

# HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

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June, 2023

## SJRAACA Visits “The Secret City” - 2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour

By Maria Symonds

In late May our little group made the trip south to Oak Ridge, TN to participate in the 2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour. Our group was made up of President Ron Scott and First Lady Doretta, Larry and Marge Irwin, Gary and Bonnie Green, John and Fran Shore, and Don and Maria Symonds.

Eastern Tennessee in spring is a beautiful sight. Lush and green with a healthy dollop of pollen! We traveled back roads, visited interesting places and saw old friends and made a few new ones.

**Day 1 (Sunday April 30)** – An easy day of hanging out and watching the arriving vehicles. The opening festivities were made up of an appetizer buffet dinner and a great presentation by the Oak Ridge historian, Ray Smith. Mr. Smith was a wealth of information about Oak Ridge and its place in history, specifically the role played by the city and all the inhabitants during WWII. We were also briefed on the upcoming activities for each day of touring. We had to be prepared to start each day early and pay attention to which group of cars we were assigned to. There were originally 80 cars (give or take) and we were split into two groups in order to manage the volume at some of the stops.



**Day 2 (Monday May 1)** – Up early and on the road by 8:00 AM. Our first stop was the Oak Ridge History Museum. Here we learned about “normal life” in this city created for one purpose, which was to process and separate uranium in order to supply fuel for atomic bombs. The city housed a population of 75,000 in 1945, but you could not find it on a map! This museum also houses the largest collection of photos taken by James Edward Westcott; the only photographer allowed in Oak Ridge.



Some of the handmade musical instruments – you use ANYTHING!



A complete motorcycle carved from wood – Artist James Bunch

We left the museum and made our way to the coffee stop on lovely Lake Melton. Sadly, no coffee or donuts existed by the time we arrived. We left the lake and headed to the Museum of the Appalachia and lunch. Lunch was a great BBQ meal with all the fixins and banana pudding. Personally, I am NOT a banana person, but that pudding might just turn me around. It was delicious. The museum is spread over 65 acres (no I did not cover it all) and it was founded in 1969 by John Rice Irwin. Hmm, that name is so familiar! There are many buildings housing amazing collections that range from folk art to jail cells.

We headed out to our next stop which was the Norris Dam. Our tour guides had organized an opportunity for everyone to have their car photographed with the dam as a backdrop. The visitor center was manned by volunteers who shared the history of the dam and sent us over the dam and up the hill for a panoramic view of the area. We made our way back to the hotel for a bit of a rest and then dinner on our own.

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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](http://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\$25; 2X-\$27; 3X \$29

Ladies Golf Shirts: same as above

Spring Jackets: S-XL Call for price

Winter Jackets S-XL Call for price

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6-4 Michelle Hamilton

6-5 Jim Sherman

6-10 Russ Shipman

6-12 Ed Counsellor

6-16 Judy Fischer

6-24 Nancy Cobb

6-25 Doretta Scott

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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**SUNSHINE** - Bonnie Green reports that she sent a get well card to Debbie Hinkle.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Ron W. Scott*

Greetings from the oval office?

I understand the meeting in May went very well under the direction of our vice president Terry Shelton. I would like to thank him for his help

filling in while we were away on tour in Tennessee.

I believe we may have had the largest representation on that tour from any other region except the hosting region. Those who attended from South Jersey region were Fran & John Shore, Gary & Bonnie Green, Don & Maria Symonds, Larry & Marge Irwin, and Doretta and I. The tour was fantastic! It was the first complete tour. Doretta and I have ever attended, and there will be more in the future.

Our swap meet dinner was attended by 41 of the workers. It was a great time of friendship, fellowship and food.

By the time you read this, our tour may be over on June 3 to the AACA headquarters and museum and we will have a report on that at our next meeting.

I hope everyone stays healthy and for those of you who are laid up, you have our prayers and support.

Hope to see many of you at our June 5th meeting.

Till next time, happy trails!

Ron

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Linda McFarland

Hello Everyone and Happy June!

It's been a busy month and I was so glad to see everyone out to our Bobbitt Cruise.

We had a great Swap Meet Dinner at the Talk of the Town Restaurant. It was so good we decided to return for our June Friendship & Food on Thursday, June 8th at 6:30. Thursdays are their "Prime Rib" night. I know this is not our usual week but we didn't think you would mind another night not to have to cook. We will go back to our 4th Thursday in July for our Friendship & Food Night Out.

Make sure you check out all our June events. Lots to do and enjoy. July is also a busy month. Fun Fun Fun!

See you down the road!

Linda

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## FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Talk of the Town Restaurant  
200 N. Virginia Ave. (Rt.130)  
Penns Grove, NJ**

**PLEASE RSVP TO LINDA IF  
YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**

**PLEASE NOTE: JULY CLUB  
MEETING IS CANCELLED, THE  
CHURCH IS NOT AVAILABLE**

# South Jersey Region Events & Activities

## JUNE

- 2 5:00 PM “HERE’S THE SCOOP Ice Cream Cruise,  
3400 Tuckahoe Rd. & Coles Mill Rd.,  
Franklinville, NJ Plenty of Parking!
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Franklinville, NJ
- 10 **JULY CLUB MEETING—CANCELLED  
THE CHURCH IS NOT AVAILABLE**
- 19 5-7:30 PM BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT
- 22 9 AM—FOUR SEASONS CAMPGROUND SHOW
- 27 6:30 PM—FRIENDSHIP & FOOD-To be announced

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### Meeting Highlights of the South Jersey Region May 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Vice President Terry Shelton. All stood for the flag salute. Terry then asked if there were any new members or guests in the audience. Cyndi Lindsay introduced herself and told what cars she owned. New member Jim Gamble, new member, introduced himself and told about the automobiles he owned.

Linda McFarland then gave the secretary’s report and also read correspondence from Michelle Shelton and the Shelton Family.

Chuck Gibson gave the treasurer’s report. A motion was made to accept both reports and they were approved and bills were approved for payment.

#### **Old Business**

Friendship & Food night for April was at Creekside Inn and about 30 attended.

South Jersey Classics Cruise was on April 8<sup>th</sup> and will be their last cruise for the year since the numbers of folks who showed up was definitely a safety hazard.

Chuck Gibson noted that he stopped by South Jersey Classics and the owners were very sad that they had to cancel, but welcomed our car club to have a cruise there any time we choose, since we were the club who originally started the cruise there.

Morgantown Classic Auto Mall Show and Swap Meet - John

Tumolo reported that he attended but that the show and swap meet was about 15% down this year.

Bobbitt Auto April Cruise on April 19<sup>th</sup> was well attended.

#### **New Business**

Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> -“Here’s The Scoop” Ice Cream Cruise is this Friday, 3400 Tuckahoe Rd., & Coles Mill Rd., Franklinville, NJ There is plenty of parking.

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 9 am to Noon Rain or Shine is the New Jersey Region Show and Swap Meet at Neilsen Dodge, 175 NJ Route 10, East Hanover, NJ

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1:00 pm is the Salem County Vo-Tech Show, 880 Route 45, Woodstown, NJ (Rain date May 21<sup>st</sup>)

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 4:00 SWAP MEET WORKER BANQUET – Talk of the Town Restaurant, 200 N. Virginia Ave., Penns Grove, NJ. Please sign up at the table.

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is OUR Tour to AACA National Headquarters & AACA Museum - Please sign up on sheet at the table. We plan to meet at the Pennsville Cracker Barrel at 8:00 am and head to Hershey approximately at 9:00 am. You may travel up to Hershey on your own as long as you arrive around 11:00 am. Ron will need a count of who will be attending very soon. They are planning an early dinner at Funcks Restaurant, Palmyra PA.

June 25 to June 28 – Eastern Divisional Tour. Chuck Gibson reported on the tour and described some of the places they will be visiting. He also explained that there is still room on this tour to register with AACA and the hotel still has rooms available.

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM is FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT at Vesuvio’s Ristorante, 550 Kings Highway, Woolrich Twp (Swedesboro), NJ.

**Diner Expenses** - Terry explained that the club has been incurring approximately \$250-\$300 every month for dessert at the diner. He explained that the Board had discussed this in detail and they suggested that we increase our Club Donation to \$2 per ticket and thereby have these proceeds help with expenses. Everyone agreed and a motion was made to increase the Club Donation to \$2 per ticket starting with the June meeting. The motion was approved.

Linda noted that there was a couple of folks interested in club shirts. The prices for golf shirts are as follows: \$25 S-XL; \$27 2XL, \$29 3XL&4XL. Please see Linda if you are interested. Checks should be made payable to The Monogram Shoppe.

Harry Salmon noted that he and his brother-in-law were going to the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, TN and get to drive a 1975 Skoda, in September. He will definitely let us know about this experience.

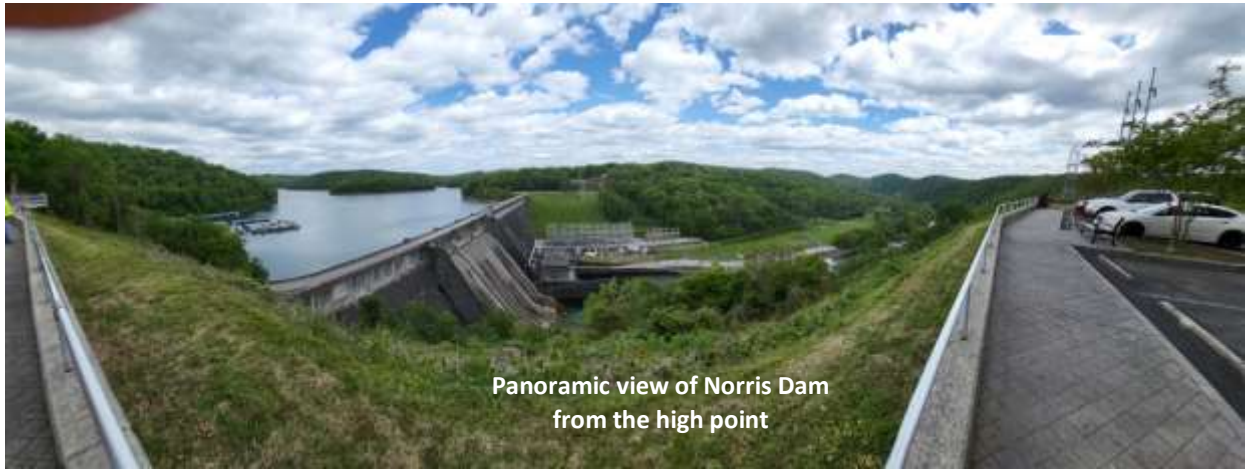
Cyndi Lindsay (our perspective new member) said she does photography for anyone who may be interested in having their car photographed.

Tom Peterson also noted that there will be a Cars N’ Caffeine at the Gloucester Premium Outlets on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 12 noon.

Motion to adjourn was at 7:44 pm.

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## 2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour Continued



Panoramic view of Norris Dam  
from the high point

**Day 3 (Tuesday May 2)** – On the road again by 8:00 AM for our longest day, 155 miles total. We started at the K25 History Museum, stuffed with artifacts and displays devoted to the men and women and science of the Manhattan project. The visit starts with a briefing that is startlingly realistic, where our virtual briefing office reminded us to pay attention but don't repeat! We all received "security badges" that gave us access to all the interactive displays.

We left the museum and wound our way through Lenoir City and Townsend with a side stop at Smoky Mountain Auto Traders. Our eventual destination was The Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center for a box lunch and an informative presentation by the Appalachian Bear Rescue Group.



If you want a Granada – visit Smoky Mountain Auto Traders!

The next segment of our tour took us along 17 miles of the Foothills Parkway, with its curvy roads, differing elevations and gorgeous vistas.

We ended up at the Fort Loudoun State Park for some refreshments. We also learned a bit out the conflict between the Cherokee and the British on this historic site. Then back to the hotel to rest and regroup.

**Day 4 (Wednesday May 3)** – Another early start, another museum! This time we visited the Museum of Science and Energy. Yet again, more well-organized displays about the science of The Secret City. We headed off to Jackson Square for a coffee stop and then through the parking lot of the Alexander Guest House, which is now a senior living home. We all got to drive past the residents who ooh'ed and ahh'ed over the cars.



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## 2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour Continued

Next stop, the Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary. An intimidating place, situated in the mountains with little hope of escape. James Earl Ray was housed here and did escape for a short time but did not make it very far due to the rough terrain. The penitentiary was in operation from 1896 through 2009. The area now has tours, ghost tours, a gift food and a distillery! Funny how things change.



In the afternoon the East Tennessee Region hosted a nice display of their cars and an ice cream social. The event was held in A.K. Bissell Park which holds the International Friendship Bell, symbol of peace and unity between the United States and Japan.

Our tour ended with a banquet buffet and a very funny speaker, Sam Venable. Sam is an accomplished author and humorist. He had everyone laughing with his “translations” of the Tennessee accent. Most tour banquets end with awards for oldest and youngest drivers, longest distance travelled and/or driven and some funny stories about breakdowns or misadventures along the way. This one was no exception, but we were all honored to be there as John and Fran Shore received their 50-year award. The award was presented by Tom Howard, our tour chairman and past AACA president. This was a special moment for John and Fran since Tom has been their friend for many years and they have all spent many hours and miles travelling in their antique cars.



**John and Fran accepting their 50-year award. Past AACA President Tom Howard and current AACA President Fred Trusty doing the honors.**

And then it was over! As always, we learned something, had fun, ate too much and laughed a lot. We joined AACA and SJRAACA to do just that AND drive our old car all over the place. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to join a tour in the near future.

See you down the road!

## My First Car

By John Tumolo

When I get together with some of my car buddies, we always recall some of our first cars or one that “got away”. I buy and sell a lot of cars and parts and I am always asked about what was my first car.

Mine was a 1948 Chevy 4 Door Sedan my grandmother gave me. The picture is when I got it. She had been driving for years and I even saw pictures of her driving a Ford Model ‘T’ delivering bread for the family bakery in South Philadelphia.

She usually bought a new car every 10-12 years and loved Chevys and ordered a 1962 Nova 2 Door. I was thrilled to get a car.

First thing I did was change it to white walls with giant 890’s on the rear to give it that popular “rake”. The tires were used and came from a local funeral parlor hearse.

Neat, until I backed into a car because you couldn’t see out the back!

Next was Fulton dual exhaust with glass pack mufflers. I drove it senior year of high school and it ran great. It had a big back seat to haul friends and was super dependable. I was envious of the 1955-57 Chevys the other guys had so I sold it for \$800 and bought a 1955 Chevy Bel-Air V-8 stick shift. That didn’t remain stock for long as I put on some chrome reverse wheels, Impala bucket seats and took it to Earl Schieb’s for a \$29.95 paint job.

I prepped it myself and taped it before driving it down to get it painted. Oh, yes, I paid an extra \$5.00 for the door jams too.

I still miss that old sedan that was my first car and got me started in my love of automobiles.



*Thank you John for taking the time to write your story. We all love seeing stories about our cars.*

**HOW ABOUT YOU!!** - You can have your story published here. Everyone loves to read about our member’s cars.

Just write a short story and hopefully you can also find a photo of that great car that brings back all those memories. Please read page 9 of this newsletter and then send your story to Linda McFarland at [sjraaca@gmail.com](mailto:sjraaca@gmail.com).




**ALL BOBBITT CRUISES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.**

**SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA**  
**2023 CRUISE NIGHTS**

**Bobbitt Auto**  
 595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ

**3rd WEDNESDAYS 5:00-7:30 PM**

April 19th	July 19th
May 17th	August 16th
June 21st	September 20th

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th 5:00-7:30 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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**HERE'S THE SCOOP!**

# Car Cruise

Friday, June 2nd, 5 PM **STARTING**  
**FRIDAY MAY, 5 5PM**

**EVERY FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT**  
 THRU OCTOBER **5PM**



**ALL CARS WELCOME!!**

**3400 TUCKAHOE ROAD FRANKLINVILLE**



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**Alloway Township Fire Company**  
**3rd Annual**  
**Burning Rubber Car & Bike Show**

Saturday, June 10, 2023  
 2:00 PM-6:00 PM  
 (Rain Date : Sunday, June 11th)  
 Trophies -Vendors-Music-Raffles  
 \$15 Pre-registration Fee - \$20 day of Registration  
**FREE Admission**

Alloway Township Municipal/Senior Center, Alloway Township School Complex  
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For Questions or to Pre-register, contact Bobby Bowling  
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 Students

**8 Robinson Street  
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 Route 49)

**JUNE 17TH, 2023**  
**10 AM TO 2 PM**  
 cars Arrive 9:30 am

**RAIN DATE**  
**JUNE 24TH, 2023**

Food Trucks  
 Dash Plaques



**Quinton School's 2nd Annual**  
**CAR SHOW**

Food Trucks wanted  
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**SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE - 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster \$21,000**

- Runs Well
  - Very Good Condition
- Contact: Glenn Ravior  
856-500-6873



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- Engine Rebuilt
- Good Running Condition
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- Nice solid original with dual side mounts
- Restoration starter
- Motor free
- \$6,500 w/title

Contact: John 856-468-5107



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- Radiators \$100
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- Frames \$500
- Bumpers \$100
- Misc. parts

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Send your ad to Linda McFarland (sjraaca@gmail.com) include photo and full description.

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## HOW TO WRITE AN ARTICLE

By Bob Croslin

They say the thing most people fear more than anything else is public speaking. However, if you've ever sat in an audience and the speaker stumbled or forgot her words, how did you react? Did you think "Yeah, fall on your face, baby?" Hardly. If you're like most people, you found yourself trying to tell the person telepathically "C'mon, you can do it, don't give up!" And, when they suddenly remember their place and continue, didn't you feel a great sigh of relief? Most everyone I know does, because it's our nature to want someone nice to be successful.

Writing is just like speaking, except you're putting your thoughts, experiences, dreams, and wishes on paper instead. The really cool thing is that you get a second chance – you can edit it if you please. So, with that in mind, how do you write an article for a club newsletter? Easy.

First, think of a topic. It's easy to do when you're sitting in a circle of friends, isn't it? That's how you have conversation. When you're telling your story, the others are sitting there listening to you, then jumping in and helping you by laughing, adding their own experiences, or thanking you for sharing with them. It's because each of us is a unique, vital human being with our own thoughts and experiences to share with others.

Instead of telling them aloud, why not write them down? Here's how you begin. Take a pen and paper or open a document on your computer. Think about your subject, then begin writing. DO NOT worry about grammar or spelling, just write and don't stop.

If you get ahead of yourself, write a note at the bottom of the page of the thing you don't want to forget, but isn't ready for the sequence yet.

After you've written the thoughts, then you can go back and do your re-write and edit. The important thing is to get it down on paper first. It sounds crazy, but it works.

Many professional writers don't even begin with their subject, they just write the first thing that comes to their mind. It's a way of clearing out all the debris in your mind so you can eventually move into writing what you want to.

Years ago, a very successful professional writer told me not to try to write like a professional, but to write exactly as if I were telling my story to a group of friends. Don't try to be who you're not. The reason people will enjoy your article is the same reason they enjoy hearing you tell your story face to face.

Don't worry, your old 11th grade English teacher isn't going to be grading this one for sentence structure, but it's still the best way of communication possible.

I spent a lot of time in rural central Florida growing up, so you can imagine how my grammar can get at times, but that's a part of who we are.

Why not share that with the rest of us? OK, so you don't have a computer, but we do. So, if you'll write your article to us as a letter, then we'll spend a few minutes typing it up.

From AACA Fall **2013** Rummage Box



## AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### 2023

- **June 25-28, 2023**—Eastern Divisional Tour, Hershey, PA, AACA Library
- **July 6-8, 2023**—Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, Indiana, Crossroads of America Region
- **July 16-22, 2023**—Founders Tour, Ontario & Quebec, Ontario Region
- **July 26-29, 2023**—Special Eastern Summer Nationals, Norwich, NY, Rolling Antiquers Region
- **August 10-12, 2023**—Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, Iowa, Mississippi Valley Region
- **August 16-19, 2023**—Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) Aroostook County, Maine, Maine Region
- **September 14-16, 2023**—Special Central Divisional Tour (up to 1998) Piqua, Ohio, Southern Ohio Chapter
- **September 25-29, 2023**, Western Divisional Tour (up to 1998), Santa Barbara, Calif.
- **October 3-6, 2023**—Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Hershey Region, **CHANGE: Flea Market set-up is Monday; show date is Friday.**
- **October 22-27, 2023**—Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943), Thomasville, Georgia—VMCCA hosted
- **February 2024** - AACA Annual Convention, Dulles, Virginia
- **March 17-23, 2024**—Founders Tour (1932-1999), Louisiana, Louisiana Region
- **April 4-6, 2024**—Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals, Charlotte, N.C., Hornets Nest Region
- **April 18-20, 2024**—AACA Western Spring Nationals, Tucson, Arizona

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