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**Events-R-Us**

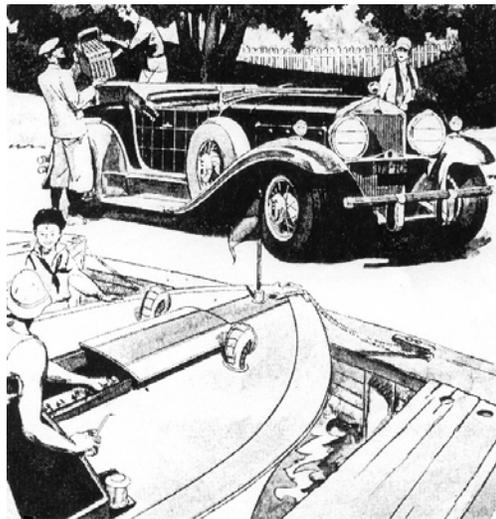
**By Chuck Crane  
VP National  
Activities**

AACA is the premier antique vehicle organization because we know how to do the big things that truly impact our hobby. One has only to look at the Hershey Fall Meet to see how one large Region has figured out how to work together, put on the greatest show on earth, and have a great time doing it since the 1950’s. But they started out small just like any other Region that chooses to put on a National event.

AACA has created guidelines for hosting all types of national events—and that’s all available online at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org). The Meet and Tour guidelines are Sections 4 and 5 of the Policy and Procedures Manual—and that’s all available to you to take the guesswork out. Lots of members have had input to these sections with what has worked and what has not in creating events. We have a wonderful computer program that handles registration and judging for our Meets. Don’t have a Chief Judge or a Registrar? Let your Headquarters staff know, and we’ll find you one. How about negotiating with hotels—we taught a seminar on that at the Annual Meeting this year. We do 10 national meets annually, named 5 day tours, and 2-3 day Divisional Tours. If you can do shows and tours locally, just expand your thinking a bit and show off your area to the greater AACA. Your club will be stronger for the experience and you’ll meet a lot of new friends. Properly advertised locally, a national event can really grow your membership!

So don’t wait. We have open slots for activities for 2014-18. Just give me a call at 281-814-4081 or send an e-mail to [flivverway@gmail.com](mailto:flivverway@gmail.com) and we’ll get started!

After 40 wonderful years of enjoying activities across AACA, I’ve observed that a large portion of our members are enjoying events in their local area but have never attended anything of a national nature. We have nearly 400 Regions and Chapters around this country who do a great job locally and with statewide events. We love these regional events because we see new sights, different cars, and make new friends. But, when asked about doing this for out of state members, many say it’s too complicated, we don’t have judges for meets, we don’t know how, etc. Your AACA National folks have worked hard to make National Meets and Tours easy for local groups to put on.



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## Legislative Actions Pertaining to Our Hobby

By Bill Gardner  
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## The AACA Story

By Bob Parrish  
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Being aware of proposed national/state legislation and local ordinances that may affect our car hobby is an important aspect of protecting our rights as hobbyists. During 2012 and continuing into this year, certain legislative actions had or will have the potential of being either positive or negative to our hobby.

Some of the positive legislative action that occurred in 2012 now allows residents in Pennsylvania to display the year of manufacture license plate on their respective vehicle. This passage allows a more authentic look to the vehicle and provides an answer to a bystander's question, "What is the year of that old car?" Many states already allow the display of the year of manufacture license plate on an antique vehicle and now Pennsylvania is included in the list.

Also, the state of Michigan passed legislation in 2012 that allows residents during the month of August to enjoy recreational driving. Under the previous law, use of a historic vehicle was limited to club activities, tours, parades, etc. I believe that this will provide more exposure of our collector cars to the general public and enhance our hobby and hopefully increase AACA membership.

Some of the negative proposed legislative actions that occurred in 2012, that may be reintroduced in 2013 include the following:

1. Increasing the vehicle registration qualification year
2. Increasing the vehicle annual registration fee
3. Increasing the restrictions pertaining to the vehicle usage
4. Increasing the restrictions pertaining to the storage of parts or non-operable vehicles (more restrictive local ordinances may be passed)

As I have mentioned in previous Rummage Box articles, an excellent way to keep informed about pending legislation both nationally and on a statewide basis is to join the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Action Network. This network (SAN) is comprised of a variety of car hobbyists and car groups/clubs who desire to promote and protect legislation that affects our hobby and associated industries. In addition, SAN provides you a listing of your representatives. →

For some time there has been a desire to tell the AACA story with upgrades. I wanted to let our members know that a new DVD has been produced to promote our organization. The initial idea was to have a program that would cover the past, present and future of AACA. There are some historic facts about how AACA was formed, the organization as it is today and a bit about the future.

The program is approximately 13 minutes in length. A PowerPoint format is available upon request from National, which can be viewed using a CD. This program is suitable for Region and Chapter use for their meetings or other service organizations use, such as Lion's Club, Kiwanis, Ruritans, etc. The program is very versatile; if a Region or Chapter would like to customize the program to showcase local tours, members, cars, etc., that is possible.

These DVD's were passed out during the Annual Meet-ing. If your region/chapter did not get a copy, they are still available from headquarters. Soon it will be seen on You Tube and the applications are endless.

I hope members will find the program interesting and educational.



I encourage each Region/Chapter to designate in 2013 a Legislative Representative to monitor proposed legislation by joining SAN. No costs are involved in joining and this network provides via email various updates and alerts regarding proposed legislation both from a national and statewide basis. You can join by simply accessing the website [www.semsan.com](http://www.semsan.com) and clicking on the "Get Involved" tool bar.

I continue to encourage everyone to stay abreast of proposed legislation and get involved in the process of communicating your opinions and views with your respective representatives. It is everyone's responsibility to protect our rights pertaining to our enjoyment of this wonderful hobby.



## AACA Museum To Celebrate Tenth Anniversary

By Don Barlup  
VP AACA Museum



## 2012 NAAP Program

By Wayne Burgess  
VP Publications

In just ten years, our AACA Museum in Hershey has become a first class venue for all forms of automotive historical displays and just plain fabulous vehicles. This notoriety throughout the hobby has only been possible through the generosity of our AACA family and its Regions and Chapters. A dedicated staff and passionate volunteers make each visit there an unforgettable experience.

The year 2013 will be the year of celebration of the first ten years. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> (the actual opening date ten years ago) the AACA Museum staff and its volunteer Special Events Council (the Museum's oldest volunteer group predating the Museum construction) will host its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on the Museum grounds. Plan to attend!

Anniversary celebrations are great, but the Museum Board of Directors needs your support to move the Museum forward, towards the next ten years and beyond. Our individual support and the continued support of our Regions and Chapters has never been more important than it is now.

Here are just a few suggestions for individuals and Regions and Chapters to insure the Museum's continued success:

1. Host your next function at the Museum, whether it is a car show, wedding, anniversary party or meeting. Catering is available.
  2. Participate in the Adopt-A-Car program.
  3. Buy a commemorative engraved brick. Two sizes are available. Bricks are located at the main Museum entrance.
  4. Become an AACA Museum supporting member. Several levels are available and benefits vary with the membership level chosen.
  5. Join the exclusive 161 Club, the highest level of support. Visits to private collections are a part of this program.
  6. Donate an artifact or vehicle to the Museum, which is available for immediate sale.
  7. Include the AACA Museum in your estate planning.
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On behalf of the AACA Publications Committee, I would like to thank each AACA region and chapter editor that participated in the 2012 NAAP program this past year. Our committee scored 101 newsletters and we had 28 editors that received the Master Editor award at our Annual Meeting this year. Your publications continue to improve each year. The sharing of newsletters has certainly helped with this and I'm sure your region or chapter members appreciate the hard work that you put in your publications.

We will do a little more refining on the NAAP score sheet again this year. Most of this work will be done to help the committee scorers with their scoring task. Any changes in the score sheet itself will be noted on the AACA Website under the Editor's Forum. I have noticed that the Editor's Manual on the Website needs to be updated, too, and I hope to have this completed early this year.

The 2013 NAAP program will begin in April. Please alert your secretary and president to be aware of the registration letter that should arrive in March. In the past we have had some editors not register because new secretaries did not recognize the registration letter from headquarters.

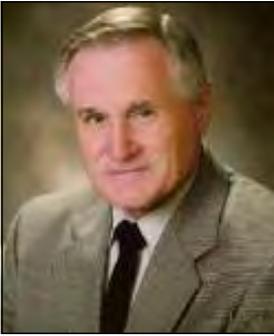


Again, congratulations, everyone, for a job well done!

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Information on any of these donation possibilities is available by contacting the Museum at (717) 566-7100. The AACA Museum is a 501c3 charitable entity and all donations are tax deductible, limited by the extent of the law.

Ten years of providing a service to our hobby is a momentous occasion. Let's keep that momentum going for the next ten years by becoming involved today! Visit the Museum at AACAMuseum.org, or better yet, plan a trip in person or organize a bus trip for your Region or Chapter.



## Enjoying Our Hobby!

By Hulon C. McCraw  
VP Class Judging



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Vern & Jan  
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Editors



When the antique automobile hobby comes up in conversation, what's the first thing that comes to mind? I'll bet the first thing that popped into your mind when you read the first sentence was an antique car show. Was I close? Probably, except for the touring population in our hobby and I feel sure your first thought was touring. Probably close again. However, the roots of our hobby reach farther than those two ways. Several ways available that you may not have thought of as enjoyment, really can be. Let's look at them.

**Research.** Before starting the restoration on your dream vehicle you should do the research, becoming knowledgeable of the authenticity to which you are restoring, too.

**Restoration.** While most of us may not have the expertise to do the entire restoration, we do aspire to do as much of it as possible. Call it bragging rights if you care.

**Showing.** Needless to say there is no shortage across America. Local shows are in most communities every weekend sponsored by our Region/Chapters. National Meets sanctioned by AACA in each Division across the United States allow our members to renew and make new friendships while making memories for life.

**Touring.** A popular way members enjoy their dream vehicle. They were built to drive and enjoy and there are those that do just that. I have heard them say, "You won't catch my car on a show field." The same can be said for the avid vehicle shower.

**Maintenance.** All mechanical machines need it. From oil change to greasing, tuning up and of course pampering with wax and cloth. Rubbing on them becomes an addiction.

**Recruitment.** Aw, here's one I bet you hadn't thought of. Your membership proves you are proud to be associated with the world's oldest and largest antique automobile club. Recruiting new members should be an easy task; sharing your experiences and enthusiasm for the club would excite potential members into joining.

**Committee Member.** This allows members to become involved in the decision-making process that keeps our club moving forward. Committees meet periodically, either at National meets, tours or by conference calls to review suggestions and concerns from the members.

**Judging.** Another avenue you probably haven't thought about, however, is the simplest and cheapest way for anyone to enjoy our hobby. You don't have to own an

2012 was a year of ups and downs for our family as we dealt with a number of challenges. We're looking forward to a less stressful 2013!

What challenges has your Chapter or Region faced this past year? What plans are underway to address those concerns? Would it be helpful to have feedback from your members? Surveys are one way to reach your membership. If your membership is tech-based, consider using SurveyMonkey.com's free survey tool to poll your members.

You could:

- Ask your current members what keeps them coming back year after year.
- Create a new/potential member survey. Ask them to rate the first event they attend; consider their feedback when planning future events.
- Compile a list of future events and ask members to indicate their interest levels.
- Poll your members to identify volunteers who may be willing to assume leadership roles or host events.

If you want your Region or Chapter to thrive and grow, it is essential to know what your members want!

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antique vehicle to become a judge. You only have to have love for them and the ability to view (judge) antique vehicles in a fair, honest and common sense manner, the way you would want your vehicle judged if you had one in the show.

Needless to say, I'm sure you can think of more now that I have aroused your interest and thought processes. Looking at the eight listed, is one any more important than another? No, in my opinion. All eight are bound together with one common thread, the love of the hobby. Now do some self-analysis. Where could you best serve to fulfill your desire to contribute to the future of AACA and our hobby? Success comes when a give-and-take attitude prevails. Everyone is a WINNER! Think about it! What club could you be involved in that pays the dividends AACA does? Friends, fellowships and memories made for a lifetime. No doubt a journey from coast to coast could be made and you would never have to spend a night in a motel.



## And the Word “Dealer” Means?

By Eric Marsh  
VP Judges Administration

In AACA we're all about originality. We try and help our vehicle owners and our AACA Judging Teams understand that the vehicles should represent how they looked when they left the dealer with factory authorized accessories.

One of the key words is **Dealer**. If I were able to sit at a table with my son, father and grandfather, I might get the following description from each generation.

My son would describe a dealership on the order of CarMax. Rows of vehicles in the display lot and several on display in the showroom. Multiple sales offices and display stations. The repair shop in the rear would be well lit and small with a computer at each bay. Recalled vehicles would be taken care of here, other work might be outsourced.

I grew up with dealers that were smaller. They had one or two rows of vehicles in the front lot and a back row for guys like me looking for a college commuter vehicle (cheap). A showroom would have four or five of the new models and have three or four sales offices. The repair shop would be of moderate size and moderate amounts of light fixtures. The primary focus was the annual tune-up and warranty repairs.

My father would describe the dealer on the street corner. A row of vehicles along the side of a modern, glass faced building. The display area was one or two of the new models and a couple of sales offices. A repair shop, and potentially a body shop, were in the rear with lighting supplemented with steel framed windows. Tune-ups, services and scheduled maintenance (valve jobs, etc.) were done here.

Then my grandfather would chime in. Oh, the dealership was perhaps the hardware store over on Baxter Street. You'd walk in and look in the catalogue to order your car. Weeks later that car came in and you picked it up at the train depot. You did your own maintenance and Fred's repair shop helped out when you needed it.

In all these generations there was a **dealer**, the image of which changed over time. I can only assume the changes will continue.



## 1-2 Cylinder Tours

By Steve Rinaldo  
Brass Car Touring Committee

One of the areas that AACA could explore is the possibility of hosting a semi-annual 1-2 cylinder tour on the years opposite of the Reliability Tour. This segment of the hobby is very specialized and requires some unique planning to put on a tour for these cars.

Things to keep in mind about these tours:

1. Most of these cars are very slow, traveling at speeds of about 20 mph, so the tours should be less than 50 miles per day.
2. Consider hills! To make my point, I was told about a couple that toured with a Brush. When they came to some larger hills, the man's wife had to leave the car and walk to the top of the hill. I was told many times, she beat the car and the driver to the top of the hill. What this means is that rough terrain is an important consideration when planning these tours.
3. There should be concern for trailers and tow vehicles. These cars are all trailered to the tours, so adequate provisions are in order.

I have done a few of these events and they are a blast. This idea is in the planning stage, so if you or your region would like to get involved in launching this program, please let me know. I personally think that we should do more to expose the earliest cars to the public. You would not believe the huge smiles you see on people's faces as you race by at 10 mph enjoying the local insects. Way too cool!

