

Grease Rag



SEMA Collector Car Appreciation Day Breakfast Plus

This year, the club tried something new for the SEMA Collector Car Appreciation Day. Owen and Linda Clarke contacted their friends at the Eveready Diner in Hyde Park to arrange a breakfast gathering. They not only agreed to host the breakfast, they cordoned off the front row of parking spaces along Route 9 so that all of our cars would be highly visible to passing traffic. Our club had about ten cars and a friend of one of the members joined us with his restomod '37 Ford pickup. Following breakfast, we all lined up and motored north to the Vanderbilt Mansion

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Greg & Laura Voght's '55 T-Bird "Frenchie"



Charlie Evans' seldom seen Toronado



Parked on the Vanderbilt Loop – left to right – Karen & Joe Hines’ Model A, the Editorial Corvair, Ron & Diane Hicks’Pontiac, the Presidential Chevelle,Owen & Linda Clarke’s Continental, Greg & Laura Voght’s Corvette, the Voght’s T-Bird, the friend’s Ford pickup,George & Lynn Golden’s Mustang, Joe & Marie Marsh’s Huppmobile and the Clarke’s Studebaker.

The Things You See At Locust Grove

Note - “The Things You See At ...” will be a feature in each newsletter going forward. It will highlight club vehicles and others seen at meets wherever. If you have pictures from events you would like to share, please send them to me at macnish1947@yahoo.com. ed.

July was a busy month for car shows. One of the nicest shows in the Mid-Hudson Valley is the Locust Grove show, two days after the SEMA Day. It was a beautiful day and the turnout of vehicles and spectators was the best in years.



Karen & Joe Hines’ 1944 Ford “Blackout” Pumper

In only its’ second outing since the Hines acquired it last fall, it was the only fire apparatus at the show. As your editor wandered around, he came across some new cars that our members had either recently acquired or had not shown previously and some non member cars that are almost never seen at any event.

Case in point is this 1991 Nissan Figaro from the Mike Malamut Collection. The only other one your editor ever saw “in the flesh” was parked on a street in Cobh, Ireland in September, 2009.



WWII – era Dodge “Blackout” Staff Car

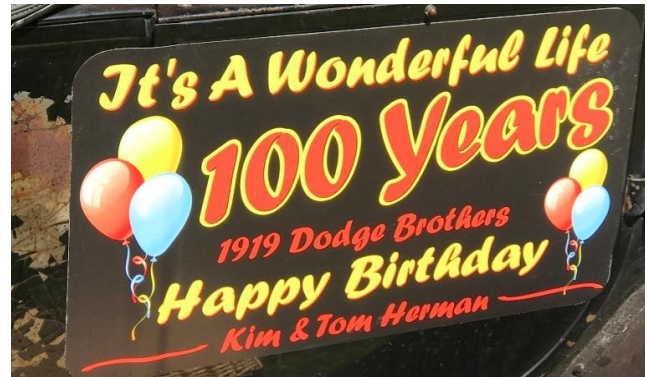


Late 40's Diamond T

Joe Porco brought a couple of Corvettes for their first showing. He recently acquired the '57, a rare one with the cove color matching the body color, rather than the usual white or silver cove. Rich Wood's '73 Maverick Grabber can be seen behind Joe's mid-60's roadster.



And last but not least, Tom and Kim Herman brought their 1919 Dodge to Locust Grove. It's been to Hershey, where it has been certified in the Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class, and if it goes to Hershey this year, it will receive its 100Year Centennial badge in addition to Repeat HPOF recognition.



From your Editor's laptop

I would be remiss if I did not mention the great picnic at Bowdoin Park on July 6th, organized by Owen and Linda Clarke. Catered again by Shelly's Deli and held in the air conditioned Pavilion 5, it was a social get-together not to be missed. Thanks again, Owen and Linda.

There are some more shows posted on our event calendar coming up this month and next.

- The Pleasant Valley Lions have an event at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall on Sunday, August 4th. Registration is at the show, \$15 if memory serves.
- The Saugerties Antique Auto Club is having their 62nd Annual Show at Cantine Memorial Field on Saturday, August 11th. Registration is \$15. Info contact: Rich Flaherty 845-337-8426 or Irene DeGraff 845-679-6810
- The 3rd Annual Catskill Conquest Rally will be held on Saturday, September 21st. Rally starts from: Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center
5069 State Route 28
Mount Tremper, NY 12457

Register in advance, \$50 per car, with year/make/model/club name, to:
Historic Automobile Endurance Runs, LLC
3024 State Route 28
Shokan, NY 12481

As mentioned previously, I am looking for member originated articles about our hobbies. 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? Looking for that one last jewel to complete your collection? Got a collecting habit that could have our members scouting out possible acquisitions for you? Share your story and, (with apologies to Paul Harvey), the "Rag" can tell "the rest of the story."

Steve

Refreshments & Program Schedule 2019

Date	Refreshments	Program
Sep	Perry & MaryLu Eshelman	
Oct	Alice McDermott	
Nov		Auction

Refreshments needed for November's meeting and programs for the September and October meetings. If you have something to present or know of a non-member with an interesting presentation, please contact your editor at 845-635-3814 or macnish1947@yahoo.com.

MHRAACA Calendar – 2019

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

- Aug 6** ***Lions Car Show, Pleasant Valley Town Hall***
- Aug 11** ***Saugerties Club Show, Cantine Field, Saugerties***
- Sep 4** **Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301**
- Sep 21** ***3rd Annual Catskill Conquest Rally, see details in Editor's Laptop***
- 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** ***Mills Mansion Vintage Car Gathering***
- 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**

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.

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

This is the 4th in a series of articles about original vehicles; Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class. The 1st article was an overview of the HPOF class, the 2nd opened the doors and looked in-side, and the 3rd started the exterior series with paint. This time we'll look at tops, trim, glass, wheels, and tires.

Convertible tops are another item that if not properly cared for can contribute to the deterioration of other areas. A leaky top can cause rust in the fender wells, floor boards, and other areas. The sun can take its toll on fabric so if it's dry rotted it needs to be replaced. If it's done so in a professional manner and with period correct materials, there should be no deductions.

What about chrome and stainless trim items? If the part serves the purpose for which it was intended, then it's ok to an extent. But, if that chrome bumper has holes rusted through and almost no chrome is left, then it's time for trip to the salvage yard. The same goes for badly damaged trim items.

If the windshield and/or glass is damaged or starting to have that foggy appearance, then it's time to replace it. If possible, use the correct glass for the era of the vehicle. Either way, there should be no deductions because glass is considered a safety issue. And last but certainly not least is the controversial area of wheels and tires. The vehicle has to have the correct wheels and covers. Even though those nice Cragar mags on your '69 Chevelle SS are period correct, they aren't what the factory installed so there would be a

deduction. And then there is the area of tires. If radial tires weren't available for the year of the vehicle, then that would also be a deduction. One sometimes confusing area is the 1972 to 1978 alpha numeric radials on American cars and light trucks. Most of these size tires are not available and using a bias ply tire would definitely be incorrect so a P-metric radial can be substituted in most cases by making a written request for exemption to the VP of Class Judging. Please keep in mind that proof of authenticity is the responsibility of the vehicle owner. When in doubt, remember these three things: documentation, documentation, documentation.

Remember, they're only original once.

Membership is Critical to Survival!

by Mel Carson – 2019 AACA President

The Antique Automobile Club of America needs the help of each existing member to survive and maintain our organization for the long-term! Every member needs to bring in a new member to AACA now!

Every organization that desires to continue to exist will evolve and change as needed to be appropriate for the membership. AACA has accomplished this over the history of the organization.

When driving your antique car to fill the gas tank, attend cruise-ins or shows – folks at all times want to look at your car and talk with you about it. This is a good opportunity to tell them about AACA and all it offers to the antique car enthusiast. Please let them know, that to be involved, all AACA members do not have to own a pristine show vehicle. This is a message to convey to any prospective new AACA member. A Driver Participation Class (DPC) vehicle is a vehicle that has a place on

the show field but is perfectly suitable for driving and touring at the same time – including air conditioning and radial tires.

The AACA organization includes a great antique car magazine, about six to eight car show Nationals spread around the country, a Grand Nationals event each year, and usually about four Touring events each year.

Library resources are offered to members who can obtain research and restoration information on possibly any vehicle ever produced. The new AACA headquarters facility now under renovation in Hershey will include an enhanced state-of-the art automotive library to benefit the hobby.

Explain these advantages to a car person and they may be a great candidate for membership in AACA and help keep our organization alive!

Legislation

by Marty Roth, Vice President – Legislation

Some of our best times have been with friends and old cars, and when you combine them, everything just gets better and better.

It seems like every time you turn around there is another attempt by a city, county, or state to legislate, or to limit our use and enjoyment of our old cars. That's where my job comes in – and where each of you can make a difference. As VP-Legislation, part of what I do is to try to follow legislative efforts which affect the antique vehicle hobby. Contact with our SEMA representative Colby Martin and the SEMA Action Network helps to maintain awareness of issues nationwide, as well as State-to-State.

You and your Region can step up and keep us aware of what is going on in your part of the United States and Canada that the rest of us may not know about, and how it can affect the hobby.

The hobby, with the support of many legislatures just celebrated Collector Car Appreciation Day on Friday, July 12th.

I encourage you to look into the SEMA Action Network at <http://www.semasan.com>, and to subscribe to receive updates from them. You are welcome to share, or to discuss legislative-related issues on our AACA FORUM: <https://forums.aaca.org/>

Library & Research Center Notes

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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 contact or visit the LRC:
Monday thru Saturday 8AM - 4PM
501 W. Governor Ave, Hershey PA, 17033
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E-mail: www.aacalibrary.org

Head Librarian: Chris Ritter
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Assistant Librarian: Matt Hocker

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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.

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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!

Questions related to your vintage car?
Members of the AACA receive 1.5 hours of free off-site research per calendar year.

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.

For Sale: Bill Roenick has moved into an assisted living facility in Fishkill due to his mobility problems. His wife, Judy, has asked that anyone interested in purchasing Bill’s 1948 Plymouth or his 1967 Barracuda, please contact her at 845-896-9756.

FYI

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

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