

Grease Rag



2019
RHINE BECK
 49th Anniversary
 Classics May 5
 Imports May 4
 Rods & Customs
 My Classic Car Show
 Car Show May 4 & 5
 Dennis will be here All Weekend
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 Series XVIII Dutchess County Fairgrounds
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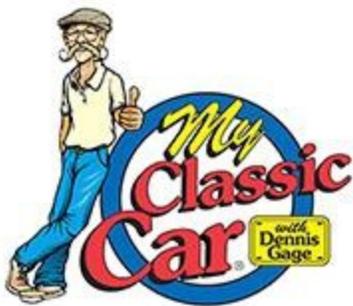
It's almost here!!!

Putting this newsletter together the weekend before Rhinebeck, it seems almost impossible that it is that time of year again. My town has finally washed the salt off the roads this past week, so there is no excuse to not polish up the car and join the fun!

Notes from the Prez

Rhinebeck is right around the corner. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather. Those who have signed up for time at the Info Booth are asked to be there on time.

For those who have not heard, the Crafts Building next to the Info Booth will be open this year. Dealerships who are sponsoring Rhinebeck will have new cars there on display. In addition, a number of celebrity cars – Christine from the Stephen King movie of the same name, the Griswold family's Wagon Queen Family Truckster from National Lampoon's Vacation, Fred Flintstone's car, General Lee from the Dukes of Hazard, and the DeLorean from the Back to the Future movies – are scheduled to appear there. Finally, one of Paul Tacy's "barn find" Packards will be on display with a period Curtis travel trailer that uses a fifth-wheel type hitch which replaces the rumble seat. High style camping in the 1930's.



To top it all off, don't forget that Dennis Gage from My Classic Car TV show going to be there all 3 days of the show. He will be walking around and taking lots of video and asking lots of people things about their cars, so let's make sure that all our cars our looking extra spiffy. Who knows, your car may be in the video for the TV show. Just in case you didn't know, Dennis's show is broadcast worldwide and goes into 100 million households. So let's give Dennis a warm welcome.

Herb

From your Editor's laptop

Along with Rhinebeck, there will be a number of vintage car events going on over the next few months for your enjoyment. Looking ahead, on May 11th, Owen and Linda Clarke will be leading the popular Bakery Run down to the Rockland Bakery in Nanuet, with a BYOPicnic at Harriman State park on the way home. For those who would like to venture up to the Saratoga Auto Museum, the Saratoga Region is having a gathering there on May 18th.

The Catskill Region is having their car show on June 2nd at the Crust, Bernies Holiday Inn, in Rockhill, NY. Cars enter at 9 and they are asking that all cars to be in place for judging by 11:30 am. Please go to catskillregionaaca.org for their flyer with directions and registration information.

July is a busy month with the Hyde Park parade on the 4th, the SEMA Collector Car Appreciation Day on the 12th and the Locust Grove show on the 14th.

There was discussion about a possible AACA Day at the Saratoga Museum on one of the weekends in August, with the Mid-Hudson Region joining the Saratoga Region and the Catskill Region on the lawn of the museum, but the details have yet to be worked out.

As I mentioned in previous issues, I am looking for member originated articles about our hobbies. Do you have a story about how you got interested in cars or how you acquired your car? Does your car have an interesting history? Got an automotive tall tale? Are you looking for that one last jewel to complete your collection? Is there another collecting habit that you could have our members scouting out possible acquisitions for you? If you will share your story with me and, (with apologies to Paul Harvey), the “Rag” can tell “the rest of the story.”

Steve

Refreshments & Program Schedule 2019

| Date | Refreshments | Program |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| May 1 | Sue & Steve Mac Nish | Joe Hines |
| Jun 5 | | Herb Lorenz |
| Sep | Perry & MaryLu Eshelman | |
| Oct | Alice McDermott | |
| Nov | | Auction |

As you can see, we need refreshments for the June and November meetings. In addition, we need programs for the September and October meetings. If any member has something to present or knows of some non-member with a presentation that might be of interest to us, please contact your editor at 845-635-3814 or macnish1947@yahoo.com.

2019 Rhinebeck Information Booth Staffing

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| <p>Friday, May 4th – Noon to 2 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, May 5th – 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. 10 a.m. to Noon Noon to 2 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, May 6th – 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. 10 a.m. to Noon Noon to 2 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Show Field Greeter</p> | <p>Steve Mac Nish & Owen Clarke Joe Marsh & Ron Hicks</p> <p>Bill Bryant & Perry Eshelman Joe & Karen Hines, Bob Hanaburgh George & Lynn Golden Steve Mac Nish & John Montville Steve & Sue Mac Nish</p> <p>Nat & Helen Dawes Joe Porco, Bill Baney & Renee Mallet Stacy Gaches & Karen Laub George & Lynn Golden Joe & Marie Marsh, Alice McDermott</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To be named</p> |
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2019 Rhinebeck Judging Teams

Our Region will field four teams on Sunday, May 5th. Last year’s teams are listed below in the classes that they judged. If you cannot judge this year, please contact your Team Captain so that a replacement can be found.

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| 7. 1930 to 1939 | Charlie Evans bill Barbash | Helmuth Bihn Mike Baisley, Captain @ (845) 297-1982 | Tom Herman |
| 11. 1957 to 1961 | Mike Tomanoci Ron Hicks, Captain @ (845) 471-6263 | Tom Weisman | Joe Minnetto |
| 15A. 1970 to 1972 15B. 1973 to 1976 | Charlie MacDonald Tom McLaughlin | Joe Marsh Steve Mac Nish, Captain @ (845) 635-3814 | Dane Medici |
| 20A. T-Birds 1955 to 1957 20B. T-Birds 1958 to 1968 | Rich Woods | Greg Voght, Captain @ (845) 226-6057 | |

MHRAACA Calendar – 2019

*** Unless otherwise indicated, all monthly meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 P.M. ***

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| May 1 | Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301* |
| May 3-5 | Rhinebeck Car Show |
| May 11 | Bakery Run to the Rockland Bakery in Nanuet – see Owen Clarke |
| May 18 | Saratoga Region AACA gathering at the Saratoga Auto Museum |
| Jun 1 | Catskill Region AACA Car Show – flyer at catskillregionaaca.org |
| Jun 5 | Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301 |
| Jun 26 – 29 | AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Parsippany, NJ (85 miles, 1.8 hours from BOCES) |
| Jul 4 | <i>Hyde Park Parade</i> |
| Jul 6 | Annual Picnic, Bowdoin Park, Pavilion 5 |
| Jul 12 | <i>National Collector Car Appreciation Day</i> |
| Jul 14 | <i>Locust Grove Car Show</i> |
| Sep 4** | Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301 |
| Sep 22 | Lincoln Continental Auto Club Outing to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome – see Owen Clarke |
| Oct 2** | Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301 |
| Oct 9 – 12 | AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA – see Steve Mac Nish (230 miles, 4.0 hours from BOCES) |
| Oct 20 | <i>Mills Mansion Vintage Car Gathering</i> |
| Nov 6** | Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301 |
| Dec ?? | Holiday Party – Date, Time and Location TBD |
| Jan ??, 2020 | Annual MHRAACA Planning Meeting – Date, Time and Location TBD |

* Testing dates at BOCES, meeting room may change to Room 306.

** Dates may change when BOCES calendar for 2019-20 school year is released.

Please discard any MHRAACA membership applications you may have that do not reflect the new membership fees of \$10 single, \$15 a couple and new National fee of \$40, and get copies of the new forms from Steve Mac Nish at macnish1947@yahoo.com.

2019 Committees:

If you would like to serve on a committee, or would like to change your committee assignment, please contact Herb Lorenz at hlorenz@hvc.rr.com or at 845-797-1312.

- 1.) **Rhinebeck:** Owen Clarke, 1st Rep Steve Mac Nish, 2nd Rep Joe Hines, Alternate
Laura Voght Greg Voght
- 2.) **Sunshine:** Charlie Evans Greg Voght
- 3.) **AACA Museum Liaison:** Greg Voght
- 4.) **Clothing:** George Golden Lynn Golden
- 5.) **Picnic:** Owen Clarke
- 6.) **Event Planning:** Herb Lorenz Ron Hicks Kevin Kirkpatrick
Bob Hanaburgh Charlie Evans Joe Marsh
Tom Herman Kim Herman Bill Roenick
- 7.) **Scholarship:** Steve Mac Nish Rich Woods
- 8.) **Member Retention & Recruitment:** Steve Mac Nish _____

As in previous issues, these articles come from National AACA publications (Rummage Box, Speedster, etc.) that have been written specifically for inclusion in Region and Chapter newsletters.

They're Only Original Once

by Fred Trusty - HPOF Chairman

I have heard some misconceptions lately about the HPOF class so let's take a closer look at the Historical Preservation Original Features Class or as a lot of people call it, The Original Class.

HPOF was created in 1988 to reward and provide incentives to keep vehicles in their original unaltered state and provide a living history of how factories manufactured these vehicles. They also serve as a record of how these vehicles should be restored.

There are two major areas evaluated in HPOF; **maintenance and preservation**. An HPOF vehicle is one that retains its original components and features not restored or altered. It must be an authentic vehicle as the dealer could have prepared for delivery to the customer with any feature, option, or accessory in factory literature or company directives for the model year of the vehicle. *These are the same standards as class judging.*

With HPOF, if a component serves the purpose for which it was intended, it's acceptable in most cases. For example, a bumper with some scratches and dings would be fine but one where all the chrome has flaked off and has holes rusted through would not be acceptable. There must be enough of the original vehicle left to be an example to a restorer.

Maintenance – Maintenance items are parts that will eventually have to be replaced if the vehicle is driven. Examples are batteries, belts, brakes, compressors, fuel pumps,

hoses, alternators, tires, water pumps, and many other parts. Maintaining a vehicle is vital to its longevity so replacing maintenance items is not only accepted but it is encouraged and will not have a negative effect on the certification of the vehicle. Note that period correct replacements should be used and installed correctly.

Preservation – Many damaged exterior items can be replaced with NOS parts or better examples from salvage with no effect on the certification of the vehicle. Examples include bumpers, hoods, fenders, running boards, trunk lids, and most trim pieces. The same thing goes for many interior items as well. Searching the local salvage yards, swap meets, eBay, Hemmings, or other sources to find a correct replacement might take a while but part of the fun of the old car hobby is the hunt.

This is the first in a series about HPOF. Next time we'll look at some specific areas of vehicles. Remember, they're only original once.

AACA Capital Campaign

by Tom Cox – VP, Public Relations

Since its founding 83 years ago, the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) has served as the bedrock upon which the antique vehicle hobby is built. We have outgrown our present facilities. Our HQ and Library must expand and modernize if we are to maintain our leadership into the future. Our current Library and HQ building is nearly 100 years old. An evaluation by building professionals determined it cannot be feasibly or economically upgraded to meet our needs.

Apart from supporting our nearly 400 Regions and Chapters, National Meets and Tours, and supporting *Antique Automobile* magazine,

AACA hosts more than 80 online forums supporting other car clubs and vehicle brands. Our Library curates more than two million historical documents of its own, and nine significantly sized collections owned by other major clubs and associations. It has become the leading support center for historical vehicle information, and its responsibilities to our members and the hobby increase daily. Many recently donated literature collections will soon be arriving, including the one highly significant collection — to be soon announced — that will rock the automotive community. Our responsibility to step-up and continue our leadership is essential to the survival of all that we value within the hobby we enjoy so much. We have no choice but to meet this challenge.

The AACA Board of Directors has purchased and closed on the property formerly owned by Pennsylvania American Water, which fronts Hershey Park Drive and is contiguous with the Hershey Fall National show field. The building will support all aspects of the event. It which contains a two-story 32,000 square-foot office building served by 187 parking spaces, a generously sized loading dock, and an accessory six-car garage. The existing building is in excellent condition and because of its robust original design and current systems, repurposing will cost less than new construction. It will provide the space necessary for AACA to service the automobile hobby worldwide well into the foreseeable future.

On behalf of the AACA Board of Directors, our Capital Campaign Committee, and the hundreds of thousands who utilize AACA's essential resources, I am asking for your financial support of AACA's new HQ through donations. With your support, we will succeed. It has been heartwarming to experience the tremendous support for this project thus far, but we still have a long way

to go to reach the finish line. Please consider making a donation of cash, securities, or saleable vehicles. The time is now to step-up to secure the future of our hobby, and to give back to the club that has given so much to all of us. Time is of the essence, and we look forward to hearing from you.

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Library & Research Center Notes

How to get to the “aacalibrarian” store on eBay

The AACA Librarian’s eBay store has over 2,000 active buy-it-now listings, including reproduction factory photos of various cars & trucks, books, sales literature, shop manuals and more.

You can find the AACA Librarian’s eBay store by going to the eBay’s advanced search page and scrolling to the bottom of the page where the last section is for finding sellers. Check the boxes “Only show items from:” and “Specific sellers (enter seller’s user IDs).” In the left hand box below “Specific sellers” choose “Include” and type “aacalibrarian” (no quotes, no capital letters and no spaces) in the box to the right of “Include.” I would not suggest altering the “Sort by,” “View results” or “Results per page” boxes. Click on the “Search” button. This will open up the “aacalibrarian” store.

Once in “aacalibrarian,” use the search bar at the top of the page to find specific vehicle photos and manuals, book titles, and racing information.

AACA Library on YouTube

You can go to YouTube and search for the “AACA Library” to see the latest videos that the Library has posted.

Don’t Forget You Library Benefits!

If you have questions related to your vintage car, remember that members of the AACA receive 1.5 hours of free off-site research per calendar year.

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You can contact or visit the LRC:
Monday thru Saturday 8AM - 4PM
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Phone: (717) 534 – 2082
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FYI

Contact information for businesses that have provided parts or services to our members.

Aldo’s Automotive Precision Machining, Ltd.
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845-691-8222
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Sarjo Industries
70 Fairview Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
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Fax:845-454-0070
Faskit2000@aol.com

Region Classifieds

Wanted: Saginaw 3 speed transmission with overdrive and electrical parts. Used in 1966-69 Chevy passenger cars and 1968-69 Chevy and GMC ½ ton pickups and Suburbans. Call Stacy Gaches at 845-876-8121.

For Sale: Ed Cobb’s widow (a friend of Nat and Helen Dawes) has a large selection of 1952 & 1953 Ford parts, including a rebuilt flathead engine, and some Studebaker parts that she would like to find a good home for.

Mrs.Cobb highlighted Ford ignition parts and hubcaps and Studebaker Gran Turismo seats and a Lark rechromed bumper.

Please contact Mrs. Cobb at 845-452-8187 if you are interested, and mention that you saw this ad.

Nuts & Bolts

Newsletters that are entered the AACA’s Newsletter Achievement Awards Program can receive Letters of Merit, Distinction or Excellence, depending on a point judging system that evaluates each newsletter and aggregates their scores.

As you may recall, at the 2017 and 2018 AACA Annual Meeting Award Ceremonies, our “Grease Rag” was awarded Letters of Distinction. At the 2019 Ceremony, our “Rag” moved up a notch and was awarded a Letter of Excellence.

Change of home or e-mail address, phone number, or classifieds?

If you have a change to any of these items, or if you have any articles, websites, or anything else of interest that you would like to share, please contact by snail mail at:

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