

#### 2023 AACA Founders Tour – London, Ontario

By Maria Symonds

It has been years since we were in Canada. As soon as we saw the 2023 schedule with the Founders Tour in Canada, we knew we were going to make that trip. We took our time heading north, splitting the trip over two days. We arrived in London Ontario on Saturday, the day before the official start of the tour. We got our first taste of how much gas costs (over \$6.00! a gallon) and had some fun figuring out liters to gallons and kilometers to miles.

On Sunday we spent the morning cleaning the car and seeing all the arrivals. (The other) Ron and Annette Scott and Gary and Bonnie Green arrived, fresh from their convention in Syracuse. We had a good buffet dinner with some of the best corn on the cob, for real!

Day 1 – Monday. We were split into three groups with staggered departures. There were between 60 and 70 cars total, so this was probably a good decision. We took back roads through the area and ended up Oil Springs to visit the Oil Museum of Canada. Did you know the Canadians were the first to "discover" black gold in North America? And they won't let you forget it! From the museum we headed to a picnic lunch in Victoria Park which included a stop at Old Autos Publications, known as "Canada's Number 1 Newspaper for the Old Car Enthusiast". We then got a behind the scenes look at RM Classic Cars, where they have a world class restoration facility and some gorgeous cars on display. We were not allowed to photograph any vehicles in the shop where they were working on several cars destined for the Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance. We will just have to wait to see them! We took the long way back to the hotel, checking out the "Barn Quilts" and some ice cream. We ended up on a rescue mission (someone out of gas) and had a late dinner.







Oil field artifacts

Wooden derrick

Hood ornament escape!

Day 2 – Tuesday. We again had staggered departures and ended up driving solo for a bit on our way to Stratford. We did catch up with some others and somehow found our way to the parking lot where we got on a shuttle bus destined for the Stratford Festival Props and Costume Warehouse. What a wonderful place, stuffed with over 50,000 costumes, countless props and set pieces. It is said to be one of the largest collections in the world. We saw just a fraction of the collection. You could spend days there. Back on the shuttle bus to lunch at the Revival House. A lovely church turned into a restaurant. From there we had a free afternoon. Don and I chose to take in a show. We saw a production of "Spamalot" which all Monty Python fans will have heard of. It was very naughty and very funny. We had to find our way back to the parking lot (that was our adventure) and we were ALMOST the last car to leave Stratford.

NOTE: CLUB MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 11th @ 7:00 pm First Baptist Church, 117 S. Main Street, Woodstown

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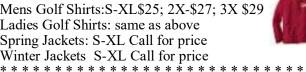
#### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

- 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\$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



9-1 Mike Lafferty 9-2 Larry Irwin

9-3 Fran Shore 9-4 Burry Timberman

9-11 Jill Elwell

9-17 Bob Chalow

9-17 Chuck Gibson 9-20 Joyce Gibson 9-21 Emma Scholes 9-22 Chip Hubler 9-27 Chris Hoffner

9-29 Ian Green

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SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green reports that all have been well and no cards were sent out.



#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ron W. Scott

Greetings from the oval office!

Our next meeting will be September 11 due to Labor Day weekend. Hopefully we will have

a great turn out as usual.

The first lady and I finally recovered from our second bout with Covid. Even though we caught it somehow from the Alaska cruise, it was worth it! Lol!

I was told the club picnic went extremely well, and the weather cooperated for a beautiful event. We really missed being with everyone.

By the time you read this, the Gateway Classic Cruse will be history and hopefully the club has earned another \$200 for the treasury.

At our meeting, we will be discussing positions that will be open for election for the coming year. Anyone who has been a member for at least two years are eligible to run for an office.

Hope to see all of you at our September 11 meeting and wishing you a great Labor Day holiday weekend!

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Till next time, happy trails!

Ron

#### FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hello from behind my computer!

As I write this our club has certainly been busy. I am looking forward to our fall events.

To start off, we have a special show on September 3rd in Alloway, NJ you won't want to miss.

Of course since we have Labor Day on the 1st Monday of the month, our meeting has been moved to Monday, September 11th. There is a lot to discuss, so don't miss it.

Our Friendship & Food this month will be at Vesuvios in Swedesboro. Always a great place to eat, September 21st. At 6:30. Please RSVP to my email if you are attending.

Then we will have a special Grand Opening & Cruise at the new location for Salem County Auto Repair on Saturday, September 23rd from 2:00-5:00 PM at the old Bobbitt location.

Then on October 7th we have our Lew Zane Elmer Harvest Day Show. There is always a great turnout. We will need everyone to help out.

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See you down the road!

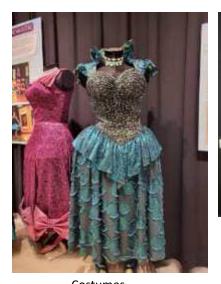
Linda



FRIENDSHIP & FOOD **NIGHT OUT Thursday September 21st** 6:30 PM Vesuvio's Ristorante 550 Kings Hwy. Swedesboro, NJ

PLEASE RSVP TO LINDA IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

#### (2023 Founders Tour Continued)





**More Costumes** 



Revival House stained glass

Costumes

Day 3 – Wednesday. Our destination this morning was the Elgin County Railway Museum with a stop at "Picards Peanuts" (yum) and the Jumbo Memorial (sad). "The King of Elephants" was killed when he was struck by a train in St. Thomas Ontario, on September 15th, 1885. The Railway Museum had a lot of locomotives (surprise!) and a very nice

miniature display. Next stop was the Dowler-Karn Museum, a family collection of petroliana and other goodies. We chose to stop briefly at the Clovermead Adventure Farm which was packed with families, so we moved on after a brief stop in the shop for some honey products. Our next stop was the Gay Lea Dairy Museum which had a very nice Divco milk truck along with oodles of other dairy gear. Next stop was Port Bruce on Lake Erie. This is certainly a resort town and there are lots of restaurants and a very nice beach area. Dinner was held in the St. Thomas CASO Station. The building is a restored historic railway station in the middle of town. There was some

construction that made getting there a challenge. It was "I can SEE it but I can't GET there!". Eventually we got there for our fish fry dinner.



Jumbo monument



Locomotive



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1965 Divco Model 100

#### South Jersey Region **Events & Activities**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

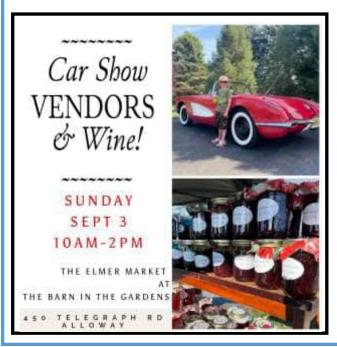
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- 23 2:00-5:00 PM SALEM COUNTY AUTO REPAIR **Grand Opening Cruise (Formerly Bobbitt Auto)**

#### **OCTOBER**

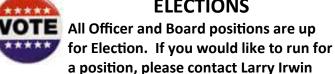
- 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING—First Baptist Church, 117 S. Main Street, Woodstown, NJ
- 10 AM-4PM LEW ZANE ELMER HARVEST DAY SHOW State Street & Main, Elmer, NJ (No Rain Date)
- 19 6:30 FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT To be Announced

#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA August 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Vice President Terry Shelton. Attendance was light since there was heavy thunder showers. All stood for the flag salute. Terry then asked if there were any new members or guests in the audience. There were none. There was no secretary report since there was no July meeting. Chuck Gibson gave the Treasurer report and it was approved as given and bills were approved for payment. Sunshine Report – Bonnie Green reported that she sent a card to



#### **ELECTIONS**



who is our Election Chairperson if you would like to run for any position.

Email: canarycreek@ yahoo.com or 302-528-1435 Ballots will be mailed to all members by October 1st.

Donna & Jim Vertolli.

#### **Old Business**

July 7<sup>th</sup> Here's the Scoop – Mike Lissio & Maryann Homola, and Ron & Annette Scott attended.

June 3 – The club tour to the National AACA Headquarters was attended by 11 South Jersey members. Everyone had a great time. June Friendship & Food at the Talk of the Town was attended by 35 members but all were disappointed that the Prime Rib (Thursday special) was all sold out.

June 10 – The Alloway Fire Co. Show – Bob Bowling said about 100 cars were in attendance.

June 17 – Quinton School Show was well attended. June 25-28 – Eastern Divisional Tour – Chuck Gibson reported that it was a great tour and 19 SJR members attended this tour. June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Four Season's Campground Show was well attended with over 75 cars.

New Business August 4,5,6, - Macungie – several members attended this year. August 4<sup>th</sup> – Here's the Scoop - No one attended from our club.

August 9<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm to ? is the Woodstown Diner Cruise August 13 – Noon to 4 PM is our Club Picnic at the Paulsboro Sportsmen's Club - Today was the deadline to sign up. August 17 – 6:30 pm is our Friendship & Food Night Out at Carollo's Family Restaurant, 2036 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, NJ (Continued on Page 7)



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Day 4 – Thursday. A free morning! We got gas and a car wash. After lunch everyone headed out to the Plunkett Estate. Steve Plunkett, a well-known area gazillionaire and philanthropist, has a large estate which is used for all kinds of events. He has one of the largest Cadillac collections in North America. They are displayed in a building with a Victorian theme. We had been invited to a Cruise-In at the estate, but the weather had other ideas and the show was cancelled. We witnessed a terrible storm complete with thunder, lightning, hail and a tornado warning! Yikes.



The view from the mezzanine - Plunkett Estate

Day 5 – Friday. Off early to the lovely town of St. Marys for a stop at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. The HOF is compact and full of all kinds of baseball history. And there are several fields all ready to play ball. The town of St. Marys is full of gracious old homes built from the proceeds of the limestone quarry business. We took our time heading back to the hotel with a stop at Stonetown Artisan Cheese where they make all their own cheese and they let you taste ALL OF IT. We ended the day with a closing banquet and awards.

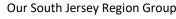


Annette Scott and Bonnie Green and some strange guy





Canadian connection for the Phillies Fans





The AACA Ontario Region worked hard to put on a nice tour, and they were quite successful. I look forward to another visit to Canada one of these days!

#### Annual Club Picnic August 13, 2023

It was a beautiful day for a picnic. The weather was warm but there was a beautiful breeze at the Paulsboro Sportsmen's Club. Many sat outside enjoying the sights and the lovely breeze.

The Italian Kitchen of Pennsville did not disappoint. The food was delicious.

We had 45 members attend the Club Picnic. The beautiful Paulsboro Sportsmen's Club provided a lovely airconditioned dining room with a beautiful view of the river.

Most everyone went outside after eating to enjoy the lovely breeze and watch the boats on the river. Many even counted the many planes landing and departing from the Philadelphia Airport just across the river from the Club.

Thank you to everyone who came early and helped out with set up and clean up.

Thank you also to Larry Irwin and Maria Symonds for taking the photos.



# The "Other" Ron Scott's Adventures AACA 66th London, Ontario Founders Tour July 2023

By Ron L. Scott

We arrived at our hotel on Sunday afternoon (day before tour started), parked our truck and trailer and unloaded our antique car. At 1:30 am there was pounding on our door from the local police. They came to advise us that our truck and trailer had been stolen.

They recovered the trailer out on the road and had it towed to an impound lot, but the truck was gone! They gave us a Case # and information we needed to check with them.

Next day (Monday) we proceeded with the group on our tour. (There was nothing we could do about the truck until we heard from the police). Late that night we received a call

from the police advising that our truck had been recovered from a nearby reservation. They also gave us information as to where it was!!

Next day (Tuesday), accompanied by the Greens (McGyver, a God send), we went to see our truck. They had broken into it by breaking the door lock and the ignition, using a screw driver to start it.

Didn't look like it did when we parked it!! They'd been baha-ing in it with the windows down. It was covered in mud inside and out. They removed our wheels and tires and replaced them with JUNK barely good enough to drive on, emptied the gas tank and took our license plates. Luckily they forgot the insurance and registration cards (we found them under the seat).

We stopped for gas and then proceeded to the impound lot to retrieve our trailer. Called to have new tires put on the truck and then, on to a car wash to remove as much mud as possible. Back at the hotel we cleaned the inside good enough to be able to drive it home.

They also removed the following from the truck: trailer hitch, radio, cameras, tool box and tools, gas cans full of gas (in case someone ran out of gas on the tour) step stool and our license plates!

After 2 days trying to find the right new hitch, a gentleman on the tour came to us and asked what we were looking for. Lo and behold (another God send) he had an extra hitch that we needed in his trailer!!

McGyver (Gary Green) and I installed the hitch and then replaced the emergency brake release. Even though they started the truck with a screwdriver, we couldn't, so McGyver took it apart and got it to work. Voila!!

After all that, we were able to hook the trailer up to the truck and drive it home safely. Phew!! Thank you Lord and McGyver!!!!! It's in the insurance company hands right now. Just waiting for next steps.



Junk Tires that were on truck when we found it.



**Our Truck BEFORE** 

Truck interior & exterior, full of mud.

#### Highlights of Meeting Minutes (Continued from Page 4)

August 26 – 9 am GATEWAY CLASSIC CAR CRUISE – Our club is the featured club and as long as we have 10 cars show up the club will receive a check for \$200. 1228 Forrest Parkway South, West Deptford, NJ

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10 am to 2 pm is Special Car Show, Vendors & Wine at the Elmer Market at the Barn in the Gardens, 450 Telegraph Road, Alloway, our member Burry Timberman's wife is heading this up.

Frankl Maurer reported that Bobbitt Auto has been bought by Jeremiah?? Of Pennsville who has a car repair business behind Salem County Collision. He is interested in having a grand opening in September and would like our car club to attend. He will be speaking with Linda McFarland to set a date for this. We can possibly have a toys for tots day during this show or possibly one in October. More information to come.

Gary Green then noted that we need to schedule a Board Meeting. Ron Scott will check with Erdners about setting a date for this. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

#### SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

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

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



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 - 1924 Model 'T' 3 Door Touring \$15,000

- Totally Restored in 2019
- Engine Rebuilt
- Good Running Condition
- Garage Kept
- \$15,000

Contact: Harry Tennant 856-547-6066



FOR SALE - 1930 Ford Model A Deluxe Delivery \$7,800

- Solid Original w/4 Cyl.
- From Long Storage
- \$7,800 or best offer

Contact: John - 856-468-5107







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SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS



25TH ANNUAL LEW ZANE
MEMORIAL CAR SHOW and
ELMER HARVEST DAY FESTIVAL 2023
Saturday, October 7th, 2023
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM (No rain date)

Awards at 1:00 PM

Corner of State St. & Main Street, Elmer

**Free Registration** 

If you are able to help with parking cars and registration, please call Michelle Hamilton 856-535-1632

Horsepower is how fast you hit the wall.....Torque is how far you take the wall with you.



#### NEWS FROM NATIONAL





## Welcome Class of 1998 By Steve Rossi VP - Public Relations & Event Planning

AACA...America's Premier Resource for the Collectible Vehicle Community...defines an "antique" as any 25-year-old-or-older self-propelled vehicle that is intended for passenger

use. The organization is dedicated to the history, maintenance, restoration, judging and enjoyment of any and all such automobiles in the inclusive spirit of sportsmanship and good fellowship.

AACA therefore recognizes the Class of 1998 that's crossed the 25-year-old threshold. Here a sampling of some recognized examples that now enjoy antique automobile status and are welcome on AACA Show Fields across America and around the world:

1998 New Volkswagen Beetle In a nod to its iconic heritage, Volkswagen rolled back the clock and treated automotive enthusiasts to a reimagined 1998 VW Bug in anticipation of the soon to arrive new millennium. The company said that, "A car like this only comes around twice in a lifetime." But they weren't thinking small...this time...with this all-new edition. Built off the Golf, the last one would leave the line in 2019.

**1998 Mercedes-Benz ML 320** Remembered as the first modern luxury sport utility vehicle, the Mercedes M-Class pioneered the idea of combining off-road prowess with utmost creature comfort, along with refined performance, on-road handling precision and steadfast safety sentiment. It was assembled in a purposebuilt plant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

**1998 Ford Crown Victoria** In 1998, Ford took the opportunity to redesign its mainstream, full-sized four-door sedan for the masses with a more elegant and formal execution. Versions specified for law enforcement were now designated Police Interceptors. Over what would become a fourteen-year lifespan, just under 1 million were manufactured.

**1998 Toyota Sienna** The then-ever popular minivan segment enjoyed the arrival of a new entry from Toyota. Replacing the rearwheel drive Previa, the front-drive "Camry of minivans" was designed specifically for the North American market. Now in its fourth generation, the award-winning Toyota Sienna remains with us to this day.

**1998 Chevrolet Camaro/Pontiac Firebird LS 1** The bowtie brand took its new-for-1997 LS (Luxury Sport) 1 Corvette engine and dropped it into the Camaro for 1998. It was considered "balanced and brutally fast" with a 0-60 mph elapsed time of 5.2 seconds. A sister Pontiac Firebird F-body was also offered.

1998 BMW Z3 M Likewise in the performance domain, BMW breathed on its Z3 sportscar with factory "M" treatment. Engine and chassis upgrades were calibrated specifically for enthusiasts, and the Z3 M is now considered BMW's last analog sports car. 1998 Mercedes-Benz SLK In 1998, the Stuttgart automaker may have been busy with the groundbreaking ML sport utility, but that didn't stop it from also introducing the SLK sports car. A bit tamer than the BMW Z3 M, it instead distinguished itself by taking a page out of automotive history and reintroducing the retractable hardtop.

**1998 Mercedes-Benz CLK** If that weren't enough, Mercedes also launched the CLK sport coupe in 1998 in the U.S. As a company that previously produced primarily four-door sedans, it was intended to be a new expression of rolling sculpture. And succeeded.

**1998 Lincoln Navigator** Lincoln entered the full-size, luxury SUV fray with the Navigator, which was built off the Ford Expedition. It was advertised under the headline..."Damn the tuxedos, full speed ahead." Over-the-road serenity has since been its objective.

**1998 Dodge Ram Quad Cab** Dodge joined the door wars with the lure of more... actually, four...in its full-size pickup truck. The Quad Cab was marketed through an ambitious campaign that promoted, "More power. More torque. More towing. More payload. More room."

In conclusion, if you are the proud owner of any of these vehicles or one of the many other "new" antiques, please consider joining one of the best car clubs in the world and start showing off your 1998 treasures. Visit AACA.org for more information.

#### From AACA Spring 2023 Rummage Box



#### AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

#### 2023 & 2024

- 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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