

# Grease Rag



**March 20<sup>th</sup> "Identify the Cars" Night at the Clarkes Postponed**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting Canceled**

BOCES is closed for the month.

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**National & Regional Dues Are Past Due**

If you have not already paid them, both National and Region dues must be paid in order for you to participate in our Region activities. Please pay our local dues of \$15 single or \$20 per couple at our next meeting or send a check payable to MHRAACA to:

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**May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Rhinebeck Car Show Canceled**

## Notes from the Prez

Hi Everyone,

I hope all is well. It is a deep regret to announce that there will not be a Rhinebeck Car Show this year for the first time in nearly 50 years. We will just look forward to seeing you at the show in 2021 where we can finally celebrate our 50th anniversary.

On another note, our regular meetings are on hold. I truly believe you know the reason, we certainly don't have to be reminded of this cause. Once we get an all-clear, I will notify you when the meetings will resume.

For now, please be safe and God Bless to All.

**Herb Lorenz**

### Welcome to the Coronavirus Edition of “From Your Editor’s Laptop”



Just a couple of tips to keep you healthy around your vehicles:

1. Have the blue nitrile gloves in all your daily drivers and vintage cars to use when you gas up. Who knows what nasty stuff is on them?
2. Also, keep hand sanitizer in all your vehicles. You can make your own hand sanitizer with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a cup of at least 90% isopropyl or rubbing alcohol and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of aloe vera gel. Add a bit of lemon juice for scent.

As I noted in my last Grease Rag’s “From Your Editor’s Laptop” column, I will stay on as editor of Rag through 2020, but I would like to turn over to a new editor at the end of the year. Anyone interested in taking the Rag on should let me know and we can work together this year so that it will not be a big leap for the first issue next year.

As mentioned previously and, 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? Is there one that got away, much to your regret? Share your story and, (with apologies to Paul Harvey), the “Rag” can tell “the rest of the story.”

**Steve**

**The Things You See at the 2020 AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia**



1976 Vanguard CitiCar (EV)



1934 DeSoto SE Airflow Four Door Sedan



Circa 1910 Studebaker Electric Coach



Note the Dual Driver Seats

As seen on page 40 of the March/April 2020 “Antique Automobile”, this is one of two “coaches” built specifically for moving up to 12 passengers through the tunnel between the Senate Office Building and the U.S. Capitol. The tunnel was too narrow for the coaches to turn around, so there was a driver’s seat for each direction so that the driver could see where he was going without having to look over his shoulder.

*Note - “The Things You See ...” is feature in each newsletter going forward. It highlights club vehicles and others seen at meets wherever, and on occasion will divert to unusual places or events when pictures are available. If you have pictures you would like to share, please send them to me at [macnish1947@yahoo.com](mailto:macnish1947@yahoo.com). ed.*

**MHRAACA Calendar – 2020**

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

- Mar 20 – Postponed**      **“Identify These Cars” Night – The Clarke’s Home, Staatsburg**
- Mar 25 – Canceled**      **Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301**
- Apr 29**                      **Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301**
- May 1-3 - Cancelled**      **Rhinebeck Car Show**
- May 16**                      ***Saratoga Auto Museum Spring Car Show, 9–3 (rain date 17th)***
- May 17**                      ***Pleasant Valley Rotary Car Show – Old Town Hall, Route 44***
- Jun 3**                        **Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301**
- Jun ??**                      **Rhinebeck Aerodrome Outing**
- Jul 4**                        ***Hyde Park Parade***
- Jul 10**                      ***National Collector Car Appreciation Day***
- Jul 12**                      ***Locust Grove Car Show***
- Jul 23 – 25**                **AACA Grand National Meet, Allentown, PA – see Steve Mac Nish  
(165 miles, 2.7 hours from BOCES)**
- Aug 2**                        ***Pleasant Valley Lions Car Show – Old Town Hall, Route 44***
- Aug ??**                      **“Night at the Drive-In”**
- Sep 7\***                      **Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301**
- Sep ??**                      **Vintage Car Run to Castle Point**
- Oct 14\***                    **Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301**
- Oct 7 – 10**                **AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA – see Steve Mac Nish  
(230 miles, 4.0 hours from BOCES)**
- Oct 18**                      ***Mills Mansion Vintage Car Gathering***
- Nov 4\***                      **Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301**
- Dec ??**                      **Holiday Party – Date, Time and Location TBD**
- Jan ??, 2021**              **Annual MHRAACA Planning Meeting – Date, Time and Location TBD**

\* Dates may change when BOCES calendar for 2020-21 school year is released.

In addition, other possible events discussed at January’s meeting included a trip to Dave Helms site in Milford, PA, Cars & Coffee get-togethers, a Renegades event and a garage tour.

**Refreshments & Program Schedule 2019**

Date	Refreshments	Program
Apr 29	Muriel Anderson & Lynn Golden	
Jun 3		
Sep 7		
Oct 14		
Nov 4		Auction

Refreshments are needed for June, September, October and November meetings. Regarding programs, 2020 is a blank page. 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](mailto:macnish1947@yahoo.com).

Please discard any MHRAACA membership applications you may have that do not reflect the new membership fees of \$15 single, \$20 a couple and National fee of \$40. Get copies of the new forms from Steve at [macnish1947@yahoo.com](mailto:macnish1947@yahoo.com).

**In case you missed it...**

... as previously noted, you can contribute the AACA's capital campaign for the new National Headquarters and Library & Research Center Building and get a virtual tour of the facility by going to [capitalcampaign.aaca.com](http://capitalcampaign.aaca.com).

Here's the architect's rendering of the view of the new HQ/Library as seen from the intersection of Hersheypark Drive and North Hockersville Road.



**2020 Committees**

With the coming year’s activities, please look over the committee assignments that have carried us through 2019. 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](mailto:hlorenz@hvc.rr.com) or at 845–797–1312.

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| 1.) <b>Rhinebeck:</b>                          | Owen Clarke, 1 <sup>st</sup> Rep<br>Laura Voght | Steve MacNish, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rep<br>Greg Voght | Joe Hines, Alternate              |
| 2.) <b>Sunshine:</b>                           | Charlie Evans                                   | Greg Voght                                       |                                   |
| 3.) <b>AACA Museum Liaison:</b>                | Greg Voght                                      |  |                                   |
| 4.) <b>Clothing:</b>                           | George Golden                                   | Lynn Golden                                      |                                   |
| 5.) <b>Picnic:</b>                             | Owen Clarke                                     |  |                                   |
| 6.) <b>Event Planning:</b>                     | Herb Lorenz<br>Charlie Evans                    | Ron Hicks<br>Joe Marsh                           | Bob Hanaburgh<br>Tom & Kim Herman |
| 7.) <b>Scholarship:</b>                        | Steve MacNish                                   | Rich Woods                                       |                                   |
| 8.) <b>Member Retention &amp; Recruitment:</b> |   | Steve MacNish                                    | _____                             |

*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.*

### **So, What's My Car Worth?**

by Jim Elliott 2020 AACA President

I am certain we have all been asked this question and also certain we have asked someone else this same question.

For those of us who collect cars, the value of the car is always important. We don't want to overpay and certainly do not want to part with a car for a bargain price.

So, what are our choices for determining value? There are many appraisers that will give you their estimate of value for a few hundred dollars. Most of these "guesses" come from a value guide or auction results.

The value guides are often published by insurance companies. But be careful, that high insurance estimate also works to generate a higher insurance premium.

Auction results are unpredictable. Not only are bids determined by the number of bidders but also the majority of the seller listing agreements allow for "phantom" bidding by the auction company. This is done to guarantee that the reserve price is met.

But the real answer to the question is "your car is worth what someone else will pay for it." Unfortunately, with fewer people entering the old car hobby, you should be concerned about the future value of your car.

A neighbor of mine has a late 30's Packard Sedan for sale. All six of the prospective buyers who have looked at this car were over the age of seventy.

It is time for each member and each region to begin a diligent effort to attract new members. We need to sell the "fun" that is available with our hobby.

More activities, such as shows, tours, and picnics, will always generate more members. Our cars need to be seen by the public.

We need to seek venues to display our cars, such as county fairs or antique malls. We have a great hobby in which a small minority of car owners participate. The best way to solidify the value of your collection is to increase our membership.

*I hope the day doesn't come when no one wants an antique car.*

## 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!

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

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Effective immediately, the L&RC will be closed to the public until March 30<sup>th</sup>. During this time, please direct any research questions to [critter@aacaa.org](mailto:critter@aacaa.org).

Once normal access and hours return, you can contact or visit the LRC:  
Monday thru Saturday 8AM – 4PM  
501 W. Governor Ave, Hershey PA, 17033  
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**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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**Nuts & Bolts**

**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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