

HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

March, 2021



The Swap Meet scheduled for March 28, 2021 has been postponed until further notice.

A new date will be set once the Governor of New Jersey lifts the restrictions of how many people can gather together.

All announcements will be made on our club website SJRAACA.com and emailed to members.

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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



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| 3-9 Janet Erdner | 3-20 Ken Rehrig |
| 3-9 Mike Counsellor | 3-23 Karen Smith |
| 3-10 Frank Heiss | 3-28 Tyler Chin |
| 3-13 Bill Wynne | |



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green reports that a sympathy card was sent to the family of Hal Wentzell, and a get well card to Bob Hopely.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Terry Shelton



Hello everyone!
 I am sorry to say that our Swap Meet has been postponed until further notice.

The Board of Directors have been carefully considering everything involved with trying to have the Swap Meet. But, until our Governor lifts the restrictions on numbers of people allowed to meet, we are unable to proceed.

Our Swap Meet draws thousands of people and safety is our utmost concern.

In the meantime, take advantage of these slightly warmer days to get your special auto ready for cruising. Stay tuned and keep safe.

Thank you,
 Your President,
 Terry Shelton

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland



Hello All!
 I hope you have survived our snowy February and hopefully March will come in like a lamb and stay that way.

As I write this on the last few days of February, I am really enjoying the warmer temperatures. And warmer temperatures mean time to dust off those classics and get ready for our Cruise season.

I am really looking forward to April and getting out with our cars. I have listed our two cruises that will begin in April. South Jersey Classics on April 10th from 9 am to 12 pm, and Bobbitt Auto Cruise on April 21st from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Linda McFarland



South Jersey Region Events & Activities

MARCH

- 1 CLUB MEETING—**CANCELLED**
Woodstown Borough Hall closed to public
- 11 7:00 pm BOARD OF DIRECTOR Meeting
Hitchner's Furniture Store
583 Salem Quinton Rd., Salem, NJ
- 14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS
- 28 SWAP MEET—POSTPONED



LOOKING FORWARD TO APRIL

- 5 7:00 pm CLUB MEETING ??
- 10 9am to 12 pm—SOUTH JERSEY
CLASSICS COFFEE CRUISE
52 Harding Hwy, Newfield, NJ
- 21 5:00 pm-8:00 pm—BOBBITT AUTO CRUISE
595 Salem, Quinton Rd., Salem, NJ








**SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA
2021 CRUISE NIGHTS
Bobbitt Auto**

595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ

3rd WEDNESDAYS 5:00-8:00 PM

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| April 21st | July 21st |
| May 19th | August 18th |
| June 16th | September 15th |

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16th 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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LITTLE KNOWN FACT



Here's a little known fact for automotive buffs, or just to dazzle your friends. The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees inside, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Jewish, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown. And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -- Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.

Unfortunately this story is just that, a story, for our entertainment. The story is completely false, according to Snopes.com.

SORRY!



I Was There—Rochester Products Division GM—1964

By Stu Allen, Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA

Hemmings Classic Car runs a monthly article called “I Was There” and it got me thinking of some of my past experiences in the automotive industry.

Fresh out of high school in 1964, I was fortunate enough to be accepted in an engineering co-op program at General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) that would lead to a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I grew up in a small town in Northern Pennsylvania and was able to get a co-op position at Rochester Products Division in Rochester NY. I had just turned 18 when I started at RPD and I had only visited the plant once during the interview process. My first 6-week work assignment was a real eye opener. I drove my trusty 1962 Corvair to the big city on Sunday in July, the day before I started work. Much to my dismay, the National Guard was controlling the city streets due to race riots that had been going on. I was quickly pulled over but convinced the troops to let me continue to my rooming house. Certainly not the welcome to the city that I had expected.

After a physical and orientation I was assigned to my first work block in the punch press department.

Students at that time were non-union hourly workers. I was on cloud 9 making \$2.84/ hour. The departments were glad to have students since we were free labor to them. This department had at least 50 hand-fed punch presses along with a large number of automatic presses that made all sorts of sheet metal parts like throttle levers, valves and links that were used in the carburetor assemblies. Most of the operators were women who routinely fed up to 5000 parts through their presses per shift. Long sets of pliers were used to insert each part into the die and 2 palm buttons were pressed to cycle the machine.



Punch Press

I was trained to fill in on some of the presses when the regular operator was out. I quickly learned that this was not something I would want to do as a career! In July the plant was very hot and the fans did little to cool the operators. The noise from the presses was deafening. After my shift, my ears would be ringing for hours. This was before OSHA required hearing protection in noisy operations. OSHA started in 1971.

The worst task I was assigned to was sorting the shavings from throttle valves. The valve blanks were run through a press that formed the beveled edges required to fit the throttle bores in the carburetor. The oil-covered valves were dumped into tote pans along with the sharp shavings. My job was to dump the pans into a sloped screening fixture, swirl them around until all the shavings had dropped out, and then send the valves on to the next operation. Wearing oil-soaked gloves amongst the din of the nearby presses was an experience I'll always remember.



Throttle Valve

I worked in that department for 6 weeks before going to Flint, Michigan for my first college block. Work assignments like this one certainly motivated me to study hard at college to insure that I would graduate with my engineering degree and not end up running a punch press!

Stu Allen

Car of the Future

From the Delaware Valley Region AACA
1974 Newsletter

A University of Michigan engineer says the age of the “radar auto” is not far off in spite of many problems yet to overcome.

Radar systems are immune to fatigue, carelessness and intoxication. They can travel through fog, rain, or snow with no visibility problems. However they lack reasoning ability to evaluate a complex highway situation which could be critical. They cannot make crucial decisions a human driver must make whenever he starts his car and travels in it.

Five prime areas for use of radar are: sensing speed, detecting obstacles to activate passive restraints, detecting obstacles to activate braking system, blind spot detecting, and maintaining a safe distance between cars with adaptive braking.

Speed sensors are already highly developed and in production. Radar speed measures true ground speed. Conventional speedometers gauge speed in proportion to the angular rotation of the driveshaft and thus are subject to error resulting from tire wear, tire inflation and wheel spin.

Passive restraints like air bags are triggered by a device sensitive to the sudden deceleration of a crash. Radar could allow additional inflation time by providing earlier warning of imminent impact. This extra time could be critical in frontal crashes at speeds higher than 30 MPH.

Statistics indicate that many drivers don't apply their brakes even after they are aware that an accident is unavoidable. A radar sensor could activate full braking at such times and help prevent or lessen damage.

Driver blind spots present a hazard. Truck and trailer drivers often have difficulty spotting small cars immediately behind them. Properly deployed radar devices could help eliminate these blind spots.

Maintaining safe distance between cars could also be managed by radar in conjunction with “cruise control” systems. Such a device would cut down on manual braking and be compatible with automatic throttles. Problems which prevent automobile radar from reaching potential include automobiles' vibrations, varying temperatures, humidity extremes, dust, flying gravel and other debris which present a severe habitat for electronic equipment.

Other problems include cost effectiveness and refining the target identification of the devices to avoid triggering the air bags and braking systems.

MIKE'S MEMOS, Published by AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES RESEARCH, Sylvania, Ohio, Issue 4, 1973

EDITOR NOTE

Upon reading the article on the left I couldn't help think of all the innovations that have come our way in recent years.

Considering this was written 48 years ago, I was so impressed with the many innovative features that this University of Michigan engineer saw in our future back in 1973.

We just purchased a new vehicle (2021 Subaru Outback) and it is so innovative and technical, I haven't stopped reading the Owner's Manual and keep it handy whenever I have a question.

This automobile practically drives itself (well not really, but pretty close). It definitely will keep you in your lane and steer for you.

Here is a list of all the safety features that are standard equipment on this 2021 automobile.

1. Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive w/Vehicle Dynamics Control
2. EyeSight Driver-Assist System w/Automatic Emergency Braking
3. Advanced Adaptive Cruise Control w/Lane Centering
4. Lane Departure and Sway Warning
5. Rear Vision Camera w/Adaptive Guidelines
6. Anti-Lock Brakes
7. 4-Wheel Disc Brakes with Brake Assist
8. Advanced Frontal Airbag System
9. Anti-Theft Alarm & Immobilizer System
10. Brake Override System

And this is just a partial list of everything this automobile has.

I am still learning about this automobile and I am pleased it has the many safety features.

There is even an App on my phone that will remotely start my car, including setting the car temperature for heat or cool. I can even turn on the heated seats on remotely.

And, if I cannot find my car in the parking lot, the App on my phone will locate my car for me. Wow!!

I guess we are not far off from the self-driving car!

Linda McFarland



Detroit Electric

An Upstart in an Internal Combustion City

Theoldmotor.com November 30, 2020

The photo on the right is a Detroit Electric 1932 Model "99" sedan based on a 112-inch wheelbase that sold for \$3750. This second to last model produced by the Company used a leftover bodies and other sheet metal made by other automakers previously.



Detroit Electric Model 99

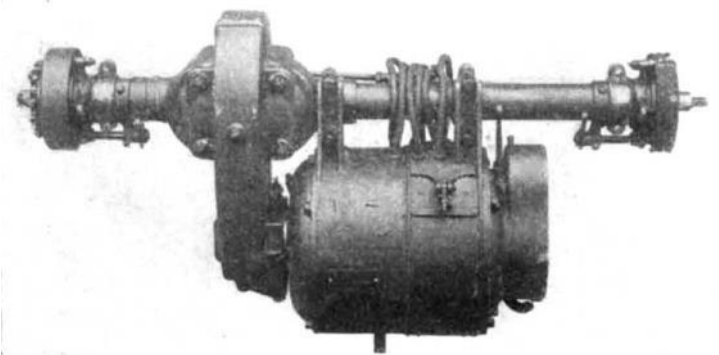
But that's getting ahead of the story, and let's start at the beginning. Like many early automobile manufacturers, the Detroit Electric Car Company got its start in the carriage trade. Milton, Ontario, CA native William C. Anderson began building buggies in Port Huron, Michigan, in 1884.

A year later, in 1885, Anderson relocated his enterprise to Detroit to be closer to his largest market. He was in a partnership with financier William A. Pungs and fellow Canadian William M. Locke and it led to eventual expansion into the manufacture of automobile bodies and thought of producing a complete car. It was determined that it was going to be an electric and was designed in collaboration with Anderson's chief engineer, George M. Bacon. Motors and sophisticated controllers were supplied by Elwell-Parker, which remains in business today.

The first Detroit Electric appeared in 1907, and by the end of the year, 125 cars had been produced. The company name was chosen because a number of other builders were already using the name Anderson. The Company quickly established a reputation as well built, easy to drive cars. Sales grew in each succeeding year peaking at 4500 in 1914, after which their numbers began to decline, a trend widely attributed to the success of Charles Kettering's electric starter for gasoline engines.



The Chief of the Detroit Fire Department in his 1910 Model "L" Runabout, "Cycle and Auto Trade Journal", May 10, 1910.



Motor Equipment, Model D, Detroit Electric

Above chassis details of the 1910 Models "D" and "L", "The Automobile" September, 1909.

From *Theoldmotor.com*

LOVE ME TENDER

By CarShowSafari.com - DECEMBER, 2020

Submitted by CarShowSafari.com member Elvis H. Presley

Back when I was a famous singer instead of a famous reputedly-dead singer, I had a penchant for flashy cars. I had so many that I couldn't drive them all, and dead batteries occurred often. But now that I live the quiet life of an octogenarian, I have found the answer to the dead battery problem.

I no longer have a fleet of Cadillacs. A Honda is my day-to-day ride. It's not flashy but it is very nice. Aside from the Honda, from time to time I like to tool around in my 1963 Chevy pickup.

As a CarShowSafari.com reader, you're probably like me and own a special vehicle (or several) apart from your day-to-day car. It may be an antique or classic, a sports car or track car, an off-roader, or even an RV. But whatever it may be, chances are that it sits parked in the garage more often than it is driven.

More Than Once in a Blue Moon

Weak or dead batteries are often a result of such infrequent use. To combat this problem, battery maintenance products have become commonplace in recent years. The best-known of these is the Battery Tender brand, but there are a whole hunka others on the market as well, like the Noco Genius 1 and the Black+Decker BM3B and the Motopower MP00205A, and the more advanced Battery Tender Junior.

I bought my old Chevy truck in March of 2009, now nearly 12 years ago. At the time, there was a NAPA battery in the truck of indeterminate age. The date stickers had not been punched out. It didn't look new, but for the sake of the discussion let's assume that it was. If so, today that battery would be approaching its twelfth birthday.

Would be? It is! Today, that same battery is still in the truck!

Because the truck is driven infrequently, I put a Battery Tender on it from day one. Nearly 12 years later, let's just say, I'm convinced. To this day, the ol' Chevy cranks healthily and starts up first time every time.

Don't Be Cruel

To be fair, the NAPA battery, while old, is what was a top-of-the-line battery when it was new. I question whether I'd get the same results with a cheapie no-name battery. And my old truck has an upgraded alternator installed, not the original generator. But still, a dozen years of service from a car battery is impressive.

Battery maintainers like the Battery Tender and it's competitors are designed not only to charge lead acid vehicle batteries but also to maintain them during long periods of non-use. Conventional trickle chargers, if left in place too long, can cause more harm than good. Battery maintainers, on the other hand, automatically switch at the end of the regular charging cycle to a storage or "float" level.

A Suspicious Mind

Of course, I am concerned that my battery, now older than a hound dog, may give up the ghost at any time. When I am driving the truck, away from having the Battery Tender in place, it might strand me. It might strand me in the ghetto, leaving me all shook up. But my curiosity has gotten the better of me. How long will my elderly battery last with continued maintenance on the Battery Tender? I just gotta know.

I may be setting myself up for an inevitable AAA call, but that's all right, mama. In the meantime, I can't help falling in love with the Battery Tender!



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 OBO



Contact Ray 732-873-3094
(New Jersey)

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

Need Automotive Batteries. Call Ed Counsellor
for Precision Batteries

856-362-0001



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

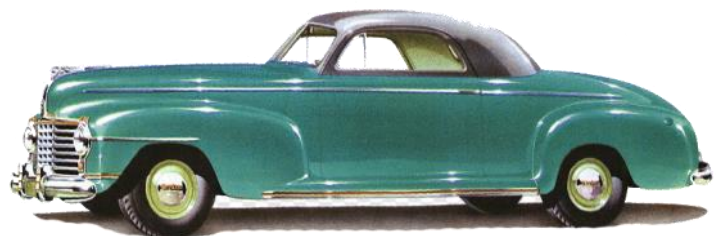
Used carburetor \$30



Parts catalog \$20



Contact: Gary 856-575-5547





**Rediscovered Treasures
By Wayne Tuck
Executive Vice President**



While sorting through cabinets and shelves in my garage I began to wonder, why did I save all this junk? Motorcycle parts for bikes I have not owned for over ten years? I don't recall ever having a vehicle that was the color of this bottle of touch up paint. Cords and accessory wires that don't fit anything I own? It's time to discard some of this stuff.

A stack of license plates from vehicles I owned in the past? Could I be in trouble with the State Motor Vehicle division for not turning these in? After a second look, wait a minute, a white colored New Jersey plate? New Jersey never had a white plate!

On second thought, New Jersey is one of those states that requires a front license plate. In celebration of this country's bicentennial the state authorized a special commemorative plate to be used in place of the regular front plate from 1975 thru 1977. This plate had a white background with red and blue "NJ 76" in the center, circled with 13 blue stars representing the 13 original colonies. Letters in an arch across the top state, "Crossroads of the Revolution". New Jersey saw 296 engagements with the British within our state - more than any other state. There were many major battles fought here.

I had forgotten I ever owned that plate. I proudly displayed that plate on the front of my 1971 bright yellow Volkswagen Super Beetle convertible. The plate is in "like new" condition. I can put this on my wife's 1976 bright yellow Volkswagen Super Beetle Convertible! History repeats itself. How fitting, a rediscovered treasure. I'm sure we all have some simple treasures stored away and forgotten. I intend to continue looking.

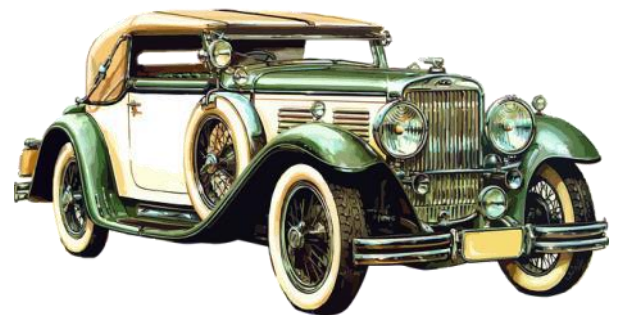


AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

2021 National Calendar & Other Events

- April 8-10-Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte, NC
- **April 15-18 - Annual Convention - Philadelphia, PA
CANCELLED**
- April 19-22-Southeastern Divisional Tour - Central Florida
- May 20-25-Founders Tour - Davis, WV
- June 2-5-Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore of MD
- 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



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