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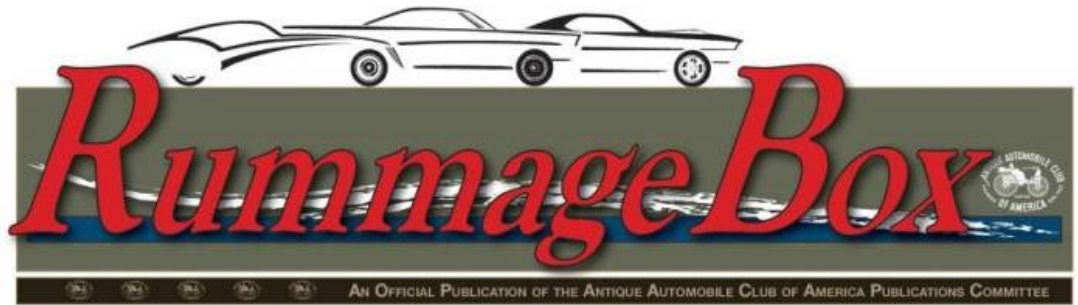
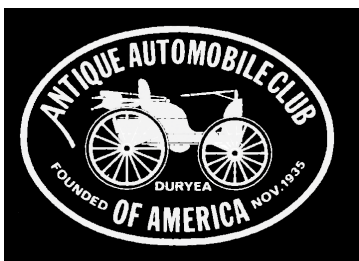
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Do a Good Deed

Lars Anderson
Vice President,
Library & Research Center

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Why do you rob banks?

Wayne Tuck
Vice President,
Membership

Legend has it, “Because that’s where the money is” was the answer given by infamous bank robber Willie Sutton.

Sounds like a pretty simple answer doesn’t it? Where do we find prospective new AACA members? The answer may not be as simple as where the money is kept, but probably isn’t that difficult to answer either. The simplest answer would be “where there are old cars”. That answer by itself needs a little more detail.

How about the person that comes over and asks a lot of questions about your old car when you are out for a ride? Have you ever suggested joining to someone that expresses an interest?

Have you handed out AACA flyers at a local cruise night or car show promoting the advantages of membership in your region? Do you know anyone that belongs to the local Ford V-8 Club, Buick Club or any of the Marque clubs? What about the neighbor who still owns his grandfathers old pickup that has been in the family for 30 years?

The answer is “Wherever you see old cars.” So be prepared, carry a few of the red Mustang cutouts or the new AACA Tri-fold brochure with you. Have some printed handouts promoting region membership. Start attending local cruise nights and other old car events. Sometimes prospects are right under our nose and we fail to see them.

Let’s go “where the money is!”



Editor's Note

Matt Hinson
Rummage Box Editor

Welcome to my eighth issue as Editor of the *Rummage Box*. In this issue we have an interesting article by Hornets Nest Region Member Nick Wilkins that clearly shows the type of long term influence that we can have on young members if we simply take a little bit of time to nurture them in the hobby. Thanks to Chuck Crane for submitting Mr. Wilkins' article for publication.

My 1938 Century restoration project is moving along. Since the last issue of the Rummage Box, I was successful in locating a less rusty body for the project. The replacement body has made the project a much easier job for an amateur restorer like me. 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 recently returned home from the 82nd Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. It was a great meeting! The only problem I had was trying to do it all. I enjoyed the trip but did not get enough sleep any night that I was there. There just was not enough time in the day for all of the meetings, seminars, and visits with old friends. I stayed up too late each night visiting old friends. Some folks had a bit of trouble getting in to the meeting due to the Super Bowl victory parade being held in Philadelphia on Thursday, February 8th. I actually coordinated a side trip to pickup some extra 1938 Buick parts on Thursday so I got to Philadelphia about 8 pm on Thursday and missed the traffic problems.

Several of the articles in this edition reflect information from the 2017 AACA Annual Report presented at Saturday afternoon's General Membership Meeting during the recent Annual Meeting. Hopefully our editors can publish them to share this information with your Region or Chapter membership to help spread the word to those members who were not at the meeting in Philadelphia.

You can be a Mentor!

Nick Wilkins,
Hornets Nest Region

My interest in antique cars first began sometime during the Truman administration and has continued to grow ever since, like a fungus on an old tree stump. My initial real life experience with the hobby and AACA was while I was employed at Ford Motor in Dearborn, Michigan in the early 1970's. Working in the same department was a young engineer (now an AACA Director) who was well into the hobby with a Model A and a 1933 Ford coupe. He gave me my first real introduction to the hobby with the two of us traveling to Western Michigan on a cold Saturday to purchase my first AACA vehicle, a 1935 Ford 5 window coupe. He provided the tow vehicle, tow bar, wheels and tires from his Coupe to bring it home.

Fast forward 40 plus years... there have been many changes in the hobby, some more predictable than others. We certainly cannot buy a reasonably complete 1935 Ford today for \$625! Auctions which at one time were the distain of our hobby are now front and center. Import cars which were unimaginable on the show field only a few years ago are now quite common, not to mention the numerous flea markets that have felt the sting of the internet.

The one change that stands out in my mind are the cars that have recently become eligible for AACA status. When I first entered the world of AACA, seeing a 25 year old car on the road was a rarity especially in the rust belt. Today with the advances in engineering, seeing 25 year cars is about as common as seeing a Starbucks which brings me to the point of this article. How many times have we been on the show field (or a cruise night) and passed that 25 year old car with a nervous owner detailing the vehicle hoping for his First Junior who wants to tell his story but nobody stops. We as AACA veterans have an obligation to ourselves and the hobby to address that owner and listen to that story. Why?... because at one time we were that person, and secondly the future of the hobby depends on it. Just as my Ford Motor friend was my mentor, we need to be mentors if we want to see the hobby continue. The future is ours today; don't let this great opportunity slip away.

My Ford friend and I did not see each other for 30 years. I moved to Charlotte, NC to start a new business, and he followed a career in the oil industry in New Orleans and Houston. One day at judge's breakfast at Hershey, I got a tap on the shoulder and there stood my friend from Ford. It's a great hobby in AACA and an extended family! Be that mentor for somebody, you'll be glad you did.



2017 National Awards Summary

Bob Parrish
Vice President, National Awards



REGIONS HELPING REGIONS

By Chuck Crane
2018 AACA President

The February 10th Awards Banquet in Philadelphia, in conjunction with the AACA Annual meeting, culminated the 2017 National Awards process. The 2017 calendar year produced 2788 vehicles that were shown at National meets and 349 vehicles that participated on National tours that were evaluated by the National Awards team.

The National Awards Committee consists of 26 of the most experienced AACA Senior Master judges, with a combined total in excess of 6300 judging credits. The committee meets each year in Hershey on the first Saturday in December to review all the nominated vehicles for the year. The team votes to determine the National Award winners for each of the 64 potential vehicle categories. This year some 278 owners were nominated for one or more of the prestigious National awards available to all members. We invite everyone to visit the AACA website to become more familiar with the various awards in our world class judging system. Go to www.aaca.org/publications/national-awards to see a listing of all the awards. These awards reflect quite a heritage including how they were initiated and sponsored, with some going back to 1945. The actual awards are on permanent display at our National headquarters in Hershey, PA.

There will be an additional award available beginning in 2018, the Discontinued Automobile Award. This award will be divided into early and late models to relieve the pressure on the original award concept. The split will be early (up to 1959) and late (1960 to present). Historically, our data base research indicated that would be the mid-point for such a split.

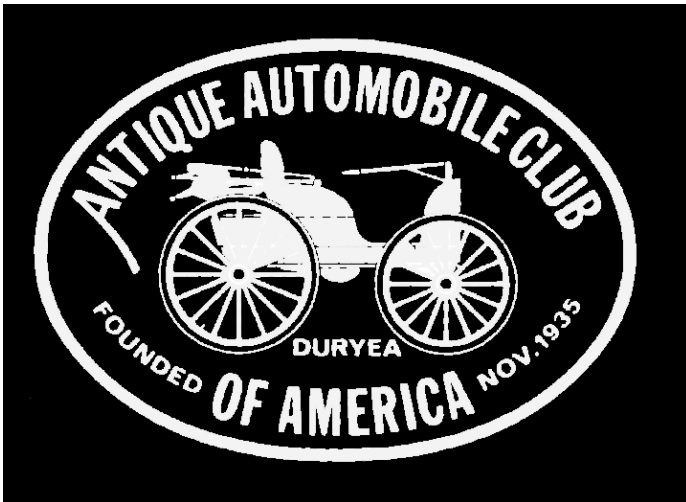
The National Awards competition is extremely intense, making decisions very difficult. At the February 10th Annual Meeting there were 72 award winning owners and their vehicles that were recognized for their accomplishments during the National Awards Banquet in Philadelphia. National Service Awards to organizations and individuals were also presented for their contributions to the success of our hobby, and AACA as a whole. There were 21 Master Editor Awards and 21 Master Webmaster Awards presented to members for their contributions to their respective Regions and Chapters.

As time moves on, many of our Regions and Chapters find their numbers shrinking and formerly active members aging, so they say no when asked to host a national event. The desire might still be there and they know a big event will help revitalize them, but they simply can't pull it off. Consider partnering with another Region or another car group.

The 2017 Winter Meet in Ocala, Florida was very successful with 5 AACA Regions working together and they plan to do that again. The 2016 Meet in Galveston was put on by Gulf Coast Region from Houston with assistance from the Deep South Region in Mobile, Alabama.

The March 2018 Meet in Mobile, Alabama will also be staffed with the assistance of members from the Gulf Coast region. When the 2015 Glidden Tour was held in Oklahoma City, the Registration and Hospitality was staffed by the Tulsa Region, opening car games were hosted by the Sooner Model A Club, one day was handled by the Vintage Chevrolet Club, one day was handled by the Early Ford V8 club, with assistance every day from the Horseless Carriage Club. We all had a great time.

Reach out to your Division VP of Regions Development and Support and the VP of National Activities for ideas and assistance. Their contact info can be found on the national website aaca.org. As a lawyer's billboard proclaims "One call does it all; One Click That's It". We're a big club nationally and we'd love to come to your area!



National Activities Review

Don Barlup, Vice President,
National Activities

At the start of 2017, the 2018 National Activities Calendar had a number of vacancies. It was a daunting position to be in! Panic was an option! Failure was not!

I am happy to report that out of a possibility of 9 National meets and 5 National tours 7 meets and all the tours were filled.

This National Activities report is a testament to those Regions and Chairpersons who will make 2018 a successful year.

We are especially indebted to the Deep South Region from Alabama and Chairperson Charlotte Dahlenburg, for agreeing to host the Winter Meet in March, after the Puerto Rico Region had to cancel due to the devastating hurricane on the island. Charlotte and her team rose to the challenge with approximately 6 months to prepare for the Winter Meet. It was a tall order in a short time. Thank you!

Accolades also are due to Paula Ruby and the Chesapeake Region for hosting the Eastern Division National Spring Meet, Bob Giles and Tom Roberts for hosting the Eastern Division Tour and Steve Heald and the GVACS and Wayne Drumlins Regions for hosting the Reliability Tour, all with a year or less to plan and execute their events.

The National Activities Committee is working on filling the calendar for 2019 and onward. We still have opportunities for Regions and Chapters to host tours and meets in 2019.

Our National Meets and Tours are one of AACA's greatest strengths. Everyone should make an effort to attend them. You and I make these meets and tours possible. Let's be proud of our past accomplishments and excited about our future activities. Let's fill our calendar now!

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



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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.





THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Tom Cox
2017 AACA President

My term as President has seemingly flown by overnight. Having been your President in 2013 I felt prepared going into the year for all eventualities, but life takes many different turns and there were both unexpected good and bad issues to deal with during the year. On the bad side, I know many of you still have questions and concerns regarding the relationship with the museum we founded. At this time all I can report is that we simply want to do what is right for our members and coexist in the same city without interference or without continuing to create a false impression about the relationship. Those issues are being addressed by the boards of both organizations.

On the good side, we consummated an agreement to purchase the single best piece of property in "Hershey" and all the due diligence necessary to ensure that there were no problems with the facility, land or title have been completed to our satisfaction. This was a massive effort that was led by legal and real estate experts both hired by the club or who donated their services to us. Also on the good side was our investigation of two new major initiatives for the club that will benefit all members. We are hopeful to make those announcements at the annual meeting.

Tammy and I have been honored to serve you and represent our organization. It has been a special and humbling experience. This past year we traveled a lot with 12 meets and tours on the national schedule. However, it does not end there as there were many region and chapter events that asked us to attend and we tried our best to honor as many of those requests as possible. Forging friendships with other clubs in the hobby found us working with CCCA in Auburn for a very first ever meet between the clubs and then attending concours in Amelia Island and at The Elegance. We hope that we have represented all of you well.

2017 was the first year for the new Zenith Award and something I take away as a special accomplishment for the year. This was an idea I had for years and to see it birthed was truly exciting. The foundation now has been laid and I hope that the award becomes a very important part of the old car hobby. I know the participants last year were thrilled.

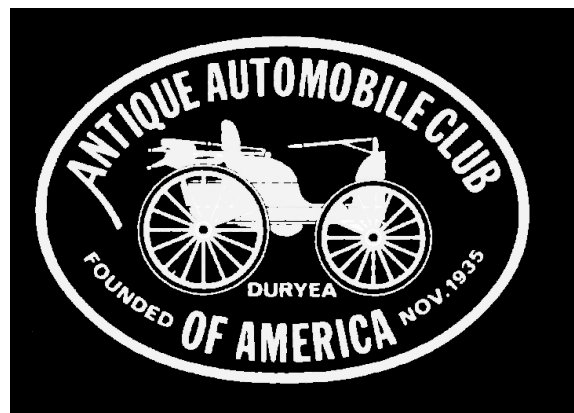
While those of us at the Board level do our best to chart a successful course for the Club on your behalf, AACA would not remain the largest and finest organization of its kind in the world without all of you. This is particularly evident to me after reading thousands of newsletters from our local regions and chapters and attending their events. None of this would happen without you. Thank you for doing your part to keep AACA strong.

AACA remains stable with a firm financial and membership picture. We continue to exceed the success of many other clubs in the world due to the stewardship of an excellent Executive Director and staff. I cannot over-emphasize their importance to this organization. They have a hand in all that we do from executing events to bringing you our award winning *Antique Automobile* magazine and continually improving our Library and Research Center. All of us are indebted to them.

With that said, I am proud to have passed the gavel to Chuck Crane as your 2018 President. Chuck and his wife June will have a busy year ahead of them certainly with their own set of challenges and excitement. They have my support and I know you will give them your support as we move forward to making the coming year a great one.



Tom Cox, June Peterson-Crane and Chuck Crane at the 82nd Annual Meeting of AACA





AACA Library & Research Center Review

**Lars Anderson, Vice President
Library and Research Center**

The Library and Research Center has had a very productive and busy year including the following:

- ◇ Receipt of new material. We are now the repository for the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild material. This was General Motors program from 1931 thru 1960s to develop talent among young people for automotive design. We have dedicated a display case for the Guild material and as more donations are received our displays will evolve, grow and rotate. We were also the recipients of three major literature donations, the *Cars & Parts* Library, a treasure trove of early literature and periodicals, filling many holes in our pre-WWII holdings; the Charles Schalebaum Book Collection included hundreds of early (1900-1930) books covering a wide range of topics dealing with automobiles and motoring, and the Red Theisen Racing Collection, a wonderful assemblage of racing programs, photographs, periodicals and more from the 1960s through the early 2000s. It's a perfect supplement to the Don O' Reilly Racing Collection received in 2016. We are in line to receive a massive pre-WWII racing collection in the future and when we do our racing material will be one of the most comprehensive collections in the country.
- ◇ Registered the phrase "America's Automotive Library"
- ◇ Began advertising on the front page of *Old Cars Weekly* magazine using the new logo. The ad includes 'non members welcome' and 'find your answers.'
- ◇ The bookmobile began functioning at Hershey.
- ◇ New facilities announcement.
- ◇ Endowment fund donations continued to be received. The endowment fund is a saving account which earns interest. That interest income is what finances the operation of the Library & Research Center. The fund money can never be touched, only the interest is available, so it's important that the fund grows. Donations to the fund when included in your charitable plans are tax deductible as we are a 501(c) (3) charitable organization.
- ◇ Received the gift of five vehicles from a member family. We will display some vehicles and sell others, the proceeds benefiting the endowment fund.
- ◇ Research inquiries increased. And that's what we're here for, to help the automotive hobbyist and have them feel good about us.

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Librarian Chris Ritter
at the 82nd Annual Meeting of AACA

AACA LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTER
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AACA National Headquarters

Steve Moskowitz
Executive Director

2017 flew by like a jet fighter trying to break the sound barrier! It was a busy year for the club highlighted by the signing of a contract to purchase a new building to house the club and the library. This was a huge decision and not made lightly but everyone is more than excited about what this building will mean to our club. You will continue to hear more about it as time goes by but please remember this project is going to need everyone's financial support.

The year also included the inaugural Zenith Award competition and it was as good as it can get. Twenty amazing restored vehicles and owners had a very memorable day. The participants, as I have noted before, were first class sportsman and the winner was a very deserving 1928 Auburn restored by Richard and Linda Harding of Ohio.

Another highlight of this past year was the first ever combined meet between the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA) and AACA. This was historical for many reasons - it was not just the club's meeting in the same location, which would have been enough alone. It was also a great collaboration from start to finish and an initiative that your club took the lead in. Given past history, it was a bold move and one that is good for the future of our hobby. It went off without a hitch and members of both clubs benefited greatly.

CCCA has their Grand Classic every other year, so in 2018 they will not be back in Auburn with us but hopefully in 2019 at our AGNM. We are however excited to host the Nash Car Club of America at the 2018 Auburn meet, which is another first! I am proud our board supports these efforts and is showing that we can bring new ideas to our membership. Look forward to even more new ground breaking items from the club in the years ahead.

Last year it was announced that the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance in Boca Raton, Florida, was going to honor YOUR club at their event on February 23-25, 2018!

The Boca Concours is at the world famous Boca Raton Resort and is a highly successful event benefitting the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County. AACA will have an education display of 32 cars and our 2017 Zenith Award winner in the CENTER of the show in a large circle. We will have a tent for membership as well, and Chris Ritter and I will be doing a seminar on Saturday. I am sure you have seen other concours that honored makes of cars, but another club? This is a great honor for AACA and shows that we continue to be perceived as the best of the best.

Much work was also put into some new ideas for our future. Hopefully have or will soon find out about them. They are ground breaking ideas for AACA, so they have taken a lot of time to ensure that we will be successful in those endeavors.

We look forward to a great year in 2018, a year that we need our members' support more than ever. We are providing new tools (a new region membership brochure) to help our regions/chapters grow. It is up to YOU to use them. Once again, we hope that every member tries to get us one new member in the coming year. Just one! Our best and easiest way to sign up new members is one-on-one, so please make the effort. Help us grow this great club and ensure its success for decades to come.

It is also a year that we have to implore all regions and chapters to look hard at hosting a meet or tour in 2019 or beyond. Don't stand on the sidelines and let others do all the work! Many regions and chapters tell us that they have grown their regions/chapters during the time working on a new national event and that the club bonded even more while working on the event.

Please look hard at our events and on our website at new AACA merchandise. We have many new puzzles, a very special t-shirt, new shirts, a new front pewter license plate and many clearance items. Show your support for the club!

Most importantly be ACTIVE! Try to make a national meet or tour, consider entering the AACA judging ranks, volunteer to be a leader in your region or chapter, stay politically active on those issues that affect our hobby and don't let your car(s) languish in the garage. Get out and use them as that is the single best way to enjoy this great hobby. Thank you all for your support and have a great year in 2018.