

# HEADLIGHTS



South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website [www.sjraaca.com](http://www.sjraaca.com)

January 2026

## SALEM CHRISTMAS PARADE Saturday, December 6, 2025

The South Jersey Region AACA participated in the Salem Christmas Parade this year. Sixteen members started out the day with breakfast at the Diamond Grill in Quinton, NJ.

We then traveled to Salem to line up for the parade. Three of us with convertibles were asked to drive Parade Queens in their cars. Gary & Bonnie Green, Scott McFarland and Linda McFarland. The remainder of our members drove their vehicles together down the parade route. Fortunately the rain finally ended just as the parade was about to start.

The Parade Queen I was supposed to drive was ill but they asked if I would still drive my car down the parade route minus a Parade Queen since I had her name placards on the doors of my car. So, that is what I did.

There was one little problem, Ron & Annette Scott's Pontiac broke down and had to pull over. When he couldn't resolve the problem, Ron and Doretta Scott then drove them back home so he could get his truck and trailer and bring the car home.



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Questions?? Feel free to contact any officer or board member and they will be glad to help.

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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 **July, September, October & December. Those Meetings are July (At our Picnic), September 14 because of Labor Day, October 12 (Because of Hershey) and December (at our Christmas Party)** 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.**

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### CLUB JACKETS OR SHIRTS??

Shirt & jackets orders placed any time.  
 The cost is on the members. See Linda  
 Mens Golf Shirts: S-XL \$28; 2X & 3X \$29  
 Ladies Golf Shirts: same as above  
 Spring Jackets: S-XL \$60; 2X&3X \$64  
 Winter Jackets S-XL Call for price



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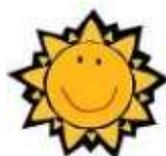


1-8 Susan Breslin  
 1-9 Michael Lizzio  
 1-13 Rae Walzer  
 1-14 Bill Flitcraft

1-20 Don Scholes  
 1-24 Harry Salmon  
 1-25 Marcell Lewis  
 1-31 Paul Kinsey

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**SUNSHINE - Bonnie Green reported that she sent a sympathy card to Mary Wigmore and a get well card to Janet Erdner.**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Frank Maurer*



Welcome to the first newsletter of the year! As the frost settles on our windshields, January is the perfect time to warm up with some reflections on the past year and look forward to the open road ahead in 2026.

### 2025 in the Rearview Mirror: A Year of Miles and Memories

Last year was a fantastic journey. We gathered for memorable road trips, showcased our pride and joys at local shows, and shared countless stories and laughs.

**Club Meets:** Our monthly meets saw record attendance, a true testament to the passion of our members.

**Charity Drive:** A special thank you to everyone who participated in the annual charity drive for the Sunshine Foundation and Toys For Tots. Your generosity made a significant impact in our community.

**Notable Additions to Our Addiction:** We celebrated several incredible member new projects, from classic, muscle cars, to rare rides, highlighting the love and dedication within our club.

### Full Speed Ahead: Our 2026 Vision

The new year promises even more excitement! The club leadership has been busy planning a packed calendar of events.

**Upcoming Events:** Keep an eye on the event calendar for details on the Spring Swap Meet, our first tour of the year, and a potential overnight trip.

**New Initiatives:** We're exploring new partnerships so that members achieve their automotive aspirations for 2026 and visit different venues in our rides.

**Volunteers Needed:** We always need an extra pair of hands! If you'd like to get more involved in organizing events or contributing to the newsletter, please reach out.

### January Tech Tips: Winter Care Essentials

As winter truly sets in, remember to give your vehicle some extra love.

**Battery Health:** Cold weather is tough on batteries. Consider a battery tender if your car is in storage.

**Tire Pressure:** Check your tire pressure regularly, as it drops in colder temperatures.

**Wiper Blades:** Ensure your wiper blades are in good condition for clear visibility during winter precipitation.

We wish all our members a happy and prosperous 2026. Drive safe, and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Warmly,

Frank

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### FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hello from behind my computer!  
 Wow! Another year has flown by! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I know I had a wonder Christmas and New Years.



Now back to work and get this Newsletter going. Please note our new Officers and Board members all listed above. Their numbers are listed and we are here to help in any way.

We had a wonderful December as you will see from the photos in the next pages.

Remember I am always looking for articles for everyone to enjoy. So, please send them to me.

Linda

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### FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT

**Thursday, January 15th  
6:00-6:30 PM**

**Hollywood Diner  
940 Mantua Pike (Rt.45)  
Woodbury Hts., NJ**

**PLEASE RSVP TO LINDA  
sjraaca@gmail.com IF YOU  
PLAN TO ATTEND**



# South Jersey Region Events & Activities

## JANUARY

5 - 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING—First Baptist Church,  
117 Main Street, Woodstown, NJ

15 - 6:00-6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT  
Hollywood Diner, 940 Mantua Pike (Rt.45) Woodbury NJ

## FEBRUARY

2 - 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING—First Baptist Church,  
117 Main Street, Woodstown, NJ

19 - 6:00-6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT  
(To be announced)

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### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH JERSEY REGION

December 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by President Ron Scott at our Annual Christmas Party at the Paulsboro Sportsmen's Club. All stood for the Salute to the Flag. Ron then asked if there were any new members or guests in attendance. There were no guests.

Ron then asked for a motion to dispense with the Secretary and Treasurer's report. Motion was made.

Ron noted that the November 20th Friendship & Food at Carollo's was attended by 30 folks. The Santa Parade held on November 28th had 16 cars attend. December 6th Salem Christmas parade was well attended and 16 members came to the Diamond Grill for breakfast.

He then asked Bonnie Green for the Sunshine report. She reported that a sympathy card was sent to Mary Wigmore, whose husband Jerry had recently passed away. She also noted that Janet Erdner was back in the hospital.

Ron then thanked Linda for her years of service as Secretary.

He then introduced the new officers: Frank Maurer, President, Ed Counsellor, Vice President, Chuck Gibson, Treasurer, Mary Maurer, Secretary, Tom Peterson, Board Member, Terry Shelton, Board Member. Frank then took over the meeting.

He noted that there was nothing new regarding the Frank Todd Memorial Show. Frank also thanked Janet Erdner for heading up the Christmas Party.

There was no other discussion and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:21 PM.

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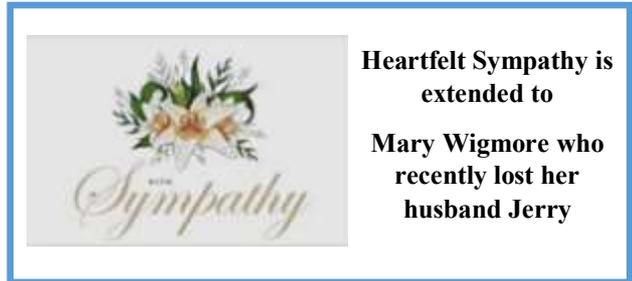
## **ACA Sentimental Tour 2026 Oakland-Pontiac Worldwide Region & Gettysburg Region**



The OPW Region and Gettysburg Region of ACA will be hosting the 2026 National Sentimental Tour from June 15 thru June 19, 2026 in Mechanicsburg, PA and surrounding areas. It is hosted by an ACA region in even numbered years. The Sentimental Tour is a five day tour for 1928 thru 1958 stock (non-modified) vehicles and was first hosted in 2001. An exception can be made for 1926, 1927 and any pre-1928 Oakland. NO vehicle newer than 1958 will be accepted on the tour. We need a minimum of 50 cars registered. The tour is open to all ACA members.

**ACA NATIONAL DUES is past due**  
If you haven't paid your \$45 National dues yet, please get on line at [aaca.org](http://aaca.org) and pay on line or call them at 717-534-1910

**SOUTH JERSEY REGION DUES \$20 IS DUE NOW**  
Please pay Chuck Gibson at our January meeting or mail him a check to  
691 Willow Grove Rd.  
Monroeville, NJ 08343



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### Sentimental Tour Details (Continued)

The host hotel is the **Fairfield by Marriott, 503 Winding Creek Blvd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**. The hotel is two years old with a pool and fitness room. It is conveniently located off exit 57 on Interstate 81. Forty rooms have been reserved for our tour at **\$119.00 per night plus taxes**. The price includes a breakfast. The Promo Code for getting this rate is **ACA2026**.

Trailer and motorhome parking (no hook-ups) are adjacent to the hotel. You can book your room by calling **717-795-1918** and use code "ACA2026". I would recommend booking your room starting on June 14 (Sunday) as the opening banquet will be on that evening. The closing banquet will be on Friday June 19.

Each day's tour will begin and end at the host hotel and we will have a hospitality room at the hotel for evening socializing. Most touring will be on two lane scenic country roads with daily directions provided. The price (yet to be determined) will be inclusive with dinner on your own Monday thru Thursday evenings. Many restaurants from fast food to fine dining are located a mile from the hotel.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

**SUNDAY EVENING** - Opening Banquet at Vissao's.  
**MONDAY** - Visit Don Barlup's 1926 service station in New Bloomfield for coffee stop. Tour Perry County covered bridges with box lunch at Little Buffalo State Park.  
**TUESDAY** - Visit Army Heritage Center in Carlisle with a presentation on The Carlisle Indian School and lunch at the Masonic Lodge followed by a display of our cars at a local retirement home with deserts and entertainment. Optional stop at Carlisle Antique Mall.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Visit Fort Hunter Mansion and grounds with a box lunch. Travel to Halifax for a tour of the Lake Tobias Wild Animal Park.  
**THURSDAY** - Visit the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing followed by a tour of the Historic Eichelberger Distillery @ Dills Tavern  
**FRIDAY** - Visit the Rolls Royce Museum with a coffee stop in Mechanicsburg and tour a private car and sign collection in Camp Hill. Closing banquet at Vassagaio's a mile from the host hotel. As with any undertaking of this scope, help would be appreciated. If you live within a reasonable distance I could use your help.

Don Barlup

Tour Chairman

If you have any questions or can provide some assistance please call **Don** at 717-877-4766 or email him at [pullman1914@aol.com](mailto:pullman1914@aol.com).

**Mark your calendars now for June 14 thru 19, 2026 and reserve your room now.**

## South Jersey Region Annual Christmas Party December 13, 2025

Saturday, December 13th was a wonderful day for a Christmas Party at the Paulsboro Sportsmen's Club. There were 62 members in attendance. We had a special visit from our very own Santa, aka new President Frank Maurer. Our December Club Meeting was first on the agenda with outgoing President Ron Scott who presided over the meeting. The agenda shortened in order to enjoy the evening. Ron introduced our new officers. Frank Maurer, President, Ed Counsellor, Vice President, Mary Maurer, Secretary, Chuck Gibson, Treasurer. New Board Members, Tom Peterson and Terry Shelton. Ron also thanked Linda McFarland for her years as Secretary.

The food was catered by the Italian Kitchen and Larry Irwin made his delicious Chocolate Covered Strawberries. Janet Erdner who was unable to attend because of an emergency hospital stay, was responsible for the adorable centerpieces made sure the food was delivered on time. Thank you to everyone who helped with set-up and cleanup.



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**SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE - 1930 FORD MODEL A COUPE \$9,000**

- Nice original body & parts
- Rebuilt 4 cyl. Motor
- \$9,000/obo



Contact: John 856-468-5107

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**FOR SALE—1940 Buick Super Sport Coupe Street Rod**

- Model 56S Style 40-4527C
- 350 auto, air cond, power steering & breaks
- Mileage 25,858 miles
- \$32K OBO



Contact: Mary Wigmore  
856-271-6831

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**FOR SALE - 1990 Mercury Cougar XR7 \$3,500**

- 3.8L Supercharged Engine
- One owner car
- One of 2000 made
- Moon Roof
- Interior good (Headliner missing)
- 132,000 miles



Contact: Scott 609-364-0986



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**SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE—1948 FORD WOODIE WAGON \$39,500**

- \$39,500
- Runs & Drives good
- Rebuilt flathead
- New Coker Tires
- Lebaron Bonnie 3 seat interior



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**FOR SALE - '28-'31 FORD MODEL A PARTS**

- Radiators \$100
- Fenders \$100-\$300
- Frames \$500
- Bumpers \$100
- Misc. parts



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**FOR SALE: 1984 CORVETTE**

- Cross-Fire Fuel-Injected V8 Engine
- 4-speed manual transmission
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- Exterior: Gray (Metallic)
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- Includes Standard and Transparent Roof Panels

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**FOR SALE: 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD \$30,000**

- 54,000 MILES
- Soft top only
- Price \$30,000



Contact: Carol Nadley  
609-287-0067

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**FOR SALE: 1960 CHEVROLET 348 ENGINE \$1,000**

- 250 HP
- Engine was running before it was stored inside for several years
- Asking \$1,000.00

Contact: Ken 609-706-4902

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**FOR SALE: 1987 CORVETTE ENGINE \$800**

- Has approx. 80,000 miles
- Was in running condition when pulled out
- Engine has been stored inside for several years
- Asking \$800

Contact: Ken 609-706-4902



**Don't Wait Until...**

By Phillip Cole VP- SE Regions  
Development and Support-  
Southeast

A few years ago, former National Director, Wayne Burgess, posted on our AACA Forums, "We have a local region that is close to folding up, because they cannot find someone to step up and become their leader, their President. Their present President has been there for 12 years. He needs a break. I just wonder does anyone have any new ideas to help prevent the club from closing down?"

Wayne received some good suggestions from other members. Here are a couple:

Matt Hinson, former Rummage Box Editor, said, "I don't know if I can suggest a quick fix, but I do have an idea about how to combat that sort of thing... It just takes time... The important thing is that you need to attract new members constantly. Our members attend the local Cars and Coffee and other local non-AACA car club shows and typically sign up a new member or more every month. That keeps new blood coming into the Chapter. Driving your old cars, and being willing to speak to other potential new members about their car and about AACA, and having a packet of the forms needed to sign up a new member available when you "sell" them on joining, makes it easy to sign up new members... Having one person be President for more than about 2 years is typically a warning sign that the club has become stagnant. It is time to get some new blood into the leadership, but you have to develop your members so that they feel comfortable in being a leader." Walt Gosden, noted automotive historian and author, shared, "The important thing is that you need to attract new members constantly... But you also need to make the new members feel welcome. A new member doesn't have to be someone who is new to the hobby! The club needs to have high interest but low cost activities that will encompass the whole family... Some of the events should involve a younger generation as well who can attend with their parents or grandparents - make it an interesting family affair."

A popular process in small businesses nowadays is "onboarding", where you bring motivated, farthinking new members on your local board. That's a good place to start, but if you wait until you cannot find executive officers it will be an uphill climb. Contact your AACA VP of Regions Development & Support. (If you live in the Southeastern United States, that's me! Feel free to contact me at pcole@wnccumc.net or call 704-577-8576.)

Here are other basic, onboarding ideas:

- Make membership meaningful for all members.
- Keep all members involved in all projects and plans.
- Assign a mentor to new members.
- Communicate! Emphasize our mission.
- Reach out in your local community.
- Rotate officer responsibilities.

And yes, as Matt and Walt suggested, "Don't wait until... Get out in front of growing your membership and leadership!"

2025 Spring Rummage Box



**AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**2026**

- **February 5-7 Annual Convention/National Awards, Chantilly, Virginia**
- **March 19-21 Special Nationals, Guaynago, Puerto Rico**
- **March 26-28 Winter Nationals, Cartersville, GA**
- **April 9-11 Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC Hornets Nest Region**
- **April 23-25 Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nats, Las Vegas Region**
- **May 28-30 Eastern Spring Nationals, Indiana, PA Shannock Valley Region**
- **June 11-13 Southeastern Fall Nationals, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Volunteer Region**
- **June 15-19 Sentimental Tour, Mechanicsburg, PA Pontiac/Oakland Worldwide Region**
- **July 23-25 Central Spring Nationals, Green Bay Wisconsin**
- **August 5-8 Southeastern Divisional Tour (Up to 2001) Flat Rock, N.C. NC Region Little Detroit Chapter**
- **August 19-22 Annual Grand Nationals/Zenith Awards, Allentown, PA**
- **September 9-14 Founders Tour (1932-2001) Williamsburg, VA Historic VA Peninsula Region**
- **September 20-26 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943), Dover Delaware**
- **October 6-9, 2026 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey PA Hershey Region**

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**PLEASE BE SURE YOUR ITEMS DATES HAVE NOT EXPIRED. THEY CANNOT GIVE OUT FOOD WITH EXPIRED DATES.**

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