

# AACA

# 2025 Annual Convention

February 6–8, 2025

*Charlotte / Concord*

North Carolina



Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte/Concord Golf Resort & Spa



## Host Hotel:

### Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte/Concord Golf Resort & Spa

5400 John Q. Hammons Drive NW, Concord, NC 28027

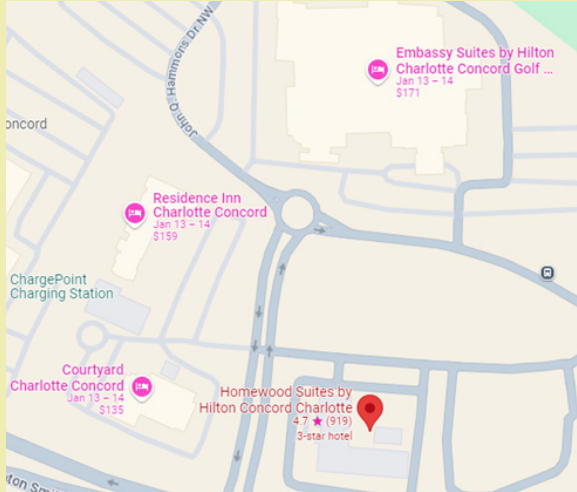
704-455-8200 (Mention Antique Automobile Club of America)

Online Reservation link: [tinyurl.com/AACAconvention](https://tinyurl.com/AACAconvention)

Deadline: January 16, 2025

(20 miles from Charlotte Douglas International Airport)

Room cost: \$159/Night + Tax (Includes: Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet, Wi-Fi & Parking)



## Alternate Hotels:

### Residence Inn by Marriott Charlotte/Concord

7601 Scott Padgett Parkway, Concord, NC 28027

704-454-7862 – Group Name: AACA Annual Convention

Reservations: [tinyurl.com/AACAcourtyardresidenceinn](https://tinyurl.com/AACAcourtyardresidenceinn)

\$159/Night + Tax (Includes: Complimentary Breakfast, Wi-Fi & Parking)

### Courtyard by Marriott Charlotte/Concord

7201 Scott Padgett Parkway, Concord, NC 28027

704-453-2600 – Group Name: AACA Annual Convention

Reservations: [tinyurl.com/AACAcourtyardresidenceinn](https://tinyurl.com/AACAcourtyardresidenceinn)

\$159/Night + Tax (Includes: Wi-Fi & Parking)

### Homewood Suites by Hilton Concord/Charlotte

7300 Scott Padgett Parkway, Concord, NC 28027

980-313-3100 – Use code 901

Reservations: [group.homewood-suites.com/4aexxd](https://group.homewood-suites.com/4aexxd)

\$159/Night + Tax (Includes: Complimentary Breakfast, Wi-Fi & Parking)

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# AACA Welcomes You to its 2025 Annual Convention

It is being held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte/Concord Golf Resort & Spa in North Carolina, February 6-8, 2025.

Known as “The Oscars of the Antique Automobile World,” the Annual Convention and National Awards Banquet provides three days of enjoyment, education, and entertainment for old car aficionados.



## Wednesday, February 5, 2025

- 1 pm – 4 pm Registration Open
- 1 pm – 4 pm Trade Show Set-Up

## Thursday, February 6, 2025

- 7:30 am – 4 pm Registration Open
- 8 am – 3 pm Trade Show Set-Up
- 8 am – 5 pm Hendrick Heritage Center Tours
- 10:15 am – 4:15 pm Bus Tour to North Carolina Transportation Museum
- 3 pm – 5 pm Trade Show Sneak Peak
- 6 pm – 8 pm Directors' Welcome Reception

## Friday, February 7, 2025

- 7:30 am – 4 pm Registration Open
- 8 am – 5 pm Trade Show
- 8 am – Noon Seminars
- 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch Hosted by First Lady
- 2:30 pm – 5 pm Seminars
- 5:30 pm – 6 pm Reception (Cash Bar)
- 6 pm – 8 pm Regions & Chapters Dinner
- 8 pm – 11 pm Roaring '20s Speakeasy Casino Night

## Saturday, February 8, 2025

- 7:30 am – Noon Registration Open
- 8 am – 2 pm Trade Show
- 8 am – 10 am National Judging Schools
- 10:30 am – 1:30 pm Seminars
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch on Your Own
- 2 pm – 3:30 pm General Membership Meeting
- 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Reception (Cash Bar)
- 6:30 pm – 10 pm National Awards Banquet



## Thursday, February 6, 2025

### Pre-Convention Excursions: Hendrick Heritage Center

(Limited to 192, 32 per Time Slot)

8 am – 5 pm

The Hendrick Heritage Center is a breath-taking 58,000 square-foot museum dedicated to the heritage of Rick Hendrick and his passion for classic and high-performance cars. More than a collection of rare cars, the building hosts amazing recreations of important buildings in the Hendrick family along with a guitar collection to die for. This Center is not open to the public, so this is a very rare opportunity for our members. There will be 6 tour time slots for 32 guests at a time. Hendrick Heritage Center is a 5-minute (1.1 miles) drive from the Embassy Suites. Transportation is on your own. All monies collected will be for charitable causes.



### North Carolina Transportation Museum

Sponsored by the NCTM Foundation, Inc.

(Limited to 240)

10:15 am – 4:15 pm (Must Board Train by 12:15 pm for Lunch)

This day trip to the 60-acre North Carolina Transportation Museum in nearby Spencer (35 minutes by bus) will include a tour and train-ride luncheon. Dating back to 1896, the museum is located on what was the Southern Railway's largest steam locomotive repair site and is comprised of automotive and aircraft exhibits in addition to its expansive, historic railroad facilities, of course, which are loaded with related artifacts. A period roundhouse also remains on-site. See [nctransportationmuseum.org](http://nctransportationmuseum.org) for more information. Bus transportation will be provided but you can drive on your own if you wish. If wishing to go on both this tour and the Hendrick Heritage Center tour, please choose the 8 – 9:30 am time slot for Hendrick. No pets allowed. Lunch trains are not wheelchair accessible.



# Board of Directors' Welcome Reception

Sponsored by the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage

6 pm – 8 pm

During Thursday evening, enjoy relaxing fellowship with AACA directors and your fellow AACA members at the official opening event of the convention.

## Friday, February 7, 2025

### Luncheon

Hosted by AACA's First Lady Audrey Harris

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Our keynote speaker, Lyn St. James, was the first female to win Rookie of the Year at the Indianapolis 500 at the 1992 race. The day after her appearance with AACA, she will be inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame. It is well deserved as Lyn has a significant history of accomplishments in the race world. As a gift to those attending our First Lady Audrey Harris will be providing a copy of Lyn's book as a remembrance. All attendees welcome.

*No seminars or activities are scheduled during the luncheon – everyone is invited.*



### Evening Dinner

Sponsored by  
Hornets Nest Region AACA

6 pm – 8 pm

Hear from 2024 AACA President Jack Harris, learn what's in store for the future from 2025 AACA President Dave Anspach, get an update on National Activities, and learn why our Regions and Chapters are so important to the success of AACA. Donations to the Club and Library will be accepted following dinner. All attendees welcome.

# Roaring '20s Speakeasy Casino Night

Sponsored by J.C. Taylor Insurance Company

(Limited to 300)

8 pm – 11 pm

The ultra-successful casino night we held at last year's convention will be re-created this year with a slight twist. We are theming it as a speakeasy. There will be a cash bar, plenty of games and prizes. Also, we will have two caricature artists available. There is no charge to attend this event and no real money exchanges hands at the casino. However, we hope you will join us in your best speakeasy attire, Zoot suits, and all! Ladies here is your chance to be a '20s flapper girl! Limited to 300, must register early.



# Trade Show

Friday: 8 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 8 am – 2 pm

Be sure to stop in and check out the AACA merchandise, duplicate books from the AACA Library, information about upcoming AACA Nationals and Tours, automobilia, and other antique automobile-related vendors.



## Seminars

Friday: 8 am – Noon  
& 2:30 pm – 5 pm

Saturday: 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Approximately 30 educational and informative seminars: old favorites mixed with new topics ranging from the history of Anderson cars built just 20 minutes south of here in Rock Hill, South Carolina, to Pre-War car tires and even a look at the use of the automobile in art. A full seminar schedule will be released closer to the Convention's date.



## Saturday, February 8, 2025

### National Judging Schools

8 am – 10 am

Earn a judging chip and school credit by attending the National Judges School, the Advanced Judges School, or the Team Captain School. If you have at least 25 field judging credits, you can attend the Chief Judge School, or if you would like to be a registration chair, you can attend Registration Chair Training.





## General Membership Meeting

2 pm – 3 pm

General business of AACA will be discussed, including Club financials, director reports, and special recognitions. Newly elected officers will be announced, and the official passing of the presidential gavel will occur. During open mic, attendees can ask questions, make suggestions, and interact with the national directors.

## National Awards Banquet

“Oscars of the Antique Automobile World”

Sponsored by National Parts Depot

6:30 pm – 10 pm

The anxiously anticipated formal National Awards Banquet will close the convention on Saturday night. This crowning crescendo is where AACA National Awards will be bestowed on owners of the best-of-the-best antique automobiles in existence. After a prior years’ worth of their toil and time at Nationals and tours across the country, the red carpet will be rolled out in appreciation. Special service awards, editor/webmaster accolades, region/chapter recognition, and scholarships will also be presented.

***Business attire required, vintage clothing or black tie are encouraged.***



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