

Early Model Vehicles Receive a Special Welcome !
Trailer parking will be provided close by the Nationals Field for all early models registered. Let AACA see those early vehicles that made automotive history!

Race Cars Welcome !

Race Cars will be demonstrated on the private road adjacent to the Show Vehicle Trailer Parking area.

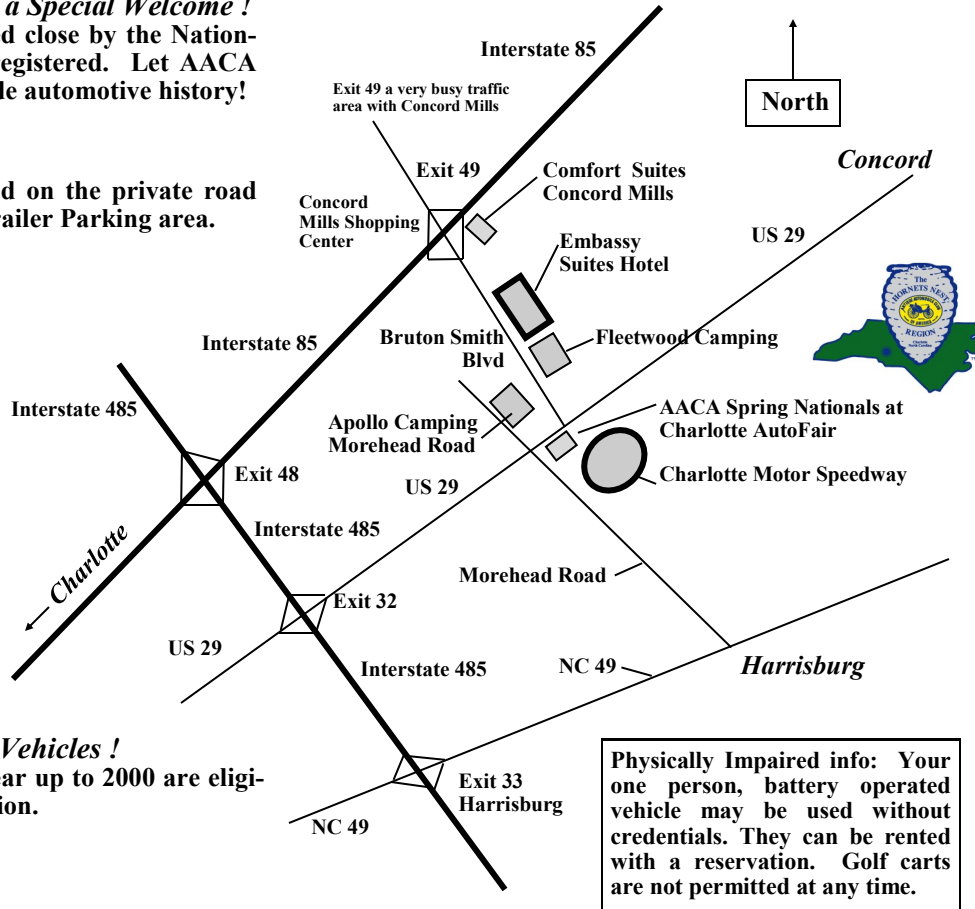
Drivers Participation Class !

Almost every AACA Member has a Driver Participation vehicle that can be shown at the AACA Nationals. Spring in Charlotte is a great time to bring out your DPC vehicle!



Original and Senior Original Vehicles !

Vehicles produced for model year up to 2000 are eligible for evaluation and certification.



Physically Impaired info: Your one person, battery operated vehicle may be used without credentials. They can be rented with a reservation. Golf carts are not permitted at any time.

Charlotte Nationals Summary
(Check Event Schedule for Time)



Driven Show Vehicles

For Thursday and Friday, driven show vehicle owners may request special parking credentials. No trailers or campers will be allowed with this request.

Thursday

Charlotte AutoFair opens at 8 AM to the public (7 AM to Vendors) Thursday thru Sunday. The AACA Registration envelope can be picked up at the AACA Tent adjacent to the AACA Nationals Field at Charlotte AutoFair - the AACA Tent opens at 10 AM. AACA hospitality will be open at the same location.

Friday

The vehicle registration pick-up and hospitality continues at the AACA Tent adjacent to the AACA Nationals Field - opening at 10 AM. Race Car and Two-Wheeler condition runs will begin in the morning on the private paved road adjacent to the Trailer Parking area. Following in the afternoon is the AACA Judging School, which will take place at the Media Center in the Speedway Infield. See Event Schedule for time on all events.

Saturday

Vehicle registration pick-up moves Saturday to the AACA Nationals Field entrance on the Speedway grounds where vehicles may begin entering at 7 AM. The Judges Breakfast will be held in the AACA tent adjacent to the Nationals Field. All vehicles must be on the Field for judging to begin at 11 AM and remain until released by the Chief Judge at 3 PM. AACA Awards will begin at 4 PM in the AACA Tent adjacent to the Nationals Field. The Picnic will begin about 5:30 PM, just after the AACA Awards are completed.

• **Credentials for Charlotte AutoFair**

Credentials for Charlotte AutoFair will be provided to each AACA Owner registering a vehicle and to each registered AACA Judge.

• **Vehicle Trailers and Motor Home Parking**

Special locations on the Speedway grounds at Charlotte AutoFair have been set aside for Antique Vehicle trailers, haulers, RVs and motor homes. All must be self contained. All the spaces are assigned and must be pre-registered. Credentials and maps will be issued to you for these special reserved locations. Full-time, secured trailer parking is provided Thursday night through Sunday morning at 10 AM.

• **AACA Nationals Field**

The AACA Nationals Field is located on the US29 side of the speedway and is totally paved.



Recommended Hotels

Seven are within a mile or so from Speedway

Embassy Suites

5400 John Q. Hammons Drive N.W. Concord, NC 28027
Phone Direct: 704-455-8200

Comfort Suites Concord Mills

7800 Gateway Lane Concord, NC 28027
Phone Direct: 704-761-6803

Other Area Lodging

- Wingate by Wyndham.....704-979-1300
- Hampton Inn.....704-793-9700
- Courtyard by Marriott.....704-453-2600
- Residence Inn.....704-454-7862
- Homewood Suites.....980-313-3100

Hilton University Place (5 Miles) 704-547-7444

Phone numbers are direct to hotels. Check websites for best deals - rates are higher for this event. Make your reservations early, this event is busy!

Notice: There will be **NO** official transportation between the Hotels and the AACA Nationals or Charlotte AutoFair Flea Market.



Meet Chairman Phillip Cole

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Registration Deadline March 7, 2025

Welcome to the Charlotte Area



The Hornets Nest Region extends a cordial Welcome to all fellow AACA members attending the Southeastern Division Nationals. April is a great time of year to visit Charlotte and we are especially pleased that you have chosen to participate in the Spring Nationals. The AACA Nationals is being held during the Hornets Nest Region's Charlotte AutoFair (produced each Spring & Fall) at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Credentials for Charlotte AutoFair will be provided to each AACA Owner registering a vehicle and to each registered AACA Judge.

The Speedway is located on NC Highway 29 North in Concord, NC. The Nationals site is most easily accessed from Interstate 85, using the US 29 exit—the Speedway is about three miles North.

Another recommended route is the use of the NC 49 Exit from Interstate 485, two miles South into the town of Harrisburg — turn left onto Morehead Road to the Speedway.

Charlotte Area Attractions

Charlotte Motor Speedway is the hub of NASCAR racing facilities to be found in the larger Charlotte metropolitan area. Near the Speedway, Concord Mills Shopping Center is situated at Interstate 85 Exit 49—about two miles from the Speedway and US29 on Bruton Smith Blvd. This is one of the world famous Mills destination malls and includes a Bass Pro-Shop, many specialty stores, and a multitude of restaurants.

The LYNX Blue line (light rail train line) runs a 20 mile route from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) on North Tryon Street (about four miles from the Speedway) with stations through uptown Charlotte, and South to the Pineville area. There are 26 stations and the train runs every 20 minutes until 8PM, then every 30 minutes until 2AM. Uptown Charlotte also has a Gold Line streetcar route that runs all day, seven days each week.

The NASCAR Hall of Fame is on Brevard Street in uptown Charlotte near the Convention Center and the NBA Charlotte Hornets Arena is on East Trade Street. The Bank of America Stadium, home of the NFL Carolina Panthers, has a collectables shop in the Stadium at Mint Street and Stonewall Street.

Uptown Charlotte features Discovery Place, a hands-on science museum for adults and children. Also there is the cultural campus on South Tryon Street which includes the Mint Museum Craft+Design; the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art; and the Gantt Center for African-American Arts.

Full Service Camping Choices

Apollo Mobile Home & Travel Park—Full hookup, 30 & 50 amp outlets. Shaded areas. Walk across Morehead Road and be at the Speedway in minutes. Located at 4275 Morehead Road. 704-455-2409.

Fleetwood RV Racing Camping Resort—Each site equipped with water, sewer, electric. Cable available. Restroom and shower facility on site. Located about one-half mile from the Speedway on Bruton Smith Blvd. For Reservations call: 704-455-4445.

Note: There will be NO official transportation from these two Camping locations to the AACA Nationals Field.

Registration Deadline March 7, 2025

Event Schedule



Thursday April 3, 2025

7 AM Charlotte AutoFair Vendors Admitted
 8 AM—5 PM Show Car Trailer Parking Open
 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open
 10 AM—3 PM Registration Pick-up in AACA Tent
 10 AM—3 PM Hospitality & Info in AACA Tent

Friday April 4, 2025

7 AM Charlotte AutoFair Vendors Admitted
 7 AM—5 PM Show Car Trailer Parking Open
 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open
 10 AM—4 PM Registration Pick-up at AACA Tent
 10 AM—4 PM Hospitality & Info in AACA Tent
 11 AM Race Car - Bike Condition Run
 Outside Show Car Trailer Parking area
 AACA Judging School *
 AACA Team Captains School *
 Media Center Speedway Infield *

***CAF Admission Credentials are mailed to all registered AACA Judges and Vehicle Owners. The Judges parking pass will be mailed to all registered AACA Judges.**

Saturday April 5, 2025

6:30 AM Judges Parking Opens
 6 AM—11 AM Show Car Trailer Parking Open
 7 AM—11 AM Registration Pick-up on Nationals Field
 7 AM—11 AM Show Cars enter Nationals Field
 7:30 AM Judges Breakfast in AACA Tent
 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open
 9:30 AM Judges CJE on Nationals Field
 9:30 AM Youth Program on Nationals Field
 10 AM New Owners Clinic at AACA Tent
 11 AM All Vehicles must be on Nationals Field
 11 AM AACA Judging Begins
 3 PM Vehicles may leave Nationals Field
 4 PM AACA Awards in AACA Tent
 5:30 PM Picnic in AACA Tent

**Emergency Phone Calls during AACA Nationals:
 704-841-1990**

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The 2025 Spring Meet is not affiliated with Charlotte AutoFair.

2025 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals



Hosted by

Hornets Nest Region
 Antique Automobile Club of America
 Charlotte, NC

April 3-5, 2025



Registration Deadline March 7, 2025

AACA ANNOUNCES CHANGE **TO OUR UNRESTORED (HPOF) CLASS**

Our members have seen changes to the Historic Preservation Original Features (HPOF) classification in our judging system since its inception in 1987. Years later we added the AACA Original designation. Over time, it has become increasingly evident that the name of the class was confusing to members. The AACA is officially renaming our program for original, unrestored cars.

The 2025 Judging Guidelines have been updated with a comprehensive explanation of the changes, Section 4.II.B excerpt included, but simply, HPOF will now be known as AACA Original and the former AACA Original will be a Senior AACA Original. This aligns with our restored classes' progression from a First Junior to a Senior. Please note that although the AACA Original class will now have a Senior status designation, the Annual Grand Nationals are still only open to Senior National First Prize vehicles.

The change will officially launch at the Southeastern Spring Nationals in Charlotte. Vehicles in the HPOF Class will move to the new AACA Original Class; members who have previously won these awards are not required to do anything as our system will recognize the award they should receive. New badging will be awarded to all previously shown vehicles that are recertified as an AACA Original or Senior AACA Original vehicle engraved with the current year (2025).

We hope that continuing to provide the finest judging system and awards in the hobby will justify your loyalty to AACA and our shows. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing your AACA Original vehicle on the show field.

AACA



Section 4.II.B.

1. AACA Original (formerly HPOF)

The vehicles in this class represent the evolution of automobile history and depict originality over restoration. A cornerstone belief of AACA is based upon originality, and this class allows us to see history as it was and establish a program to encourage the saving and display of collector vehicles in their original, as manufactured, condition.

Definition: Since its founding, AACA has been dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of automobiles. In the furtherance of the "preservation" mission, in 1987, the AACA Board of Directors established a program to encourage the saving and display of collector vehicles in their original, as-manufactured condition. This program entitled the "Historical Preservation Original Features (HPOF)" was updated in 2025 to "AACA Original."

The AACA Original program encourages owners of vehicles 25 years old or older, to maintain significant original features in this original condition, and to show them at AACA Nationals. A vehicle may be entirely "original" or it may have certain original features such as paint, chassis, upholstery, engine compartment, etc., that are essentially as delivered. These vehicles will not be point judged. A vehicle being evaluated for the first time, if certified, will receive an AACA Original board, AACA Original chip, and an AACA Original badge. **The badge should be visibly mounted on the vehicle. No vehicle will be re-certified if it does not display the AACA Original badge.** The badge will be engraved with the year awarded. A vehicle having achieved the AACA Original certification award is now eligible for certification at a subsequent Nationals in order to achieve the Senior AACA Original award. If certified as a Senior AACA Original, the owner will receive an AACA Senior tab to be mounted behind the AACA Original badge on the vehicle and a Senior AACA Original preservation chip for mounting on the board. If the vehicle does not certify at the Senior AACA Original level, it will receive a repeat AACA Original chip provided it meets the AACA Original certification standards.

If a vehicle is not certified as a Senior AACA Original, it can be reconsidered for the award if the owner submits a request to the VP Judging. The VP will inform the owner whether the request has been granted or denied. If granted, the

vehicle can be entered in a subsequent Nationals to be evaluated again for the Senior AACA Original award. The vehicle will either be certified at that time as a Senior AACA Original or if it still does not meet the criteria, it may continue to be eligible for repeat AACA Original awards provided it meets the certification standards. If the re-consideration is denied, the vehicle maintains AACA Original status and is eligible to be shown for AACA Original repeat awards at all future AACA Nationals. No previous National First Prize winners are accepted unless they are original and have been maintained to preserve their originality. An AACA Original certified vehicle that is significantly restored will lose its AACA Original certification.

- a. Vehicles that received their First HPOF Certification prior to 2025 will be evaluated for Senior AACA Original Status.
 - i. Vehicles certified as an AACA Original but not a Senior will receive the updated AACA Original Badge engraved for the current year and AACA Original Chip. Vehicles will be eligible for Repeat AACA Original Chips at subsequent showings unless successful at petitioning for a reconsideration from the VP of Judging.
 - ii. Vehicles certified as a Senior AACA Original will receive the updated AACA Original Badge engraved for the current year, Senior Tab, and Senior AACA Original Chip. Vehicles will be eligible for Repeat Senior AACA Original Chips at subsequent showings.
- b. Members who choose to either a) not recertify their HPOF vehicle into the AACA Original program at a national show, or b) who wish to have their original HPOF certification date on their AACA Original Badge can purchase updated badges.
 - i. Purchased AACA Original Badges will be engraved with the year of HPOF Certification at a cost of \$15.00.
 - ii. HPOF and Repeat HPOF vehicles may only purchase the updated AACA Original Badge.
 - iii. AACA Original HPOF Vehicles must have both the updated AACA Original Badge and the Senior Tab, additional charges may apply.
 - iv. For Chip replacement, please contact National Headquarters. The former HPOF and AACA Original HPOF chips are no longer available.