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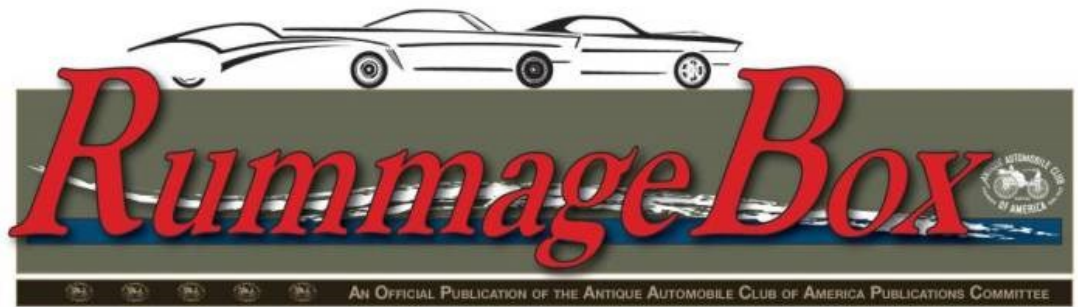
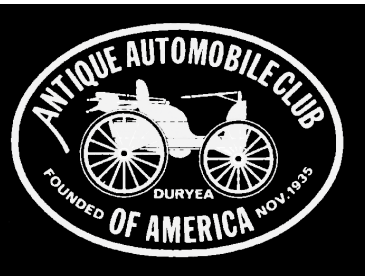
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Judging Results

Jim Elliott
Vice President -
Judging

I am often asked "How do I get a copy of my judging sheet?". A simple letter to the Vice-President of Judging can get you the information you desire.

The letter is to be mailed to the current Vice-President of Judging at the address provided in the Antique Automobile magazine or the club website and should include the following:

1. Your name and address
2. The year, make and model of your show vehicle
3. The judging class for your vehicle
4. The meet you attended
5. A self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your results

It is the policy of the AACA to provide a summary of the deductions received and not an exact score. As a result, you will receive a highlighted judging sheet disclosing the areas in which deductions were made.

You can use this information to inspect your vehicle and possibly improve it for the next meet or next level of competition. It is often helpful to have another judge or a member of your Region review the vehicle with you.

The AACA standard for judging is to present your car as it was delivered to the original owner from the dealer. Items that are not period correct receive deductions, as well as items that no longer appear new.

While the AACA promotes competition, remember that this is a hobby. Have fun at the meets and enjoy your historic vehicle.



Let'em Ride

Fred Trusty
Vice President -
Regions -
Western Division

I want to share something that happened to me at a local church cruise event last year. It was the end of a hot summer day and I was ready to get home to some air conditioning. I was loading my chair and cooler in the bed of my 1929 Ford Model A truck when a woman and her son stopped to look at my truck. The boy looked to be about 8 years old. She asked me what year it was so I told her a little bit about the truck. As they were walking around the truck she was telling her son that this is what trucks looked like in 1929.

The lady thanked me for bringing the truck and as they started to walk away I asked the boy if he wanted to ride in my truck. The look on his face was priceless! His eyes got big as he looked up at his mother shaking his head up and down. He climbed in and we took a short ride in the subdivision. He had never seen a truck that didn't have seat belts and one that you had to manually shift gears.

His mother took a picture of him and the truck and I told him to tell all his friends that he rode in a 1929 Ford Model A truck. He thanked me for the ride as I shook his hand. It brought back memories of the first time I was invited to ride in a Corvette when I was 12 years old. It really doesn't take much effort to plant those old car hobby seeds. Just give 'em a ride.



Editor's Note

Matt Hinson
Rummage Box Editor



Talk about AACA!

Mel Carson
AACA Executive Vice President

Welcome to my ninth issue as Editor of the *Rummage Box*. Recently, I decided to attend the 36-38 Buick Club's annual tour and then stay a few more days and attend the AACA Central Spring Meet in Auburn. The Auburn Meet has a reputation as a great Meet but I had never attended it before. I thought that it would be more practical to trailer my 1937 Buick Century to Auburn. A friend who routinely loans me his truck and trailer had another out of state event that he needed his truck for the same week, but the trailer was still available.

I called a fellow local AACA Chapter member who owns an used auto dealership to inquire about buying a truck. When he learned I was going to Auburn, he suggested that he would rather loan me a truck for the trip instead of selling me one. He actually had planned to fly to Auburn to attend the RM Auction and the AACA Meet and Swap Meet. He did not want to drive up, because he planned to meet his father in Auburn and drive his father's vehicle home to Wilmington. With me borrowing a truck from him, he would have a way to get his purchases home easily.

I loaded the car on the trailer and took off for Auburn in the borrowed 2014 Ford F250 Super Duty truck. The truck made it about 2 hours into the trip before suffering a massive brake power booster failure. I was able to drop the truck and trailer off at a Ford dealership. I unloaded the 1937 Century from the trailer, loaded all of our luggage into the Buick and away we went at about 4 pm. We made it to Charleston, WV and stopped for the night at about 10 pm. Monday morning, we got up, and traveled the rest of the way to Auburn, arriving at about 4 pm with the trip odometer showing a distance of 702 miles. While unexpected, the trip was actually a lot of fun. We spent a lot of time on Interstates but also enjoyed a bit of time on secondary roads including a great meal stop on the Lincoln Highway at a truck stop that was built in 1950.

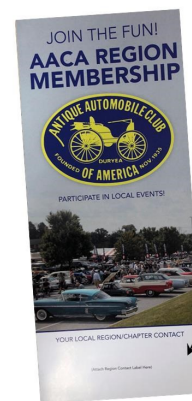
My local AACA friend actually brought the trailer with another truck to Auburn. I ended up driving that truck home full of a lot of stuff that he bought and my 1937 Century on the trailer so it all worked out well.

I am also still working on the restoration of a 1938 Buick Century. If you want to see this project, please check it out on the AACA Discussion Forum at: <http://forums.aaca.org/topic/297623-1938-buick-century-model-61-four-door-touring-sedan-trunk-back/>.

I hope that others are having as much fun in the hobby as I am these days.

Most of us probably talk with many folks who are interested in antique cars because they see us driving around and they want to look up close and ask questions. Of course this probably happens most often at a cruise-in when many other cars are present. This is a good opportunity to point out the benefits of being a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America. A fantastic bi-monthly magazine and great National AACA Meets and National Tours around the country are just the beginning measures of a great organization. This is also a great chance to make use of AACA's new tri-fold brochures. A supply of brochures can be ordered at no charge from AACA's National Headquarters.

**USE OUR NEW TRI-FOLD BROCHURE
TO PROMOTE THE BENEFITS OF
YOUR REGION**



**YOUR REGION
CONTACT INFORMATION
HERE**

Simply attach your label to this handy brochure to promote the benefits of membership in **YOUR REGION**.

A great handout at cruise nights, car shows, touring events or when any opportunity arises to promote your club. Keep a couple handy in your glove box.

These brochures are available from AACA National Headquarters. Ask your region president or membership secretary to order some today.



Join the Fun - Become an AACA Judge

Mark McAlpine
VP Region Support and
Development - Central Division

There are two certainties at every AACA national meet:

- 1) We can't hold an AACA national meet (or regional meet) without antique vehicles; and
- 2) We can't hold AACA meets without judges.

I want to thank every AACA member who already serves as an AACA judge or is in the AACA Judges Honor Society. Your efforts as judges allow our club to fairly evaluate all the vehicles present on our show fields and to recognize and appropriately reward the owner's efforts to preserve, restore, and maintain his/her antique vehicle.

To those AACA members who aren't judges, I strongly encourage you to give it a try. Serving as a judge not only ensures we have enough judges at every meet to keep the workload for each judging team at a reasonable level, it also helps you better assess your own vehicle before entering it into an AACA meet. You can read the *AACA Official Judging Guidelines* and get a good understanding of the club's judging criteria, but the best way to understand them more completely is to attend an AACA Judging School and then serve on an Apprentice Judging Team. Even if you decide you don't enjoy judging—but I think you will—you'll have a better understanding of what those judges are doing when they circle your car for five to ten minutes and gain an appreciation of the attention, fairness, and reasonability they're applying when they judge a vehicle.

Becoming an AACA judge is easy: register online to judge on the AACA website or by mail before the deadline for a national meet, attend an AACA National Judging School (offered at every AACA national meet, typically on Friday afternoon before the show on Saturday), attend the Judges Breakfast on Saturday morning at the meet and find out the team you've been assigned to, then go out and have some fun judging. The first time you judge at an AACA meet, you will be assigned to the Apprentice Judging Team, which ensures your first experience judging will be stress-free. Depending on the number of judges and cars on the show field, judging usually takes less than two hours.

After serving as an Apprentice Judge the first time you judge, at future meets you'll be assigned to a judging team based on the competition judged ("points judging") or certification class preferences you submit when you register to judge. Your judging team will consist of a team captain and four judges. The team captain will be an experienced Senior Master Judge and usually very familiar with the vehicles in the classes you're judging. Your fellow judges will have varying levels of judging credits—some

more than you, some less than you (after you've judged a few times)—but all bring different experience and knowledge. If your experience is similar to mine, you'll meet some interesting and nice people and learn something new from them each time you judge.

So, if you're an AACA judge—thank you very much for sharing your knowledge, experience, and time with us! If you're not a judge yet—why not? Join the fun—share your knowledge with us and learn something new in the process. (And you can impress people when you tell them you're an AACA judge!) I look forward to serving with you on the show field at a future AACA meet.

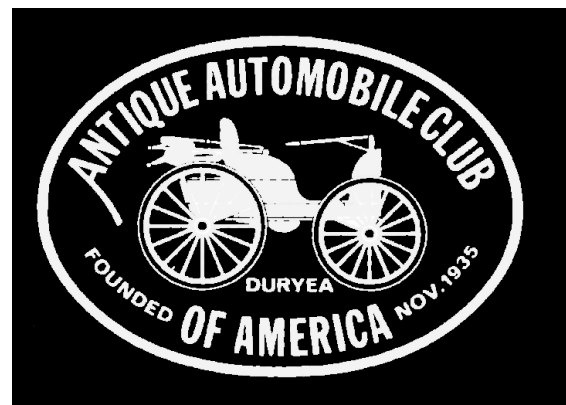


Attend an AACA National Meet!

Mel Carson
AACA Executive Vice President

It is a fact that a large number of AACA members have not ever attended a National AACA Meet. There will be some fantastic National AACA Meets in 2018 - 2019. You can review the list and locations under Calendar of Events in the current issue of *Antique Automobile*.

Depending on the Meet location, you can see up close about 200 to 1,400 AACA classified vehicles. Many of these Meets are probably within a reasonable driving distance for you. This would be the opportunity to view the car of your dreams and plan a strategy to obtain that certain car. Either way, you gain much needed information and fulfil your desire to have more knowledge about the antique vehicle hobby! Plan now to attend a National AACA Meet in 2018 – 2019.





Publications Update

David Anspach
Vice President - Publications

The Newsletter evaluation program is in full swing. It looks like a great year for AACA Publications. I want to first thank all of the evaluators. Without them, the awards program could not exist. These people spend hours of their personal time studying every newsletter submitted for evaluation with no reward! Please thank them when you see them.

Now I want to discuss the most common problem that we, as evaluators, have found so far. The use of copyrighted material has been found in a lot of publications this year. Using copyrighted material can set you, your region and its officers, and the National club up for legal action. There have been court awards of 10's of thousands of dollars when the original writer of an item has sued a publication for the use of his material.

What is the most common source of that material?...The Internet. If you use something you found online, you can almost assume that it is copyrighted! Articles, jokes, pictures, trivia contests, even crossword puzzles, are usually copyrighted. Using this material can cost you and your club a lot of money. Make sure material that is submitted to you from members is also checked as they may have gotten it from copyrighted sources.

So how can you get the material you need and still protect yourself? ASK!! Take the time to find the source of the material and ask the originator for permission to use it. In most cases, you will be asked to credit the source and nothing more. You may however be asked to pay a fee. It is then a decision as to pay or not use the material. I know it takes time but it can save you a lot of money! Many web sites state that permission is granted with crediting. If it doesn't say that, you can bet that it is protected material. In addition, there are sources, such as the *Rummage Box* or the *AACA Speedster* that are printed just for the purpose of helping provide our editors with materials to use. Also sharing of newsletters from other Regions is helpful in getting material.

Obviously, any original material written by editors and chapter members, is ok to use without any further permission. But otherwise protect yourself and your club. If you have any questions on a piece of material feel free to e-mail me at tmkldwwj@yahoo.com or call me at 484-769-7856.



Are You Up to the Challenge?

Don Barlup
2019 Nomination Committee
Chair

2019 is just around the corner and your AACA National Board of Directors are looking for a few committed ladies and gentlemen to serve our organization.

Your first question should be; what are the expectations that go with the position? Here goes!

- 1) First and foremost – A strong desire to do your part to advance the hobby and AACA to the best of your ability.
- 2) To work with your fellow Board of Directors (the team) to accomplish the above.
- 3) To support the Regions/Chapters national meets and tours in your division.
- 4) To attend three board meetings each year. The Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in February, the Fall board meeting in Hershey in October, and the Spring/Summer meeting at the call of the President (location varies).
- 5) To perform your assigned VP position and other appointed duties with professionalism at all times. A three year commitment is required.
- 6) To always observe confidentiality regarding board business as required and to support the majority decision of the board.
- 7) To always put our members first and conduct ourselves accordingly.

Now, how do I get started? Your AACA Board wants committed individuals to represent our membership. We prefer you to become involved on a National Committee and/or hold a leadership position in your local Region or Chapter.

If you have a sincere desire to represent AACA to the best of your ability, your club needs you! For additional information or to discuss your future with AACA's Board of Directors, contact me today.





Das Awkscht Fescht

John McCarthy
Vice President - Endowments

On August 3, 4 and 5, 2018 the Ontelaunee Region AACA will host the 55th Das Awkscht Fescht (The August Festival) at the 42-acre Macungie Memorial Park in Macungie, PA. DAF is more than a big car show and flea market it is an event for old car lovers and their families with many events taking place over a three-day period. The Park contains one of the oldest band shells in the East and over the three-days there are many bands and other musical performances. The Park contains many trees so there is plenty of shade to set up chairs and watch the cars arrive. Due to the large number of vintage vehicles at this event, all vehicles must be pre-registered and there is no judging. Vehicles receive a different dash plaque each day and each vehicle receives a nice gift for attending each day.

There is a large auto flea market and for the ladies there are several large tents and a building with arts and crafts. For the family there is a pool and many food vendors providing a wide variety of foods. There is also a car corral for those looking to increase the size of their old car fleet.

The show begins on Friday with all collector vehicles ten-years old or older welcome including street rods and customs. Friday is a good day to make the rounds of the flea market for those elusive parts.

On Saturday vehicles twenty-five years old and older are welcome (no street rods or customs) and are parked in one of six classes. One of the best toy shows in the East takes place at two nearby schools with free shuttle bus service provided to and from the schools. There are many activities and events for the kids such as balloon demonstrations, magicians, storytelling and a juggler. Saturday evening brings an large fire works show.

On Sunday vehicles are parked by marque with most marques represented by a national or regional club--this is a good time to be parked with similar make vehicles and talk with fellow owners.

Each year one marque is honored---for 2018 it is Packard. There is a large tent that will be contain many Packard's and will be staffed by the Keystone Packard Club, a region of the Packard Club. Many other Packard's will be parked next to the tent.

Das Awkscht Fescht is a wonderful event. We first attended DAF in 1987 when we lived in New York and have only missed one year since.

For more information visit www.awkscht.com.

2018 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 1, AACA National Headquarters will process any new 2018 membership applications as 1/2 year memberships. The 1/2 year membership includes the months June through December at a cost of only **\$20 (\$25 for non-U.S. members)**. The 1/2 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 \$40 (\$50 for non-U.S. members) with their new application will be refunded \$20 (\$25 for non-U.S. members).

1/2 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 1/2 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 1/2 year membership program, feel free to contact Karen White at AACA Headquarters at 717-534-1910 or kwhite@aaca.org. [Click here](#) to download an AACA membership application.

Reminder to Regions & Chapters: Don't forget to use the complimentary 2018 membership applications that were sent to your region or chapter by September 30, 2018.