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**National AACA
Meets and
Tours**

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1000 ft. underground in a gold mine. Not me though, I'm claustrophobic. In the hill country of Texas we have seen exotic animals on the YO ranch, and experienced historic Fredericksburg, TX. In Wisconsin we had a fabulous time with car friends at a place called 'Old World Wisconsin.' I suppose it could be called a living history farm. It shows how early immigrants to Wisconsin from various countries settled the new land. Canyon, TX, home of the second largest canyon in the US, has been a site for a couple of AACA meets. The Palo Duro Canyon is a very interesting place to visit. On the International side we've been to Paris and Dublin. Of course Paris was in Texas, and the Eiffel tower has a cowboy hat and Dublin is in Ohio. At all of these events there have been an untold number of interesting vehicles to look at.

I've come to the realization that those of us who attend national AACA events are not doing a good job 'at home' spreading the word of how much fun these AACA events can be. In a nutshell, if you like people, seeing different things, or old cars, you should have a good time at an AACA National event.

As a result of attending AACA events, we have visited various private auto and auto memorabilia collections not open to the public. We have visited a Fire Truck Restoration facility in Estes Park, CO and an Airplane restoration facility with a WWII museum in Colorado Springs, CO. The AACA meet in Auburn, IN provided an opportunity to visit the fabulous Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Everyone's taste in cars is somewhat different. Show days have provided an almost limitless number of vehicles to look at. Of special note to me are: the GM Futurliner, a prototype Graham Hollywood convertible, buses, dump trucks, milk trucks, bakery trucks and even a snow plow. AACA's recognition of unrestored vehicles always provides some interesting vehicles to look at, from amazingly preserved brass era cars to a marvelous late 1920's Lincoln. A few of my favorites include a '29 Pontiac, a '59 Chevrolet Bel Air and a Model A roadster which still had its original top.

On the interesting people side of things, we've made friends by attending national meets from all over the country. At a recent meet I flew from Nebraska to Florida. A friend from Virginia gave me a ride from the airport; I went to supper with folks from North Carolina and someone else from Tennessee joined us. On the plane back home, I was on the same plane with another AACA friend from Louisville KY.

The hobby is more than just the cars, but they are the common thread that brings us together. I have been thinking of all the places and things we have seen and I will share a few. We've been to Metropolis (IL), where you will find Superman and the nearby National Quilt museum in Paducah KY; toured a retired missile site in Kansas; a John Deere Tractor factory in Iowa; an Air Force Base in North Dakota; and another in Cheyenne WY. Have you ever heard of an air force base without runways? There's one in Cheyenne. Also in Wyoming we've visited a Buffalo Ranch and Cattle Ranch. In Colorado, we've driven to the top of Pike's Peak, toured Garden of the Gods and some went

Basically, if you cannot find something interesting or fun at an AACA national event, I think you just aren't looking.

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A Freshman No Longer

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Have You Considered Hosting an AACA National Event?

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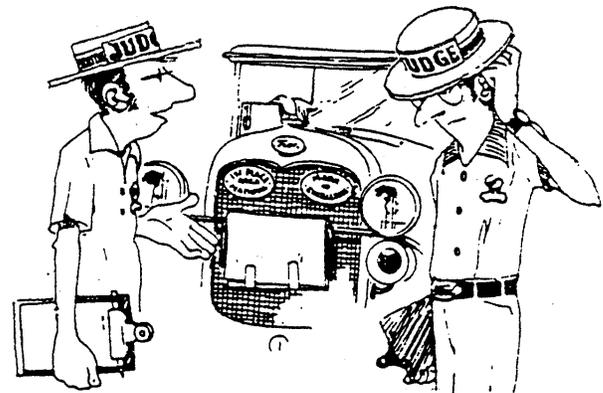
Have you ever been on a car tour where you were labeled as a lowly freshman and received a graduation diploma at the closing dinner? If this sounds like an interesting tradition, join the fun at the annual reenactment Glidden Tour. This national tour is jointly sponsored by AACA, and in even numbered years by VMCCA, with the odd years by AACA. Patterned after the original Glidden Tours of 1905-1913 for good roads and the automobile in America, this year marks the 69th revival Glidden and is hosted by VMCCA in Defiance, Ohio, September 21-26.

The five day revival Glidden tours began after WWII and now are for vehicles 1942 and earlier so a lot of brass era vehicles attend. The 2013 tour was held in Chattanooga, TN and hosted by the Chickamauga Region and Coker Tire Company. The 230 vehicles and 550 people saw plenty of mountain scenery, Civil War sites, quaint towns that turned out to greet us, and all had a great time.

For 2015, the 70th Glidden will be hosted by the AACA Okie Region of Chickasha, OK — the first time a Glidden has ever been in Oklahoma. It will center in Oklahoma City, visit car collections you've never seen before, learn about the Indian cultures that are a key part of what makes Oklahoma, tour the Chickasha area which is where the annual Pre-War Swap Meet is held, and you'll even meet the Chief of the Cherokee Nation! I received my graduation certificate from Dean of Freshmen Pat Swigert in 2012, will serve as Registrar for the 2015 Tour, and look forward to greeting you as I am no longer a freshman!

As VP of National Activities for 2014, it's my job to help your region or chapter to host AACA Meets and Tours. Most every AACA member has attended national events, and I'm sure some have wondered what it takes for a club to host events like these. A little event experience is certainly a plus when taking on this task, but the AACA helps support your club by way of a Board liaison or other experienced AACA member, or event chairman.

AACA Meets require qualified national judges who are already prepared to attend your meet. The VP of Class Judging assists in Chief Judge approvals and Judge's Administration is prepared to handle class judging results. Event sites, hotel availability and banquet facilities are the deciding factors on the size of a National meet.



AACA Tours are provided a knowledgeable Board Liaison to help guide your region or chapter with tours. A lot of AACA clubs already participate in local one-day tours, so it doesn't take much more to host an AACA 3-day Divisional Tour, a good place to get your feet wet. The host hotel and banquet facility are the deciding factors in how large a tour your club can host.

Please consider hosting a national event. It will make your club stronger. If you have any questions about openings in our national calendar, please feel free to contact me at waynesway29@yahoo.com.





Lookin' Up

By Bernie Golias
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There's a lot of exciting and positive developments taking place in the Library & Research Center. The Bookmobile's restoration is moving along nicely and will be utilized as a great educational and marketing tool; updates to the website gives it a fresh look that welcomes its member guests to participate in research and a growing commitment of our Friends group.

I think most patrons would be surprised to learn how many of the services and programs they enjoy are supported by the Friends. Please share your ideas as to how we can creatively promote our Library by raising awareness and increasing membership. We are continuously growing and your help with some specific hands on work is vital.

As a reminder, research is available on and off site and as a member you have 1.5 hours (90 minutes) of free research available to you. If you can't make a personal visit you can request services on line at www.aacalibrary.org. If you haven't stopped by the Library's web site recently, please do so; it's lookin' up. They even have a new logo.

With its ever growing inventory the Library is in need of financial support to carry out its purpose; that is to complete digitization of files, movies and miscellaneous periodicals, so they can be used by its members more efficiently. The library is looking for pre-war automotive sales literature, periodicals and quality historical memorabilia. Don't forget about our endowment and planned giving programs. These areas are vital to the continued existence and growth of the Library's future.

For more information on becoming a member of the Friends of the Library and to learn more about planned giving please contact the Library at 717-534-9101.



30 Bucks in Less Than 30 Minutes

By Fred Young
VP-Publications

That's how much it takes to register for an AACA meet. Now, don't get all flapped about this – it is soooo simple – as easy as reading this brief article.

FIRST, find a seat in front of your computer. Before you click on anything, make sure that you have your AACA membership card out.

Go to AACA.org, go to **MEETS**, and click on **Meet Registration**. Now that was tough, right? You are now on the **AACA MEMBER LOGIN PAGE**. Then enter your **Five Digit Member Number** in that box and your **Pin Number** in the box below (both numbers are on your membership card). Click **Submit**.



SECOND, you will be at a page entitled **ONLINE MEET REGISTRATION**. Click on **Meet Pre-registration**. You will be at a screen that reads **MEETS LIST**. Select a meet closest to you and click on that item. For each meet, the first item on the **EVENTS LIST** page is **VEHICLE REGISTRATION**. The cost to register a vehicle – whether to have it judged, or evaluated as Driver Participation or HPOF (Historic Preservation of Original Features) – is \$30.00.

THIRD, print your cards, and mail the card and \$30.00 to the meet contact. If you are entering Driver Participation or HPOF, go back to the AACA.org website and click on **Publications – Judging Guidelines**. All of the information that you will need about these two non-judged classes is listed in the Guidelines. Proceed – saunter, stroll, shuffle, but **DO NOT RUN** – to your “show” (DP or HPOF) vehicle. Get the bucket, the car cleaner, the sponge, and the hose ready. Now wash and dry that favorite ride of yours. You are ready to attend and participate in an AACA National Meet !

Told ya it was easy — 30 bucks in less than 30 minutes ! As the kids say: Easy Peasy !



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Here Is What Is Happening in Our Region/Chapter

John and/or Jane Doe
Editor, Region or Chapter

One of the most difficult tasks for us, as editors, is to open the blank file we use to begin each issue. All that white space calls out for words and pictures, and we are never entirely sure we will have enough content to put together a decent newsletter, one the recipients will look forward to reading as soon as it arrives.

As editors of the Rummage Box, we are not as active in the collection of the articles as we were as editors for the Wisconsin Region. The AACNA national board members write most of the Rummage Box content. They want to be sure the regions and chapters are aware of new programs, policy changes, legislation, and so forth, so they offer you, the editors, a variety of articles to help you fill up that blank file you are staring at as you begin each of your own issues. The Rummage Box is packed full of interesting information that your membership may want to know about. But these issues also have room to showcase the stellar articles your local members contribute to your newsletter.

For example:

- Do you have members who write good technical articles?
- Have any of your members finished a major restoration project?
- If your region or chapter members attended a national meet or tour, did they write about their experiences? The host region or chapter would probably love to see an article that showed the participants found all of their hard work worthwhile.
- Has your region or chapter been involved with any activities within your community? Your story might provide another region or chapter with the impetus to do something similar.

When you find a worthwhile article, submit it to Fred Young, our new VP-Publications. Until then, we will keep some blank space open for you!

