the Studebakers were doing so well in the wagon and carriage business that they got their brother, Peter, who owned a general store in St. Joseph, Mo., to open a branch salesroom. In 1860, Peter returned to South Bend to become Studebaker's chief salesman.

The Studebakers made wagons for the Mormons in their trek to Salt Lake City and for many other emigrants to the West, as well as various farm wagons and carriages. During the Civil War, Studebaker built wagons, artillery carts and harness sets for the Union armies. Many of



The five Studebaker brothers—founders of the Studebaker Corporation: Left to right, (standing) Peter and Jacob; (seated) Clem, Henry, and John M.

Gen. Lee's defeated troops, it was said, retreated from Gettysburg in captured Studebakers.

In 1870, the youngest brother, Jacob, joined the firm. Four years later, Studebaker sales reached \$1 million and the company asserted that it was turning out a vehicle every seven minutes. Studebaker eventually became the largest wagon manufacturer in the world. Always visionary, the Studebakers entered the auto industry as a body-maker in 1899, then introduced its first car, an electric runabout, in 1902, its first gasoline-powered auto in

Thomas Edison on his 1903 Electric Studebaker He purchased the second electric car produced.

1904. Studebaker was the only manufacturer to success fully switch from horse-drawn to gasoline powered vehicles. The company remained a family business until 1911, when it reorganized as Studebaker Corp.

Thomas Edison, left, purchased the second electric car produced by Studebaker.

In 1916, Studebaker instituted the "pay as you ride" slogan and sold automobiles on time payments. The firm flourished until the 1930s, when debts accrued. After World War II. defense contracts dried up and slumping postwar sales and questionable management policies led to the demise of the Studebaker Corp. in 1966.

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#### The Studebaker Story (Continued)

#### 1908 Studebaker Electric

Manufacturer: Studebaker Corporation | South Bend, IN Model: "To & Fro" Carry-All - "Tommy"

This automobile was on display at the 2020 AACA Annual Convention in Philadelphia, February 2020.



This is one of two original vehicles to transport passengers through a 760-ft.-long, underground tunnel from the Old Senate Building to the Capitol in Washington, D.C. In 1908, the Government ordered two custom-built, storage-battery-powered coaches from the Studebaker Company, delivered in 1909, nicknamed "Peg" and "Tommy." This is "Tommy." "Peg," is in the Studebaker National Museum in South Bend, IN, unrestored.

The cherry body seats twelve people, facing each other. If one driver was used, he changed seats to change direction. The original solid rubber tires were changed to pneumatic for comfort. The cost of each vehicle, with government

discounts, in 1909 came to a total of \$2,691.00. The 12 six-volt batteries had a range of 85 miles. The two vehicles made an average of 225 trips each day, carrying 2,200 passengers.

"Peg" and "Tommy" served daily until 1912, when a new monorail system was installed. They were then used only during rush periods until they went into storage in 1916.

In 1939, this original pair was sold at auction for \$35. "Tommy" Fair in 1939; "Peg" went directly to the Studebaker Museum and was displayed at the New York World's Fair.

Museum Loan: The William E. Swigart Jr. Automobile Museum Collection Type: Brass Era 1900-1917

Photo on right is Ray McFarland sitting in "Tommy" at the 2020 AACA Annual Convention.



Thank you to Mrs. Pat Swigart for bringing the 1908 Studebaker Electric all the way from Huntingdon, PA for everyone to see.

The Swigart Antique Auto Museum in Huntingdon PA is a wonderful museum to visit.





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## AMATEUR ENTHUSIAST MEETS CLASSIC ANTIQUE

By Larry Irwin

As an amateur enthusiast I have always loved classic automobiles, trucks and motor cycles, but never owned one. As a teenager and young adult, I ventured out to many car shows with glued eyes on as much as I could absorb. One of these days I am going to own one of these. I can fix these simple machines. I know how to change a tire, spark plugs, and even change the oil. I can do this.

Time finally came when I was close to retirement and had the funds to purchase my first road worthy vehicle, "I thought". After consulting with some "trusted" friends I found someone that knew someone that had an old car for sale reasonably priced. After a short visit I decided to purchase the 1934 Chevrolet 2 door hardtop.



Note: Both photos in this article are what these cars would have looked like, had they been restored.

Rule #1: Be sure the car will run. It didn't.
Rule #2: Make sure you have a good place to work. Outdoor is not the best place, due to weather conditions.

My new classic was found in a field near the owner's house. I didn't notice too much until I got home with the car. I did not have a garage either.

**Rule #3:** Try to get it to start first to determine if the engine even works. Be sure it has a workable battery, some fuel, oil, filters, grease, spark plugs and a few more essential parts.

I didn't.

I started on the body first.

Rule #4: Learn the difference between sand blasting and dipping.

Sand blasting leaving small pits in the metal that must be sanded out or filled in.

Dipping strips off the paint but still needs post cleaning. Paint stripping or dipping is usually more expensive.

Rule #5: After raw metal is exposed to the weather oxidation begins so raw metal needs to be protected from the weather. Remember I did not have a garage so I just placed the fenders inside of the car.

The next project for the classic was to make an attempt to build some protection for my prize. I started to build a homemade cover with 2x4s and plastic. The faster I worked the harder the wind blew. One day it

would be up the next day the wind took it down.

**Rule #6:** Once you start a project don't put it off.

I did.

**Rule #7:** The hardest part of a job is to get started or restart.

After a two year limited effort on my classic I decided it was time for a change. The fenders were still inside the car. The shelter was still lying in a neat pile on the ground.

A friend, don't remember how long that lasted, offered to buy the classic. I agreed and sold it for half what I paid for it.

A year later I found another prize. I purchased a 1939 Hudson Terraplane four door, six, cylinder, straight shift on the column. The engine ran great, very smooth and with no smoke. The only difficult part was the clutch was bad and needed to be replaced.



Rule #8: Where is the clutch?

The Hudson was big black box of a car. All steel body so if you hit something the something would bend or brake but not the car. It was experience to drive. If you start out in first gear it would whine so loud you felt the pistons were coming through the hood. It was easy to start in motion in second and could drive for some time with good speed. Third was impossible to start out for a ride. Stall or the engine would die.

Rule#9: Want to go somewhere always start out and drive in second gear without the use of a clutch. Break to a stop and the engine will die on its own. Kept the car for several years stored in a nice clean garage. The garage was always clean since the car was so large nothing else would fit inside.

Rule #10: Want to get a classic antique?

- 1. First know what you want.
- 2. Have enough money to buy a drivable vehicle that requires the minimum amount of work.
- 3. Have storage space to protect your investment.
- 4. Do not buy sight unseen.
- 5. Test drive the vehicle for two reasons:
- a. does it run.
- b. Do you know how to start and drive it?
- 6. Most important, take someone with you that knows classics.

In other words, leave your unknowledgeable friends at home, – FIND AND TAKE AN EXPERT WITH YOU.

#### SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

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





#### 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



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

Contact: Nick 302-359-4262

FOR SALE - 1948 Jeep parts New master cylinder \$40



Used carburetor \$30



Parts catalog \$20

## **Need Automotive Batteries. Call Ed Counsellor** for Precision Batteries 856-362-0001





Contact: Gary 856-575-5547







#### **Toys**

## By Fred Trusty Vice President - Membership

I grew up in the muscle car era of the 1960's and ever since I can remember I've been fascinated with anything mechanical. I'm not sure where this fascination came from. My father had absolutely no mechanical ability whatsoever and was never interested in cars or anything mechanical. As a young boy, I had lots of old metal toy trucks. I would park them all neatly in a row by my bed every night before I went to sleep. When I was probably 7 or 8 years old, I got one of those battery operated toys that looked and sounded like a Harley motor and bolted on a bicycle. I was really cool when I rode my bike around the neighborhood. When I was about 9 years old in 1965, a couple moved into the house next door to us and they had a brand new Harley Davidson Electraglide. I used to look at it and dream of the one I would own "when I got big". It wasn't too much longer before some older kids in the neighborhood started building mini bikes out of bicycles. They bolted a horizontal shaft engine just above the pedals and had their dad weld another rim to the back rim and put a long v-belt on it. It didn't have a clutch. To start it you just pedaled until the motor started and to stop you had to kill the motor.

As young as I was at the time, I realized that this was not a very good design. I saw kids go through a fence or bushes because they couldn't stop the motor quick enough. Instead, I built my own go cart out of pieces of pipe and scrap plywood. There was nothing welded on it. Everything was bolted together. I designed and built my own steering and clutch and the thing actually worked. The wheels were old solid rubber wheels off of a dolly. It didn't go very fast, maybe 15 mph, but we sure had fun with that contraption.

Here I am 50 plus years later and I have several Harleys and one of them is a 1965 Harley Davidson Electraglide. You know what they say, "The only difference between men and boys is the price of the toys." I hope you enjoyed this article and maybe it brought back some memories of when you were a kid. Remember, just because you get older doesn't mean you have to grow up. Go out and play with your toys, have fun, and make some memories.



#### **AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

#### **2021** National Calendar & Other Events

- June 2-5-Eastern Divisional Tour Eastern Shore of MD
- June 3-5-Annual Convention, Williamsburg VA
- June 17-19-Eastern Spring Nationals Saratoga Springs, NY
- July 1-3-Central Spring Nationals Auburn, IN
- July 11-16-Vintage Tour Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA
- July 22-24-Grand Nationals New Ulm, MN
- Aug 13-14-Western Fall Nationals Loveland, CO
- Sep 9-11-Southeastern Fall Nationals Greenville, SC
- Sep 12-17-Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (VMCCA) Saratoga Springs, NY
- October 6-9-Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA
- October 11-15, 2021 Southeastern Div. Tour, Mt.Airy, NC
- October 18-22-Central Divisional Tour Broken Arrow, OK
- November 4-6-Special Western Nationals Phoenix, AZ
- Nov 7-11-Western Divisional Tour Metropolitan Phoenix & Central AZ



Above is a 1951 Buick LeSabre Concept car that was never seen on our roads.

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# SOUTH JERSEY REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA



#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### <u>JUNE</u>

- 3 7:30 PM BOARD MEETING—MCFARLAND HOME
- 7 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING CANCELLED
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