

# Grease Rag



**Virtual Auto Museum Tours and Links to Auto Related Websites have replaced my on-site attendance to auto events.**

With time on my hands and no car projects other than installing back-up cameras on my '05 Prius and the editorial Corvair, I've spent a lot more hours surfing the internet for auto related "neat stuff."

To my mind, the auto auction scene is best explored on the Bring-a-Trailer website – **[bringatrailer.com](http://bringatrailer.com)**

Occasionally, I find an interesting article on the Mecum Auctions/Magazine website - **[mecum.com](http://mecum.com)**

General interest websites include:

**[autoshowny.com](http://autoshowny.com)** – has a multi-part NYIAS Historical Series on the auto industry since 1900

**[classiccarrestorationclub.com](http://classiccarrestorationclub.com)** – tips on repairing and restoring various components

**[thevrl.com](http://thevrl.com)** – Vintage Racing League NewsBrief

**[sema.org](http://sema.org)** – SEMA Action Network newsletter

**[aacamuseum.org](http://aacamuseum.org)** – AACA Museum newsletter

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[www.aacalibrary.org](http://www.aacalibrary.org)

**vanderbiltcupraces.com** – newsletter with history of the Vanderbilt Cup Races and news of Long Island’s auto events

**theoldmotor.com**

**forgottenfiberglass.com**

**thegreatautorace.com**

**jalopnic.com**

**undiscoveredclassics.com**

In addition, most auto museums have virtual tours. Google them for their websites.

### Notes from the Prez

Hi Everyone,

I hope this finds you all well, these days have been tough on all of us, some certainly more than others.

With regard to what does the future brings, I don't know. Certainly, there will be a time that we will start meeting together again but right now its anybody's guess when. We are starting to move around a little more and of course, we still need to obey all safety precautions but then again it certainly has let us get to work on the "I will get to it someday projects".

So please stay safe and we will all get through together.

Herb

### Welcome to the COVID-19 Edition 2 of “From Your Editor’s Laptop”

I would encourage you to check out **aaca.org** regularly to keep up with AACA news and events. If you are not already subscribed to **Speedster**, you should sign up now.



Just a couple of reminders 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 noted in past 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, 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

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

... our own Bill Bryant was cited as “a GMC Motorhome historian” in an article entitled “The GMC Motorhome was a brilliant moonshot RV with a case of bad timing.” The article appeared in Hagerty Insurance Company’s “*Daily Driver*” newsletter of February 24, 2020. You can sign up for the “*Daily Driver*” and Hagerty’s two other newsletters, the “*Weekend Road Trip*” and the “*Hagerty Insider*,” by searching the internet for [hagerty.com/media/newsletter](http://hagerty.com/media/newsletter).

### **MHRAACA Calendar – 2020**

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

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| <b>Jul 23 – 25</b>  | <b>AACA Grand National Meet, Allentown, PA – Limited to AACA members only (165 miles, 2.7 hours from BOCES)</b> |
| <b>Sep 7*</b>       | <b>Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301</b>  |
| <b>Oct 14*</b>      | <b>Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301</b>  |
| <b>Oct 10</b>       | <b>AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA – Saturday Car Show only (230 miles, 4.0 hours from BOCES)</b>           |
| <b>Oct 18</b>       | <b><i>Mills Mansion Vintage Car Gathering</i></b>   |
| <b>Nov 4*</b>       | <b>Monthly Meeting, BOCES Room 301</b>  |
| <b>Dec ??</b>       | <b>Holiday Party – Date, Time and Location TBD</b>  |
| <b>Jan ??, 2021</b> | <b>Annual MHRAACA Planning Meeting – Date, Time and Location TBD</b>  |

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

**NOTE – All events are subject to cancellation in order to comply with local COVID-19 restrictions.**

**Refreshments & Program Schedule 2019**

Date	Refreshments	Program
Sep 7		
Oct 14		
Nov 4		Auction

If we are able to meet in the fall, refreshments will be needed for the September, October and November meetings. Regarding programs, we have 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).

**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.

- 1.) **Rhinebeck:** Owen Clarke, 1<sup>st</sup> Rep Steve MacNish, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Bob Hanaburgh  
 Charlie Evans Joe Marsh Tom & Kim Herman
- 7.) **Scholarship:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.) **Member Retention & Recruitment:** 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.*

## **NOT Closed for Business**

by Steve Moskowitz, AACA CEO

These times are certainly a gigantic challenge for all of us and most likely the biggest challenge we have ever faced as a world, country and individually. There is a lot of pain and suffering occurring, but in the midst there are all sorts of wonderful things happening by those who refuse to let this pandemic define them in a negative way.

In the scheme of life and death, health or no health, the car hobby may feel insignificant. In that respect it is. However, some day the virus will be contained, life will get back to a new normal and we, as the most progressive and optimistic country in the world, will find a way to start enjoying life again. In the meantime, many of you have down time and are missing getting out with your cars and socializing. I feel bad for the donut shops and ice cream stores as our hobby certainly supported them well!

I am certain, many of you are finding garage time with your cars and handling needed projects at home. You may not be aware that there are other active ways you can get involved in AACA and the hobby by simply heading to your computer. There is an extremely active community at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org).

Our forums are buzzing with interesting topics, one, "Period Images to Relieve some of the Stress" should reach 50,000 views by the time you read this and race car fans can see an amazing thread of early photos title "Period RACE Car Images to relieve stress." There are many other topics you can read or join in on the conversation.

We also have two Facebook sites, the club official site is Antique Automobile Club of America and there is a very active group site that is approaching 20,000 members, AACA Antique Automobile Club of America. These are also great ways to interact with fellow members and hobbyists from all over the world. There are many great photos and interesting topics presented on Facebook!

Make sure we have your correct email address at national, as the monthly Speedster online magazine will not miss an issue. If you are not getting it or not bothering to open it up you are missing the latest news on the club. It is especially important now given our changing environment to stay up to date as to what is happening with the club.

Your national staff has not missed a bit. We are here for you. You can reach us by mail, phone or email. Staff is working from home but we are finding ways to get the job done so do not be hesitant to reach out to us. Hopefully, as you read this, we are back at full strength and here to serve you. In the meantime, stay active and don't give up as better days are ahead. That's a promise from all of us.

### **Check Out the AACA Forums**

by Mark McAlpine, VP – National Activities

Does the coronavirus have you down? Do you miss your AACA friends and activities? Then check out the AACA Forums.

If you've never explored the online AACA Forums, now's the time to do it. The AACA Forums have always been interesting, but members have been especially creative recently to help us pass the time and beat the boredom during our country's (and the world's) ongoing health crisis. Unable to attend the postponed AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals in Concord, NC, or the canceled AACA Central Spring Nationals in Auburn, IN? Members let us view antique vehicles from the comfort of our homes by starting posts on the AACA Forums with period photographs of antique vehicles and race cars. I know – this isn't the same as being able to walk the show field and enjoying the sights, sounds, and smells of these beautiful automobiles, trucks, buses, and motorcycles, but I really enjoyed the photographs of these vehicles, especially seeing them in their original settings, and I saw some vehicles I've never seen before.

Other members seemed to enjoy the photos, too – the "Period Images to Relive the Stress" topic has over 43,000 views. The "Period Race Car Images" topic has over 6,200

views. (I posted 20 car quizzes, but I think only my wife Marion viewed them.)

Looking for a "new" antique vehicle or those parts you need to finish your current restoration project? Check out the "Cars for Sale" and "Parts for Sale" sections of the AACA Forums. Members must be taking advantage of the down time to clean out their garages because listings in each section have increased significantly since we've all been restricted to home. (And if you're looking for an antique vehicle or part, there are separate "Cars Wanted" and "Parts Wanted" sections.)

There are AACA Forums sections for "Judging," "Newsletter Editors," "Garages, Trailers, and Towing," "Memorabilia, Toys, Art, Clothing, and Literature," "Our Cars & Restoration Projects," and "Technical." There's also loads of interesting information in the "AACA Library" section. If you haven't checked out the AACA Library & Research Center's website recently at [www.aacalibrary.org](http://www.aacalibrary.org), you need to do it. The old website was great, but the new one is fantastic.

So until we resume our AACA national and regional activities (soon, I hope), connect with your AACA friends and vehicles by checking out the AACA Forums at [www.forums.aaca.org](http://www.forums.aaca.org).

### 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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The L&RC is currently closed to the public. 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  
Phone: (717) 534 – 2082  
E-mail: [www.aacalibrary.org](http://www.aacalibrary.org)

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### Region Classifieds

**For Sale:** Charlie Evans wishes to downsize his collection. He is looking to sell his '83 Olds Toronado with 67k miles on it, and



the '64 Caddy Fleetwood Hardtop Sedan that he has owned for 46 years. It appeared in the Vogue fashion photo shoot 10+ years ago. It has a 429 engine and 38k miles on it,



Finally, his '32 Buick Series 97 four door sedan, a full classic with original paint. Call Charlie at 845-454-7867.



**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.



**FYI**

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

Aldo's Automotive Precision Machining, Ltd.  
Route 9W  
Highland, NY 12528  
845-691-8222  
[aldospm@aol.com](mailto:aldospm@aol.com)

Sarjo Industries  
70 Fairview Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
1-800-44SARJO (1-800-447-2756)  
Fax:845-454-0070  
[Faskit2000@aol.com](mailto:Faskit2000@aol.com)

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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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