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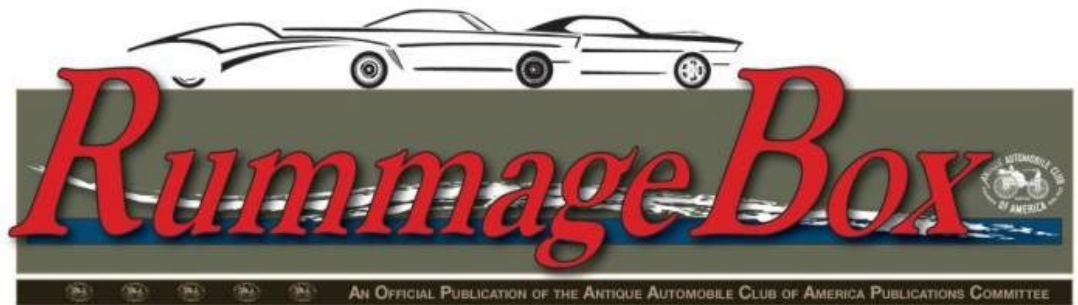
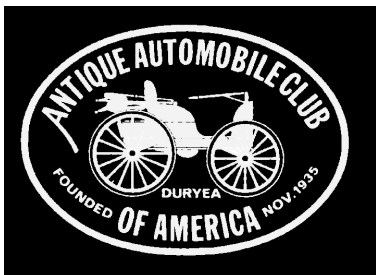
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Why AACA?
By Mary Bartemeyer

Vice President - Publications

Many times I am asked “Why should I belong to AACA?”

Perhaps this is one woman’s opinion but here is what I have found from personal experience. I am lucky enough to have several vehicles, partly because I’m old and have never sold any of the cars I purchased new. But I didn’t realize how old I was until my first brand new car became an antique at 25 years. Each of my vehicles has a club devoted specifically to that vehicle and I’m sure they are great clubs however there is not enough time in the world to do justice to each and every one. AACA has given me the opportunity to show and drive all my vehicles. From my Dad’s 26 Model T Ford to our 78 Chevrolet Suburban, all have a place in AACA. At each show you can run the gambit from the early 1900’s to 1992. Not only fully restored vehicles, but also original and driver participation entries. Where else can you get all that history all in one place? There are tours that specialize in early and later cars, with something at a speed for every car.

Of course we have a world famous publication “Antique Automobile” with an Editor, West Peterson, who pours his heart and soul into every issue. Our Library continues to grow. New collections are arriving all the

time. If you need information about your auto, I’ll bet you can find it there. Along that same line is the knowledge of our club members. One local Region member wanted to buy a new vehicle but was hesitant since he didn’t know all the ins and outs of the vehicle and what to look out for. After one phone call to a member he not only had his info, but 3 other members to augment his thoughts. The depth of knowledge that our members contain is undeniable, as is their willingness to help.

Last but not least, I have made so many friends from all over the country. I have expanded my knowledge of not only my vehicles but all the vehicles of the AACA. At our last meet in Auburn we had a joint meet with the Classic Car Club of America, not only did our member vehicles shine, those of the Classic Car Club enhanced our experience.

I guess it gets down to this – Why not AACA?



Editor's Note

Matt Hinson
Rummage Box Editor



You are the Sales Team

Wayne Tuck
Vice-President,
Membership

Welcome to my sixth issue as Editor of the *Rummage Box*. I hope that you have all been enjoying the Spring weather like I have. Here in Wilmington NC, we typically have a short Spring followed quickly by a hot humid Summer. We have had a long stretch of cooler, less humid, antique car friendly weather. I have enjoyed driving my 1937 Buick Century on an almost daily basis for the past few weeks. I have also been busy in the garage making small improvements to the condition of the car. I have enjoyed local Chapter and Region events as well as attending the Charlotte Autofair. After the Autofair, I enjoyed hosting the 36-38 Buick Club's Annual tour, so that gave me a chance to enjoy some of our local tourist attractions, drive my 1937 Century several hundred miles and meet some of the members of that club that I had never met before.

With hosting an old car tour, driving my old car, attending local AACA events, and attending National AACA events, it has been a good Spring so far.

As seems to always be the case, folks on the AACA Discussion Forum are discussing how to get young people into the antique automobile hobby. It is my belief that simply exposing young people to old cars with a pleasant and welcoming attitude will help us continue to add new members over the years. I personally find that simply driving my old car to lunch and/or dinner on a fairly regular basis always seems to attract attention and start conversations. Just yesterday, I was pulling up to a stop sign near my house and a pre-teen young man who was walking into the corner drug store with his mother, yelled out, "Nice Car!". I briefly thanked him before he went into the drug store with his mother. I often get a chance to talk to others about the hobby in similar situations.

Later in the evening, on my way home from Dinner, I was flagged down by a group of 7 or 8 similar age young men who were walking along the path around a local park. I stopped and found that the young men wanted to talk about the car and asked to pose for photos with it. Several of them used their cell phones to take photos of each other with the car. I don't expect them to be active in the hobby soon, but the seed is certainly planted for sometime down the road. Being welcoming and nice to young people will pay off down the road. We can all act as Ambassadors for the hobby on a regular basis.

Being newly elected to your national board of directors and not knowing what my assignment would be I was reluctant to accept the nomination for president of the New Jersey Region. After much persuasion I agreed to accept the position and was put on the ballot unopposed. The New Jersey Region is the tenth oldest region in the country, having been in existence since 1951. Membership, much like the national, has remained constant for many years. Providing regular monthly meetings, tours, annual car show, parades and attending numerous charity events, this region offers a lot of fun and friendship to members.

Upon learning my assignment would be VP-Membership I became very aware that our region was missing out on some great opportunities to recruit new members. Putting the subject on the meeting agenda brought forth many great ideas from members who were very enthusiastic about getting involved with a recruiting initiative. As a result a membership recruitment committee was formed. Recruitment literature, displays, banners and plans to attend more events where potential members would be present were put in place. The new "Red Mustang" cut-outs provided by national were included with our recruitment package. Our recruitment committee has been very encouraged by the early positive results of their efforts and are planning many more events to grow our region membership.

What does your region do to recruit new members? Does your region or chapter attend events that other old car enthusiasts participate in? Do these events afford the opportunity to set up a membership table to promote membership? Does your club have literature available for members to carry with them promoting the benefits of region membership? Do you have a committee to coordinate member recruitment? What activities does your club provide that would interest other old car enthusiasts? Do you have region members that belong to marque clubs such as Buick, Packard, Hudson, Model A, etc.? Do they promote the fact that belonging to an AACA Region enhances their hobby?

Finally, what can national provide to help you with your efforts? I'm anxious to hear from you with any ideas you can share that work for your region. Our region members are our best salespeople. Your efforts can help us grow and remain strong!



Welcome to AACA

By Bob Parrish

Vice President,
National Awards

You never know who you will meet at an AACA activity, if only people will talk with each other there is much to learn. Recently, at the Tidewater Region AACA monthly meeting a visitor (and prospective new member) sat next to me. As I began to welcome her she began to tell me that she had inherited her grandmother's 1955 Ford, which had been in the family since it was new. I explained the benefits of AACA membership and the activities of Tidewater Region, which appeared interesting to her. She was looking for an opportunity to enjoy the Ford and its many personal memories that she had of this family vehicle.

I feel that this scenario exists all over our country and bringing the pieces together will benefit the member, the National club as well as local Regions. As we began to discuss the area where we lived I found out I was raised in the same neighborhood and attended the same schools and furthermore I knew her mother, dad and brother growing up in Norfolk, VA. Our mothers were also good friends. This really is a small world we live in and open conversation only demonstrates this. At the end of the meeting, I thought we obtained a new AACA member and Tidewater Region member also. When you see a stranger at you next Region gathering, engage them, make them feel welcome and everyone will profit from the experience.



What's Missing

By Don Barlup

Vice President,
National Activities

I recently had the pleasure of attending one of our many successful National meets.

The Region was well prepared!
The venue and show field were great!
The volunteers were accommodating!
The vehicles were varied and stunning!
The judges were professional!
The spectators and members were enjoying themselves and each other!
The weather could not have been better!

But something was missing!

I walked the whole show field looking for it, but it was nowhere to be found. Where were the flea market and car corral? Obviously, I am not referring to Charlotte, Auburn, or Hershey.

As Regions hosting National meets, we sometimes forget to include flea markets and car corrals. Why? They are profit centers and our members enjoy the opportunity to browse. Don't forget the ladies. They might enjoy a small arts and crafts area. Let's make a point to always include a flea market! OK?



Photo from 2016 Hershey Flea Market

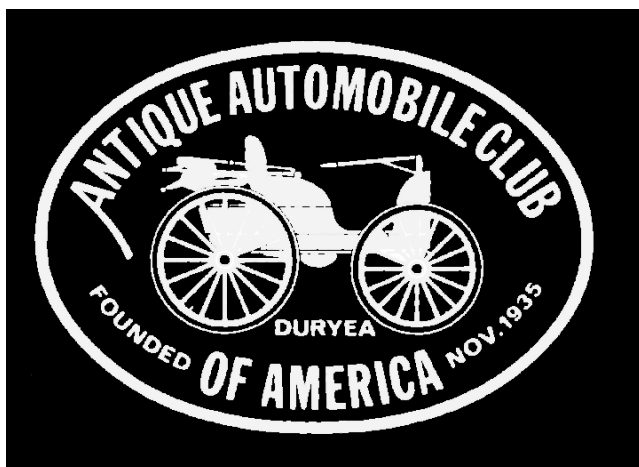


2017 AACA 1/2 Year Memberships Now Available for New Members

Do you have a friend who has been thinking about joining AACA? Regions & Chapters, are you trying to recruit new members for your club? This is an excellent time to encourage new people to sign up for membership. Beginning on June 1st, AACA National Headquarters will process any new 2017 membership applications as ½ year memberships. The ½ year membership includes the months June through December at a cost of only \$18.00 (\$23 for non-U.S. members). The ½ year membership gives new members an opportunity to get a taste of AACA without paying the full year membership fee. Anyone that includes the yearly payment of \$35.00 (\$45 for non-U.S. members) with their new application will be refunded \$17.00 (\$22 for non-U.S. members). ½ year members are entitled to the following benefits:

- Members receive 3 issues of *Antique Automobile* magazine: July/August, Sept/Oct & Nov/Dec.
- Members are eligible to join an AACA region and/or chapter.
- Members can exhibit vehicles & compete for national prizes & annual awards.
- Members receive limited free research by the AACA Library & Research Center staff.

The ½ year membership is for **first-time new members only**. It doesn't apply to current members that are late in paying their yearly dues or members that have left their membership lapse for a year or more and wish to reinstate their membership. If you have any questions regarding the ½ year membership program, feel free to contact Karen White at AACA Headquarters at [717-534-1910](tel:717-534-1910) or kwhite@aca.org.



Fire Extinguishers - What's the big deal?

By: Roger Irland
Vice-President,
Judging

So, when's the last time you saw flames erupt at a car show, right? Other than ones painted on a rod...

Well, in my experience, I'm happy to have had an extinguisher handy when I needed it. A number of years ago, I set out for a local cruise night in my 1963 Imperial. As I maneuvered into a parking space, a soft bang and a loss of much-needed steering boost resulted from the high pressure hose bursting. Hot steering fluid sprayed on a hot exhaust manifold meant flames—and not the painted kind. I suppose I could have run over to the Home Depot and bought an extinguisher and I might have beat the Fire Department to the scene...

As I had an extinguisher on the floor by the passenger seat, I was able to quickly douse the flames with minimal collateral damage. I drove the car home and did not make the 10 o'clock news.

At a meet in Nebraska, while a steam car was being fired up, some leaking gas caught fire. Not a big conflagration, but nearby extinguishers kept a disaster at bay. So another good reason to have a fully charged fire extinguisher at the ready is to keep someone else's problem from spreading to your car.

I know some like to keep their extinguisher in the trunk, even held in by a bracket. I have a challenge for you. Have a friend time you as you start from the drivers seat, grab the keys, run around back, open the trunk and free the fire extinguisher from its' bracket and then head back up front to where the problem is. Compare that to reaching under the seat to grab the extinguisher. The cost of a five pound fire extinguisher is nothing compared to the damage that can be prevented when it's available to put to use immediately.

So, you have one for the kitchen, on the way to the basement and one or more hanging in the garage, right?

New Collections are Arriving at AACA!

The Antique Automobile Club of America's Library & Research Center has scored a trio of new collections to add to their current extensive holdings of over 1,500,000 automotive related documents. This library is unique in the fact that it is a free public library and available to anyone worldwide. Its mission continues to be one of service to hobbyists, researchers and writers regardless of affiliation with the club or not.

The centerpiece of these new acquisitions is the incredibly generous donation by Amos Media Company of the library at the former *Cars & Parts* magazine. *C & P* traces its beginnings to 1957. This extensive library was used by their staff throughout its long publishing history. AACA has had an equally long history of involvement with the magazine as current AACA editor West Peterson was a former editor at *Cars & Parts* and noted hobbyist, editor and all around great guy Bob Stevens was a long time active AACA member. According to Bruce Boyd, President of Amos Media Company, "We chose to donate our collection to the AACA Library as it ensures that the work of our wonderful staff over the years will continue to support the collectible vehicle hobby. This library is unique in its ability to help people worldwide as it has state-of-the-art library technology and an amazing professional staff that will preserve the materials for the future. While it was sad to end the storied run of *Cars & Parts* we are most happy to know that the AACA Library will continue to honor our brand."

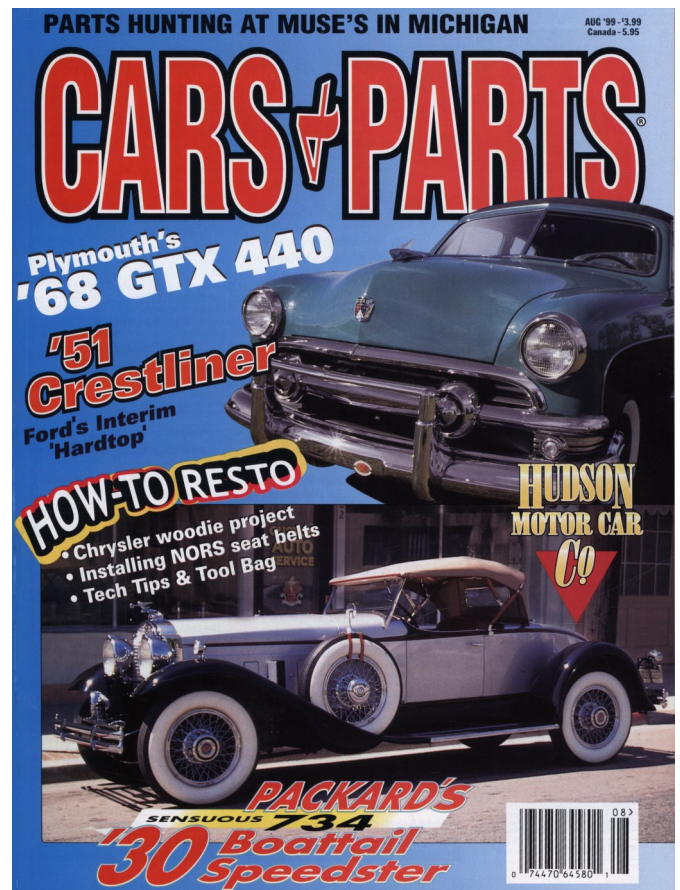
The collection at Amos Media will fill in the blanks of several important periodicals in the library's offerings. Being a full service library is important to AACA as it recognizes all eras of automotive history. "We are most indebted to Amos Media for entrusting us with the care of its valuable library. The collection will remain together as a testimony to a great company and a great magazine that we all miss," stated head Librarian Chris Ritter.

The next collection that has made its way to the library is a personal but important collection donated by AACA member Mark Theisen. During his long time association with antique cars Mark has managed to amass a sizeable library that filled a car trailer and then some. The collection includes rare books and brochures that will be invaluable to researchers especially those with an interest in Midwest racing. The archives are dedicated to Mark's father "Red" who instilled him his love of cars and racing. The AACA Library & Research Center is fortunate to have earned the respect of collectors around the world and to continue to receive amazing donations such as this. Another very, very cool eclectic collection is working its way here to be added to previous material we have from the Fisher Body Craftsmen Guild.

Finally, a fan of the AACA Library and noted automotive writer Jim Donnelly is working with us to fill our shelves with books we currently do not have. Jim has an extensive collection so we are hopeful to add more to our holdings. Growing our library means we can help more people, preserve history and that is the name of the game.



Photos from the unloading of the Theisen Collection



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