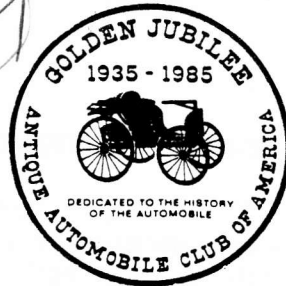




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ANNUAL DINNER
FEB 18, 1989; 6:30 PM

**CLUB OFFICERS
FOR 1989**

The annual dinner of the Region will be held at Hendrick Hudson Masonic Hall in Red Hook, N. Y. The Hall is on Graves St. which is one block East of the intersection of Rtes. 9 and 199 in Red Hook. Dinner selections include Prime Rib of Beef or Breast of Chicken. Reservations are REQUIRED to Fred Grieve by Feb. 11. Use the form on the last page. The amount listed on the form is the amount to pay. The OTHER half is paid by the club. Music by Neil Flouhton, Dave Ferris, and the WHEELS (as last year) Y'ALL COME !!! YA HEAR !!

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

This years Christmas Party was held at the home of Ron and Carol Champion on New Hackensack Road. Nearly 40 members attended for a sit down buffet dinner arranged by the Champions. Part of the reason it could be a "sit down dinner" was the rapid construction of tables by Lindsey Turner. After dinner members divided into teams for a game of "DRAW", and a good time was reportedly had by all. Many thanks to Ron, Carol, Lindsey, and all members who contributed to the menu.

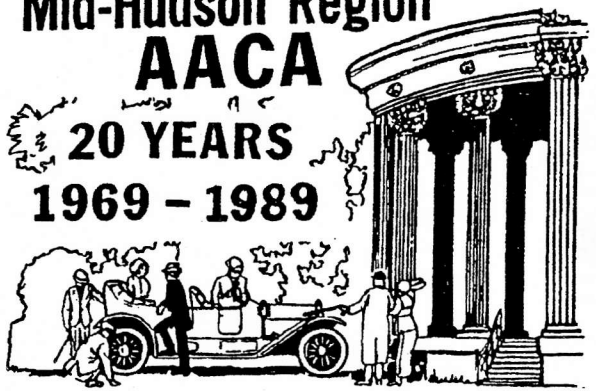
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues for 1989 are "DUE"! The dues are, as last year \$5.00 for a family. In addition to the fellowship members enjoy many returns for their dues. Tours, meets, picnics and parties are always partially underwritten by the club. In this our 20th year recognition events promise to be better than ever. Jackets are partially underwritten, manuals and special tools are maintained by the club for members use and last but not least a subscription to this outstanding newsletter !! Please complete the form on the last page and send it with your check to Fred Grieve. Clearly this \$5.00 is one of the best deals still around. — 1 —

**Mid-Hudson Region
AACA
20 YEARS
1969 - 1989**



NOVEMBER MEETING

A large group of 32 members converged on Gino's restaurant on Main Street in Poughkeepsie for a Pizza and Prospective Member party on Friday Nov. 4. Although upwards of 20 names were submitted for invitation, the result was only slightly successful with 3 quests making the meeting and 3 others asking to be retained on the mailing list. Those attending were Joe Barrett, quest of Ron Potts; Mike Morris, quest of Simon Ennis; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold White, quests of Bill Barbash. Although not too encouraging from the outside Gino's had just finished their banquet room and it was very nice. Food and service were also very good and we did not seem to overtax the staff as in recent outings to the Cascade Winery and Easy Street. After dinner Earl Ireland held a short business meeting. The Ad Hoc finance Committee had finished its work and gave its report, included in this Newsletter which was accepted by the

Membership. There were reports by the HRVAAA representatives as well as the HRVAAA President both of which emphasized the fact that the Rhinebeck meet has outgrown amateur management and requesting the Membership to authorize obtaining of paid management, even at the risk of reduced income. The representatives were authorized to approve this change. Representative Carl Fitchett requested that the proposal and the specific duties be published as part of this Newsletter and they are attached.

The featured quest and speaker for the evening was John Fiore, Principal of the Dutchess County BOCES School. John described the function of the vocational school in supplementing the education of Dutchess County Youngsters as well as the adult programs. He also updated us on the activity of the students we had sponsored with scholarships in 1987 and 1988. This summary is attached.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Tom,

You should now change my mailing address to: Box 334, Norfolk, Conn., 06058. Please tell our Secretary and Treasurer as well.

On Sunday, Oct. 16 Sally and I were married in Christ Church Congregational, Norfolk, Conn., where Sally is Minister of Music. Just a small service, our six kids, my Mother, and two friends. I'm starting out on a new life. I'll miss regular club participation, but will look forward to some "specials".

Please "tell the world" for me.

/s/ Stu (the biggest) Lyon (of all)



SO IT BEGAN...

by: STU LYON

The Mid-Hudson Region, AACA was about to be launched. Early meetings were held at the home of Stu Lyon. Much of the early discussion at meetings seemed to center around building a treasury, then what do we do with it ?? Minutes of the meetings were mailed out at first and that required postage but it was early decided that we should be a "social club" centered around our common interest in old cars, and that we should do things which involved families. There were several nice trips, the Resnick Museum in Ellenville, a meet in Saugerties, the Ridgefield meet, and a meet in Red Hook.

As the monthly meetings were held, we started to form some further direction for our new organization. By-laws were read and approved, a document of incorporation was drawn by our tireless "barrister", Carlton Fitchett, a name was selected, and finally on October 10, 1969 we were approved as a Region of the AACA with 26 National Members. Among them; Bill Bryant, Charley Barby, Ron Potts, Lorne Richards, and Perry Eshelman. I wish I could remember where the others went. Joel Finn helped us get going, and then was Assistant Director. He left IBM and later was a curator for the Harrah collection. Many have transferred away with "Big Blue". None that I know of have lost interest.

Our first show was heralded by an IBM TODAY front page "blurb" which included a photo of a 1911 Stoddard Dayton auto parked in front of the then, Fiat Factory on North Road, later known as Western Printing. Our show that year was held at the IBM Country Club, and thus the prime advertising. Stu Lyon provided the photo, the driver of the car was the father-in-law of a friend. One of the trophies was a hubcap of the Fiat. Perry Eshelman and Charlie Barby made eight sets of molded plastic trophies set on beautiful hardwood bases. We were rained out until the following week-end, but we did have an appearance by "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" from the Resnick

Museum. One of you other old people will have to help me with the "Chitty" story. The name was used in the children's story, but this was an original car from an early race, England, I believe. Subsequent shows have been held at the Vanderbilt Mansion.

In February of 1971 we became involved in the Hudson River Valley Antique Automobile Association (HRVAAA) to organize and sponsor a car show and flea market on the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds. That was a memorable and lucrative decision. Our share of the show proceeds pays our bills for the year (mostly). Our responsibility there for many years was the organization and management of the Sunday show.

Over the years there have been many tours organized by club members and enjoyed by all. A summer picnic often held at the home of Bill and Sissy Schiff has always been a high point. One of these tours was held on October 20, 1974. Too late for much foliage but I really think Art Wilkinson was trying to sort out the hardy. He chose a bitter cold day, (for open cars anyway), to visit the home of artist Peter Helck in Boston Corners, N. Y. We had a good turn out and wonderful visit with Peter. He showed us cars including the Vanderbilt Cup winning "OLD 16" Locomobile, home and studio where he had several pieces of work laid out.

On April 14, 1973 we participated as a club in the closing of Main Street, Poughkeepsie, prior to the construction of the Mall. August 24, 1980 we helped the Mid-Hudson Bridge celebrate its 50th birthday (we drove across).

Leadership of the region over the years has included; Stu Lyon, Dick Cruickshank, Lorne Richards, Paul Greenfield, Audry Bollinger, Fred Luckfield, Carol Ann Peragino (Champion), Ron Champion, Don Wood, and Earl Ireland. Each has been backed by a capable team and supported by you, the interested members, without whom there would be no Mid-Hudson Region AACA

1st meeting

April 18,

13 Wildwood Drive
Poughkeepsie, New York
April 22, 1969

Minutes of a meeting
Subject: Vintage car club for the Poughkeepsie Area.
Date; April 18, 1969

An organizational meeting was held on the above date to formulate plans for a club for enthusiasts of vintage and classic cars. There were in attendance an interested group of 15 persons, most of whom have at least one car, either on the road or in restoration.

It was agreed that we would not act immediately to seek affiliation with the Antique Automobile Club of America, though this is the eventual goal, but would go through the Summer activities to test the interest in the Poughkeepsie area for such a group.

Several copies of by-laws, proposed by the AACA for a region, were passed out and comments are solicited upon which to build our own by-laws at such time as we might affiliate.

An interim name was chosen to be: Mid Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts.

Interim officers were appointed to act as follows: Director, Stuart R. Lyon ; Asst. Director, Robert Hedding, and Sect.- Treas. Phyllis Lyon.

A donation of \$1.00 per family, was made by those in attendance to cover the cost of mailing. A total of \$10.00 was collected.

It was agreed that an outing, to be held in June, would be planned at our next meeting, to be held on Tuesday evening, May 20th at the home of Joel & Judy Finn, 6 Volino Dr. (Hagentown), Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Loren Richards agreed to investigate the possibility of an outing to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, and further to prepare a roster of interested persons to be used as a mailing list.

It was the mutual feeling of all in attendance that their particular desire was to establish a group to provide companionship on tours and outings.

To those of you who could not make this first meeting, we hope you will make an effort to join us in May to express your interests. I would like to point out that this is by no means a "stag" affair. Wives are most cordially invited to become a part of our group.

Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned at about 10:30 PM

Stuart R. Lyon

Dally, John



LIME ROCK PARK

VINTAGE FALL FESTIVAL



The event this year had many rare and beautiful automobiles sitting around just about anywhere you looked. Their owners were very willing to talk about their machines and to allow all the photographs that were wanted. Some of the results are displayed here. The featured makes this year were the CARS OF ITALY. There were RED machines everywhere you cared to look. A Birdcage Masarati owned by Peter Livanos was THE featured automobile. It was on the cover of the program, ran in the exhibition laps, and was kept in a tent for the public to view. The restoration was perfect and the performance on the track outstanding. (see photo of automobile with number 25 on its side).

The time and money which goes into this hobby is obvious from the multi-level tractor trailers sitting around the pit as well as the automobiles themselves. There were big motor homes attached to well equipped trailers. Some of the owners kept their cars at companies just set up for the vintage racing. These companies maintain the cars, deliver them to the track, act as pit crew and then take the cars back at the end of the race.

Friday, Sept 16 was a beautiful day for racing. The day began with registration and then Tech Inspection. The safety record of this type of racing is good and the people at Tech Inspection intended to keep it that way. While many of these cars are some years from their prime, they are very fast and a bad front end or sloppy brakes can result in serious trouble. At 10:00 early practice started with qualifying beginning at 3:40. There was also an automotive swap meet which continued throughout the week-end with truly unbelievable merchandise displayed.

Saturday was RACE DAY!! The morning was OK, but the afternoon brought rain. This presented a major obstacle to some of the cars. In particular, the Formula machines and the obsolete Can-Am racers had a great deal of difficulty. These machines run on slick racing tires

RACE DAY

by: TOM VANCE

The BMW Vintage Fall Festival was held on September 16, 17, and 18 at Lime Rock Park in Conn. I was privileged to be there for the two racing days, Sept. 16 and 17. This event is held by the VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB?? OF AMERICA (VSCCA) and is dedicated to providing a dynamic showcase for antique and obsolete sports and racing automobiles as contrasted with static shows and museums. I discovered this fastest growing branch of auto preservation mania at the same event last year. However, it has been around for more than twenty years. I enjoyed the event very much. These cars were the cars that I saw racing in the various events in the late 50's and early 60's when I owned first a triumph TR3 and later an ex-SCCA Alpha-Romeo. As a consequence I re-caught another disease to add to the one I share with most of you. This one is even more expensive.

under normal conditions. Almost no-one had rain tires for these machines and the combination of 600 HP, 1500 lbs weight, and the difficulties of the Lime Rock track created more excitement than the owner/drivers had in mind. Being a Jaguar nut, I spent a lot of time with an XKE roadster endowed with a substantial racing history. This car was owned by Andy Strasser and had been prepared for SCCA racing by Hoffaker Racing many years ago. It was having heating problems and I was allowed to help straighten it out. This let me be a part of the action without all the problems associated with actually owning such a machine! Andy place second behind a Ford GT-40 in the Miller Cup race for Group F racers.

Needless to say I enjoyed the weekend very much. The sight, sound and smell of these automobiles is truly unforgettable. In particular, the supercharged Bugatti Grand Prix racer running on something with castor oil brought back many memories! Any of you that have spent time at race tracks (or airports) will know what I mean.

CONCOURSE DAY

BY: RON POTTS

If Saturday had ended in the rain, Sunday started out as a perfect Fall day in Connecticut (or the Mid-Hudson Valley), bright but cool.

While Saturday is the big day of the Festival with over 270 cars participating, the sponsors are attempting to make the Sunday Concourse a memorable event. They make efforts to have the racing car owners want to stay over, but this has not been too successful to date and there are almost two different sets of cars. The Concourse is limited to 125 cars divided into 22 different classes. Separate Marque classes are available for groups wanting to stay together and provide at least 10 cars. Meet Chairman Mary

Ann Mango and Judging Chairman Karen Miller are experts at running a car show and good organization was evident throughout the meet. Since this meet was tied to the Saturday races the opportunity to see some unusual cars that do not appear at the regular meets of the area was excellent. Various vintage racing cars and some not so vintage were present including Porsche 90X's and a Ford GT-40. There were also all-out Formula racing cars of the 50's and 60's.

John Fitch, who was a Sports Car racing partner of Briggs Cunningham in the 50's was Chief Honorary Judge and selected a car for honorary trophy. In addition to class ratings trophies were available for several "Best of Make", Best Sports, Oldest, Long Distance, etc.

An entrant buffet in the pits followed the show while prizes were awarded. Fred Greive, Virginia Greive, and I were Judges and the treatment of the Judges may be worthy of a few words of comment. We were greeted with coffee and rolls as well as a gifts of a bottle of wine and a cloisone plaque featuring the honored car. After the show was completed we had the opportunity to join in the buffet and/or join the workers champagne party held high on the hill overlooking the track.

I don't think there's any problem getting volunteer judges for this meet.

The flea market here is a little unusual in that it features many automotive artists. They hold a meeting at the nearby Interlaken Inn and there are several tents of original automotive art on display and sale. Beware! the prices are not cheap with many offerings going into the 1000's of dollars.

As Tom Vance emphasized, if you want an enjoyable and unusual week-end of fine vintage machinery, The BMW Fall Festival is the place to be.

BULLETIN BOARD

CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
AACA ANNUAL MEETING	FEB 9 - 11	PHILADELPHIA PA.	AACA HQ. HERSHEY PA.
ANNUAL DINNER	FEB 18	HENDRICK HUDSON MASONIC HALL 9 GRAVES St. RED HOOK N Y 758-8185	FRED GRIEVE 758-6028
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1. 2nd ANNUAL PLAQUE WHICH FEATURES THE FIAT CAR AND IS A DUPLICATE OF THE FIRST MEET PLAQUE OR
2. 10th ANNUAL MEET PLAQUE, A LARGE 4" x 6" BRASS PLAQUE FEATURING BOTH FIAT AND LANE STEAMER CARS DESIGNED BY PROFESSIONAL ARTIST RUSS Von SAUERS, THEN A CLUB MEMBER OR
3. 11th ANNUAL MEET PLAQUE, THE ONLY 4 COLOR PLAQUE USED FEATURING THE VANDERBILT CADILLAC. BRASS 3" x 4"

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