

HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website www.sjraaca.com

December, 2023

SANTA MAILBOX PARADE

Friday, November 24, 2023

The Santa Mailbox Parade went off without any problems on Friday, November 24th. We had several members come out with their cars to participate. Burry Timberman, who was dressed as Santa, did a great job coordinating the entire parade. Santa & Mrs. Clause led the way in Santa's '57 Chevy, followed by a special vehicle with Santa's sleigh and towing the Santa Mailbox. Also following close behind with lights flashing was the special North Pole Police Department Emergency vehicle. Traveling along with Santa was the Grinch and Cindy Lou, Rudolph and several elves.

Several families met the parade at Upper Pittsgrove Elementary School and the Pittsgrove Municipal Building. After driving through the Palatine area the Mailbox finally made it back to Elmer where it will reside on Main Street next to The Lost Elephant Brewing Company. Santa has a schedule when he will be at the Mailbox accepting letters and speaking to all the youngsters.

Those participating from our club were, Ed Fuller, Martin & Janet Erdner, Chuck Gibson, Ron & Doretta Scott, Ron & Annette Scott, Ed & Linda Counsellor, Frank & Mary Maurer, and Linda & Jack McFarland (my Chauffeur). Several other cars and trucks also participated. Our members had a nice dinner at the Elmer Diner following the parade.



Santa & Mrs. Clause greeting everyone and the Grinch also greeting the families

Santa's Sleigh & Mailbox followed by Ed Fuller and his Model T.

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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



- 12-1 Carrie Walzer
- 12-8 Jill Bowling
- 12-8 Harold Carbonneau
- 12-14 Don Bock
- 12-19 Martin Erdner
- 12-23 Elizabeth Tumolo
- 12-23 Kathy McCarthy



**BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**

SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green reported that she sent a get well card to Marcy Lewis.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ron W. Scott



Greetings from the oval office!
I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and didn't over eat like I did! It seems I do the same thing every year, but it is so worth it.

Anyway, by the time you read this, we may have already had our club Christmas party, depending upon when the newsletter arrives to you.

I'm looking forward to having a great Christmas party as always and a good December meeting.

We had quite a few activities in the month of November, and they were well attended and enjoyed by all.

I want to take this opportunity again to thank our nominating committee for all their work during the elections.

I hope to see many of you at our December meeting and if not, the first lady and I wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Hope to see everyone soon at one of our next events!

Till next time, happy trails! Ron

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hello from behind my computer!



I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. I know I had a delicious dinner with family.

I definitely had a great time at the Santa Mailbox Parade in Elmer on "Black Friday" Several of our members participated and it was fun to see all the kids come out to get their letters to Santa. I hope you enjoy the photos in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to our Club Christmas Party and hope to see everyone there.

Our December meeting is Monday, December 4th. I hope you all will be able to attend.

Please have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Linda

FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT

**No Friendship & Food
For
December
We will resume in January!**



South Jersey Region Events & Activities

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JANUARY

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To be Announced

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH JERSEY REGION November 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Scott at 7 PM. There were no guests or new members in attendance. Chuck Gibson gave the Treasurer's report and it was approved as read. Linda McFarland noted that there was no Secretary report since we did not have a October meeting.

Sunshine—Bonnie Green reported that she sent a sympathy card to the Shipman Family.

Elections: Larry Irwin reported on the Election results as follows:

Ron Scott—President Terry Shelton—Vice President
Linda McFarland—Secretary
Ed Counsellor and Frank Maurer—Board of Directors

Frank Maurer was thanked for a great job generating the Digital voting ballot for our Club, thereby saving the Club a lot of money in postage. Only 13 hard copy ballots were mailed to those who do not have internet access.

Doretta Scott also thanked Larry Irwin for all his work on the Election process.

Linda McFarland reported on Elmer Day and Michelle Hamilton also spoke. They thanked everyone for their help with registration and parking. Gene Hamilton also spoke regarding a possible Challenge Coin for the Next Elmer Day for Awards. He will look into this and report back to the members.

Salem County Auto Repair Grand Opening Cruise went very well. Approximately 70+ cars were there and 3 boxes of toys were collected for Toys for Tots. Ron noted that Jeremiah Jamison, Owner of Salem County Auto Repair is definitely open to having a cruise there from April to October 2024.

October Friendship & Food at the Malaga Diner was attended by 32 members.

November Friendship & Food was at the Boardentown Town & Country Diner. There were 24 who attended.

Sunshine Foundation Families were discussed and it was noted that the Club matches all donations. A motion was made to support 4 families this year. The motion was passed. Donations will be accepted at our Christmas party or at the December meeting. Chuck Gibson noted that this is exactly what our Club should be doing. Helping families in need through the Sunshine Foundation, our club Charity. Michelle Hamilton noted that she knew of a family in need and she will send them information regarding the Sunshine Foundation.



NOTE: It's time to renew your AACA membership. Your latest AACA Magazine has the membership renewal paperwork on the outside of the magazine, with envelope provided. \$45

OR you can sign up at AACA.org

SJRAACA dues is \$20 per family and due at our December meeting.

**Or mail to: Chuck Gibson,
691 Willow Grove Rd.,
Monroeville, NJ 08343**



Burry Timberman spoke regarding the Santa Mailbox Parade for November 24th.

Linda McFarland spoke regarding the Club Christmas Party at the Tilbury VFW on Saturday, December 2nd.

Chuck noted that there will be a special car show on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at the Atlantic City Convention Center. It will include a tour of the building, tour of the organ, a organ recital and silent movie. More information to follow.

HokWai Chin noted that we need to reinstitute the Club Scholarship for 2024. This will be discussed at our next Board meeting in January.

Motion to adjourn was at 7:50 PM.



*Catered by
Italian Kitchen*

ANNUAL CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 2nd

4:00-8:00 PM at

Tilbury VFW

20 Phillip Dr.

Salem, NJ

\$22 per person

Refunded when you attend

Please send your check payable to SJRAACA to:

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DEADLINE TO SIGN UP

NOVEMBER 24TH

**We will be collecting money again for the
Sunshine Foundation Families.**

We would like to support 4 families this year



*Dancing to
DJ Pepper Paul*

SANTA MAILBOX PARADE (Continued)



TRUNK OR TREAT at BROADWAY SCOOPS

October 28, 2021

Broadway Scoops Ice Cream Shop in Pennsville had their 3rd annual Trunk or Treat for the area children. Several South Jersey Region members participated on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Those members were: Gary and Bonnie Green, Dave & Sue Birchmire, Martin & Janet Erdner, Ed and Linda Counsellor, Paul & Maryann Counsellor, & Frank & Mary Maurer.



The New “Modern” Car

By Maria Symonds

We joined AACA to participate in different activities and the one I think we enjoy the most is touring. The adventure of going to a new place along with the security of being with other likeminded people is challenging and enjoyable.

Driving an antique is part of the fun of course! We are not as intrepid as some, and we do like our automotive comforts. You know, things like AC and power steering! When we purchased our 1976 Pontiac we planned on touring AND showing. With only 9,000 original miles it was a good plan. 20,000 miles later the Grand Prix can still move along down the road and compete in class judging (Preservation at least). We have and will continue to have fun with that car. It's a beauty. Over the past few tours, we started talking about getting another vehicle for that activity. As cars age it becomes more and more difficult to maintain in competitive show condition if you drive them all over the place. This past year we went to Tennessee and Canada, putting over 3,000 miles on the old girl.

We started talking about what a new touring car would look like, for us. We figured something from the mid to late '90's that was more “Maria” sized. The Grand Prix is just a little too long for me. 2 or 4 doors didn't really matter, easy in easy out. Enough trunk space for our luggage and other car related paraphernalia (everyone has to have tools at least!). Something low mileage, in good body condition, not needing a lot of work. We really did not have anything specific in mind.

We always enjoy walking the car corral at Hershey, even if what you typically see are vehicles with “Hershey prices” or something crazy just to use a car corral space as parking! There is always something to look at and maybe drool over.

Hershey was very hot this year and we were getting tired and thirsty by the time we made our way around the homestretch. And there it was!



A 1996 Mercury Cougar XR-7. It was clean and we couldn't see any damage or rust. The interior was spotless. And the mileage was just over 19,000! The owner was not around but we took down the phone number on the for-sale sign and headed out of the corral.

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The New Modern Car (Continued)

We took a little time to decide that it was really worth investigating further so Don placed the call to the owner. It turned out he was from NJ, Evesham in fact, which is only a few minutes from us. He had purchased the car in Florida as a daily driver for his wife and as these things go, she didn't really like it. The car started off in Fort Myers and lived in Florida, garage kept and not driven hard at all.

The owner was open to negotiation on the price, and we decided to meet early the next day to work out a deal. On second viewing the car still looked great, and an offer was made and accepted. Don and the owner decided to complete the transaction in NJ the following week after we all got home from Hershey. A deposit changed hands and now we had to start thinking about all the things we needed to do to accommodate one more car! I'm pretty sure a lot of our readers know exactly what I am talking about.

Tuesday late afternoon the old owner arrived at our house (delivery service!) with his son and the car, and we finished the transfer. We now own four cars. Oh my!

We look forward to our first tour with our new old car.



Thank you Maria for sharing.....HOW ABOUT YOU! I just know you have a story for our readers. Let me help you write about your special car. I always need stories for our Newsletter. Email a draft and photos and I will do the rest. sjraaca@gmail.com

SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

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

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



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



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Call Ed Counsellor

For Precision Batteries 856-362-0001



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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—1930 FORD MODEL A ROADSTER - \$10,500

- Nice Rust Free Body, Fenders, Parts
- Good 4 Cyl. Motor
- \$10,500 w/Title

Contact: John 856-468-5107



For Sale:

1968 Chevrolet Corvette

\$9,500

327

Make my husband's dream your reality.

For more info:
www.southjerseyregionaaca.com

Sharon Maropelli

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



Tour Guide By Fred Trusty 2023 AACA National President



This year I've had the opportunity to participate in all but one AACA tour and talked with quite a few "freshman tourists" who said they wish they had discovered the touring side of the hobby long ago. Not knowing the guidelines for each type of tour can create some apprehension to registering for your first tour so let's look at the various tours.

1. Reliability Tour--The Reliability Tour is sponsored during even-numbered years for brass era cars, i.e., those manufactured in 1915 or earlier. This includes all recognized vehicles of that vintage.
2. Revival AAA Glidden Tour®--The AACA sponsors the Revival AAA Glidden Tour® during even-numbered years (2022, 2024, etc.) in cooperation with the Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA). The VMCCA sponsors the tour during the odd-numbered years. The Revival AAA Glidden Tours® are for the older vehicles and eligibility for AACA sponsored tours is limited to those manufactured in 1942 or earlier. Generally, this tour is held during the 2nd or 3rd week of September.
3. Founders Tour--The Founders Tour is sponsored annually for all vehicles, except race vehicles, manufactured from 1932 through a production year 25 years prior to the year of the tour.
4. Vintage Tour--The Vintage Tour is sponsored during odd-numbered years for vehicles manufactured in 1931 or earlier.
5. Sentimental Tour -- The Sentimental Tour is sponsored during even-numbered years, beginning in 2004, and is for vehicles manufactured from 1928 through 1958, except race vehicles.
6. Divisional Tours --- The AACA sponsors two Divisional Tours annually – during even-numbered years, one in the Central and one in the Eastern geographical regions, and during odd-numbered years, one in the Southeastern Region and one in the Western Region. These tours are designed to be shorter in duration (minimum three days) than the traditional five-day tours. The host Region or Chapter is free to decide which vehicles are eligible to participate in any Divisional Tour, except race vehicles will not be included. However, all vehicles must be of a production year at least 25 years prior to the year of the tour.

If you would like more information on touring you can go to aaca.org, click on the "Publications" tab and then "Policy & Procedures Manual." Section 4 has everything you ever wanted to know about touring.

AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

2024 & 2025

- February 8-10, 2024 - AACA Annual Convention, Chantilly, VA, (Washington DC)
- February 29-March 2, 2024 (Proposed) Winter Nationals, Tennessee
- March 17-23, 2024—Founders Tour (1932-1999), Louisiana, Louisiana Region
- March 21-24, 2024, Special Winter Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
- April 4-6, 2024—Southeastern Spring Nationals/ Grand Nationals, Charlotte, N.C., Hornets Nest Region
- June 20-22, 2024, AACA Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga Springs, NY
- July 10-13, 2024 AACA Western Divisional Tour (Up to 1999), Big Horn Mt., Wyoming
- September 12-14, 2024, AACA Western Fall Nationals, Loveland, Colorado
- September 23-28, 2024, Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) Maryland
- October 8-11, 2024 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA
- October 23-26, 2024 Southeastern Fall Nationals, Huntsville, Alabama
- April 3-5, 2025 Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
- April 10-12, 2025 AACA Western Spring Nationals, Tuscon, Arizona



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