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**By Steve Moskowitz, CEO,
Antique Automobile Club of America**

The Verizon television commercials have made the slogan, “can you hear me now” popular. We think it is a question we all should be asking ourselves. Do our members hear us? Are we communicating enough? Do we provide club members, region members and chapter members with enough information to allow them to enjoy our clubs to the fullest? If we are not, we MUST.

We have long since passed the days when the club magazine and the regions/chapters newsletters were the only source to get the word out. Technology has made major inroads to the way we now get a lot of our daily information from the news to sports and yes to our club. We are now in a world that demands instant communication and the sources are vast. It is incumbent on all leaders to make sure we take advantage of the resources available to get our fellow members engaged.

Today, AACA has many methods of communication. We not only have our fabulous magazine but our monthly newsletter, Speedster, our website, this Rummage Box, Judges newsletter, two Facebook accounts, Instagram, and email blasts. National wants to get the word out so news is always close at hand. Informing our members gives them a better experience and allows them to enjoy all that the club has to offer.

What are you doing to stay in touch with your fellow members? We have too many regions/chapters who do not have even a quality newsletter. Websites may

seem daunting for some but national hosts them for free and can provide a template to start a site. If that is too big a challenge, there is always a Facebook page. Does your region have a method to call people or email them when something urgent is happening? You should have an emergency plan in place.

Need help? Your national headquarters staff, especially Pat Buckley can help you start a website or assist you with ideas for a newsletter. Others in our office can explain Facebook and other technology. Also, we have national directors that will be happy to assist you. So, you are not left without paths to better communication. We are certain that our local clubs will be much more vibrant if their respective clubs maintain an appropriate cadence of staying in touch with its members.

There are other ways to communicate and we are even investigating the idea of offering podcasts, thereby being able to deliver informative and entertaining material to our membership in an entirely new format. In changing times, AACA needs to change in order to communicate more with you, our members. While all of these communication “devices” exist, they are worthless if people do not take advantage of them. So please, do not ignore correspondence that comes to you by your region/ chapter or national. You will be better for it and your enjoyment of AACA will skyrocket!



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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!

*By Dave Anspach,
2025 AACA President*

First of all, I want to say that it is an honor to serve as the 2025 President of our Club. It is an honor, however, that bears a great responsibility. A responsibility that I take extremely seriously and I, in turn, am asking every one of you to share. To paraphrase John F Kennedy from his 1961 inaugural address "ask not what your club can do for you. Ask what you can do for your club". Now many of you will ask "what can I do". Lets talk about that.

Since we have been talking about membership for the past few years, lets deal with that first. Getting a new member is absolutely the easiest thing we all can do. We all have friends, neighbors, relatives and so on that are not presently members. With all the reduced rate and free memberships we offer, it really is as simple as ASKING someone to join. Who can say no to a gift?? With a smile and a little conversation on the fun you have, you will soon be signing up a new member.

You can't have fun if you don't participate, so get involved! If you aren't part of a region, join one!! If there isn't one close by.....start one. Regional meetings and activities with local friends are among the finest social events around. Some Regions do as many as 7 tours and a show locally every year. These busy folks are having a lot of fun.

Don't want to join a region...participate in National activities. What better way to get to visit areas all over the country and participate in a car

activity than to do a National show or tour. From Maine to Florida, Carolina to California, and don't forget Puerto Rico, AACA events traverse the continent and more. No event near you?? Look for a few like minded people and set one up yourself!! Between Hershey headquarters and your directors and committees, there is plenty of help to get you going on a successful event. And don't forget judging. Our judging program offers you the opportunity to get up close and personal to every kind of vehicle you can imagine from Abarth to Zagato. It is fun and easy to learn and packed full of opportunities to travel.

There are literally hundreds of opportunities to get involved on various committees and groups throughout your club. All you have to do is stand up and say "I can help". There is something for everyone, just let us know you are available, we'll find a place for you!!

So the bottom line is we have a fantastic club. What is missing is U!! Get new members, participate, have fun!!! I guarantee that you will peg the fun meter and have a great time!!

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My Year as President

*By Jack Harris,
2024 AACA President*



Serving as 2024 AACA National President has been the greatest honor of my life. Audrey and I have travelled the country and met some amazing people as we have enjoyed this great hobby. We have been from Puerto Rico in the South, to Saratoga Springs in the North, to Buffalo, Wyoming in the West and points in between. The AACA members who have put on our Nationals and put many hours in to planning tours across the country are to be commended and applauded for their superb efforts.

As a lifelong resident of North Carolina, I was truly excited to have everyone visit my home state for this year's Annual Convention. North Carolina has a rich automotive history starting with the 1911 Glidden Tour which came South for the first time with stops in Winston-Salem and one day later in Charlotte. Our Annual Convention Committee under the leadership of Steven Rossi made great strides in enhancing this year's experience. This year's Convention started on Thursday with two amazing excursions. Tours of the NC Transportation Museum (NCTM) and the Hendrick Heritage Center certainly got us off to a great start. Audrey & I were personally involved with planning the excursion to NCTM and our friends there did not disappoint. Lunch on a train ride, the Hospitality Room featuring treats made in North Carolina, and the exhibits and docents made the Museum shine! Those that attended the Hendrick Heritage Center were treated to Rick Hendrick's unbelievable collection of automobiles. Everyone who attended these two excursions had a wonderful time.

Starting on Friday, our seminars began and were very informative and well attended. Also on Friday our Trade

Show was up and running at full speed. This year we had a great line up of vendors including our AACA staff with merchandise, as well as our Library and Research Center selling duplicate materials & books. The First Lady's luncheon on Friday featured Lyn St. James, an Indy Car driver, who discussed her outstanding career, culminating with an autograph session of her book, *An Incredible Journey*. The Region and Chapter's dinner on Friday night was followed by a lively and exciting Casino Night, with a 1920's Speakeasy theme. The convention culminated on Saturday with more seminars in the morning, our Annual Membership meeting in the afternoon, followed by the Annual Awards Banquet that night which recognized our National Award winners.

If you haven't been to our Annual Convention or participated in an AACA tour, Audrey and I encourage you to do so. The pace is much slower and the atmosphere is much more relaxed as a participant at either of these events. This allows you an opportunity to get to know fellow AACA members. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in 2026 at the Annual Convention in Chantilly, VA. I have no doubt that it will also be an unforgettable experience!



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Rummage Box Editor's Message!



By Debbie Nolen
2025 VP Publications and
Region/Chapter Websites

Welcome to 2025! Rumors of the Rummage Box's demise are unfounded and thank you all for your patience—its merely been a short intermission to recharge for this super deluxe dual edition!!

This year's introductory edition is a combination of submissions from the end of 2024 up to the latest news of 2025! All guaranteed to catch you up and perk your interest!

In coordinating the 2024 editor's newsletter evaluation program, I was struck by quotes that the Master Editors contributed, for the Annual Conference as they all supported the indispensable purpose and value of a newsletter, large or small, magazine or folded - it is truly the lifeblood of their club, region and the AACA, connecting us all together in the love of the old car hobby and fellowship with one another...

David Allen, Editor of the NC Region and the NC Region News shared: *The NC Region News serves to serves to inform, unify and connect the many chapters contained within its large geographic membership base, keeping them all informed on local, regional and national AACA events and happenings.*

Ralph Towner, editor of The Oil Can, the Suwannee River Region stated: *Each issue of the Oil Can highlights a member, their car or a traveling adventure. It helps keep members informed of past and current events and aware of changes along with helpful tech and safety information.*

Finally, from Dave Anspach, our 2025 AACA President and editor of the Lynchburg, VA, Hub and Spoke: *The Hub and Spoke has been a major factor in rebuilding the Lynchburg region and keeping every member aware of what is happening, whether they can attend or not. Although it is primarily a digital format, it is a recruiting tool and shared regularly to potential members at events the region attends to get them on board.*

In the spirit of each and every AACA newsletter editor, this year's recipient of the **National Editorial Award, the Eady Award, spoke for all who fill this editorial role in the AACA: 2024 Winner – Richard Bettie, editor, The Road Map, New Jersey Region.** In recognition: As a Master Editor for the past 2.5 years, Richard has unexpectedly found that his editorial role has become a truly rewarding experience, opening doors that connect him closely to not only his region's members but to new AACA friends and other editors from all over the country.

He avidly peruses all of the national AACA resources at his disposal. He includes information from the Antique Automobile, Speedster and Rummage Box publications for information to share with his readers. Dick believes the *Road Map* is all about connecting each reader by sharing our unique experiences not only with each other locally but with the National AACA audience; as a result, he consistently creates an interesting, well-presented newsletter chock full of information that paints a lively picture of fun and fellowship that all can appreciate!

As many of you may have seen we have a bit of a new look to this year's 2025 Newsletter NAAP Application to participate in the program—the application is paired with your Region/Chapter's Website evaluation program

application. YOU MUST SIGN UP ANNUALLY!

No matter when you may have entered in the past, you must sign up annually to participate in the Newsletter and/or Website program.

The Regions & Chapters Publications and Website committees truly believe that our newsletters, websites and social media are the life beat and glue which holds all members of AACA together from the region/chapter level all the way up to the national level. Our newsletter editors and webmasters serve to keep all of us inspired and informed to fulfill the mission of AACA. Ultimately it's all about connecting each reader and viewer by sharing our unique experiences, not only with each other locally, but with the National AACA audience as well.

[Click here for the combined Newsletter and Website application](#)

More information is in development, and on the way, please be on the lookout and don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Pat Buckley,



2024 Region and Chapter Award Logos Available

Share your region or chapter's Newsletter or Websites' recognition of excellence in communication. Thank you to all

editors and webmasters that participated in the 2024 program. The print-ready artwork is available for your use. Located online, go to the AACA.org website, select the Regions dropdown located on the black band and select "Region Award Logos" Then copy your choice for use!

<https://aaca.org/region-award-logos/>



LOOKING AHEAD

By Jeffrey Broadus

2025 Asst. VP Public Relations, Asst. VP Marketing / 2024 Membership



To paraphrase a famous quote, "Ask not what the AACA is doing for you. Ask what you can do for the AACA."

Membership is the key reason AACA exists. With all the confusion surrounding social media and a digital marketing effort, please know it's only an aspect of building a solid organization. The real effort is a ground roots effort supported by our regions, chapters, who participate in marque events and continually network across all these channels promoting the benefits of AACA. At headquarters we're investing in our future and have our sights set on the collectors of tomorrow. It takes a small platoon to build an army.

We need YOU, the collectors of tomorrow. It takes a small platoon to build an army. We need YOU.

Your Board of Directors are committed and investing in building awareness and promoting club benefits in an all-out effort to build membership. We've launched a social media campaign; we're building email list and our resources as well as reaching out to other industry partners asking for their support. With all that said, the key to our success truly lies with member input, new ideas and a commitment beyond just AACA events.

Many of us belong to multiple clubs for a variety of reasons and we need to explain why they need to join AACA. Did you know if your car is judged by AACA and received a Junior, Senior or Grand National award, collector car insurance providers are more willing to value your car above online value guides. Just one of the many benefits of membership.

If you haven't visited our newly designed club and Library websites recently, I encourage you to do so.

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AACA is America's Car Club. We offer incredible benefits at a very low cost to our members such as:

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- National Tours
- Award-Winning Magazine
- Forums covering thousands of topics
- A list of local Regions and Chapters
- Calendar Filled with Conventions, Shows & Events
- Monthly Newsletter — *The Speedster*
- AACA Judging & Guidelines

With unparalleled benefits, AACA membership compliments other memberships one may have within our industry. Act today and add America's Car Club to your social media communications, marque club experience and industry contacts. Help us in letting the world know why the AACA is the #1 club in America.



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GROW YOUR CLUB-- -IT'S EVERYONE'S JOB

By Dave Anspach
*2025 AACA President/
2024 EVP*



At the risk of sounding like a broken record (yes, I know, you have to be in our age group to know what that is and how it sounds) , we all have a responsibility to help to grow OUR club. We have a lot of stuff Nationally to help. Things like the Veteran's memberships, free memberships, half year memberships offered in July and others, all make it pretty easy for you to sign up a new member, but the first step is you have to ask.

I watched past president Jim Elliott at Hershey working at the membership tent. He signed up numerous new members in a short 2 hour shift. How did he do it?? HE ASKED THEM!! A simple question. "Are you a member of AACA?" started the conversation. A large percentage that answered NO, followed with... "I've been meaning to but just never got around to it". From there it was an easy transition to the sign up!! Now I hear you saying that Hershey is an easy spot to start from, but I don't have a Hershey. You are right, but you have lots of opportunities to work with. Remember to ALWAYS have information and membership materials with you. Keep them in your regular driver and in your show cars. You never know when and where you will meet the next new AACA member. I've signed up members at gas stations, convenience stores, along highways, and everywhere else. I've even followed people home and talked with them on becoming members.

Create opportunities by bringing info to car shows. What better place than a place where people are

already interested in cars? Take a small card table and set up next to your beautiful AACA car. Talk to everyone who will listen about your club and the opportunities it presents.

Don't forget tours!! People like the idea of driving them as much as showing them!! Make sure you have the AACA event schedule with you and talk about the opportunities. One other talking point is AACA Judging. Our system is the most respected multi car system in the hobby. Talk about it!! Also, talk to your local region (if you are part of one, if not...join!!) about going to shows as a group. There is no more powerful recruiting tool than seeing a group of AACA cars taking awards at a local show!! Don't be afraid to ask. The worst answer you can get is NO!! And if you get a maybe or an "I'll think about it" try to get at least an e-mail or a phone number and FOLLOW UP!! Get your local region to send them a newsletter, invite them to a meeting, Include them in your events. As soon as they feel part of things - they will join. As Past President Jack Harris says - you may even have to pick them up and bring them to a meeting with you!! Remember that every new member has the potential to multiply!!

We just signed up a new young man at our last cruise-in we attended. He came to his first meeting this month. He said he had so much fun he is "twisting arms" among his friends to get them to come next month!! Please!!! Get at least one new member!!! Grow our club!! You will be glad you did!!



Antique Automobile Club of America Welcomes the Class of 2000

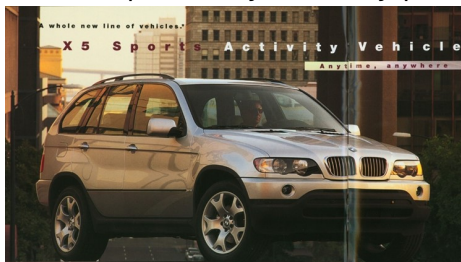
(Hershey, PA) – The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA)...America's Premier Resource for the Collectible Vehicle Community...defines an "antique" as any 25-year-old-or-older self-propelled vehicle that is intended for passenger use.

The non-profit organization is dedicated to the history, maintenance, restoration, judging and enjoyment of any and all such automobiles in the inclusive spirit of sportsmanship and good fellowship.

AACA therefore recognizes the Class of 2000 which has crossed the 25-year-old threshold because the New Millenium is already the now Millenium. In addition, a whole host of recently imported Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) models are included as well, as long as they remain original and unmodified. Here is a sampling of some recognized examples that now enjoy antique automobile status and are welcomed on AACA show fields and tours across America and around the world:

2000 BMW X5

The X5 was BMW's first sport utility that they preferred to market as a "Sport Activity Vehicle." Unlike the body-on-frame Mercedes-Benz M-Class that preceded it, the BMW relied on uni-body construction to help maintain its stature as an "Ultimate Driving Machine." The X5 was initially targeted for the U.S. market, as was the Mercedes. Having just acquired Land Rover at the time, the BMW included various Rover-inspired off-road control systems... "For Any road. Any time. Any reason."



2000 BMW Z8

Beyond the X5, there was further celebration within the halls of the Bavarian brand with the arrival of the BMW Z8, which was a modern reincarnation of the memorable 507 reimagined from the 1950s to the then-new Millenium. It was powered by a 395-hp. V8



engine in an aluminum chassis, and it was likewise clothed in alloy. Built as a convertible, a color-matched aluminum hard-

top was standard. Pricing started at \$128,000 and production ran through 2003, with 5,703 made. The Z8 was recognized as an "appreciating classic" from the get-go, and still is.

2000 Ford Excursion

Ford had finally had enough of sitting on the sidelines watching Chevrolet and GMC gobble up the full-size SUV segment with the Suburban. The Excursion was



derived from the F-250 Super Duty and of course, it just had to be bigger than its GM competitor. Which it was. V8, V10 and eight-

cylinder Diesel engine choices were available. The brawny bruiser would ultimately be superseded by a tamer, extended length Expedition after a five-year, single generation run. The good news is that you can haul your car trailer with an Excursion, and now put that on the show field, as well.

2000 Honda Insight



The Honda Insight slipped in ahead of the Toyota Prius as America's first modern hybrid. But

instead of relying on a redundant gasoline engine and electric powertrain, it included a motor between the 1.0-liter, three-cylinder engine and transmission which provided additional energy (boost) on demand like a turbocharger. The Insight was optimized extensively for utmost fuel economy, exotically engineered and built alongside the NSX supercar. It was only

Honda, Con't......available as an aerodynamic coupe, sans door pockets to save weight, and even gasoline robbing air-conditioning was a hard-to- source option.

2000 Lincoln LS

Billed as a true driver's car, the mid-size, rear wheel drive Lincoln LS was an American attempt to build a BMW and proved to be the company's first sport sedan. It was targeted toward 30-to-50-year-olds and was even available with a manual transmission. V6 and V8 engines were specified, and the Jaguar S-Type used the same platform underneath. The Lincoln LS was named Motor Trend Car of the Year in 2000. Some 245,000 were manufactured through 2006.



2000 Morgan Aero 8

Old-school English sports car maker Morgan shifted gears with the arrival of the new Millennium with the introduction of its Aero 8. It was the legendary Malvern Link company's first new entry since the 1964 Plus 4 Plus, with a nod toward aerodynamic efficiency. So much so that the VW-Beetle sourced headlamps appeared cross-eyed, which were later changed to MINI. A BMW-sourced V8 engine was featured, along with a first-ever Morgan aluminum chassis...which still retained some traditional ash-framed elements.



2000 Nissan Xterra

Intended as "A Toolbox For Your Life," the Xterra was a Nissan Frontier truck-based sport utility that was developed at the company's La Jolla, California, Design Center. The compact SUV was intended to be affordable and rugged, "designed to look better dirty than clean." Unlike some of its competitors, the Xterra never tried to hide its rough and



Exterra Con't...tumble truck underpinnings. It was successful enough to last through various iterations until 2015 and achieved both Motor Trend Sport Utility of the Year and North American Truck of the Year honors in 2000.

2000 Qvale Mangusta

Kjell Qvale was a San Francisco-based automobile importer that sold everything from Austin to Volkswagen and on up to Jaguar, Porsche and Rolls-Royce. Ultimately, he assumed an ownership stake in Jensen, and the Jensen-Healey soon followed. As a



result of his acquaintance with De Tomaso, he went on to reconfigure their Bigua concept car and turned it

into the Qvale Mangusta. It was a Marcello Gandini-designed, two-seater RTM plastic-paneled sports car that utilized Ford V8 mechanicals with rear-wheel drive. It debuted at the Los Angeles Auto Show on January 6, 2000.

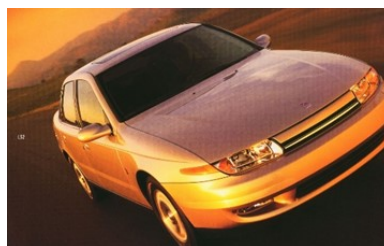
2000 Rolls-Royce Corniche V

The 2000 Corniche V was the second new Rolls-Royce to carry the prestigious moniker after four previous, reengineered Silver Shadow derivatives. The two-door, four-passenger convertible was styled like a Rolls-Royce Silver Seraph sedan, though it was built off the Bentley Azure. In fact, it's the only Rolls on a Bentley platform. Usually, it was the other way around. The Corniche V was the last Rolls-Royce to be produced in the historic Crewe, England factory.



2000 Saturn L-Series

In an attempt to broaden its market reach, Saturn supplemented its introductory compact S range with the bigger, mid-size



Saturn, Con't... L-Series in 2000. It was available as either a sedan or station wagon and shared its platform with the Opel Vectra and Saab 9-3/5 with either an inline four-cylinder or V6 engine. The company said that it provided everyday elegance, for everyone and for growing families, like yours. As a "Different Kind of Car. From a Different Kind of Car Company."

The AACA, a 501©(3) nonprofit corporation, has served as the country's premier resource for the collectible vehicle community since its formation in 1935. Through its national office, publications, online forums, Library and membership, the Club has assisted countless individuals, historians and collectors, along with other libraries, car clubs and museums, in the quest to preserve and enjoy the antique automobile experience.
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A POSITIVE AACA ATTITUDE

By Phillip Cole

**2025 VP, SE Regions
Development & Support /
2024 Secretary/Treasurer**

A popular British car manufacturer has added a new website to their media approach. Their traditional website has always been restricted to owners of their brand, but their new site is for any "car enthusiast". For us as members of AACA that does not seem like anything new or even different. AACA members do not have to own a car that is "twenty-five years or older" to join. We do need, however, to be an enthusiast and follow our mission of encouraging the old car hobby. Thus, wherever we go and whatever we are doing, we need to bring along our positive AACA attitude.

Sadly, our culture seems to be so divisive nowadays and that generally does not cultivate a positive attitude even in our club. At too many of our Board of Directors meetings, one or more of our VPs of Regions Development and Support

has to bring up the closing of a region or chapter. That is a sad moment for all of us on your National Board. Equally sad is when the VP of Activities has to report that after dozens of contacts, we cannot find any region or chapter to host one of our National meets or tours. Both such reports generate a lot of discussion and several suggestions from your Board. Well, I want to suggest that a good place to start is by each of us adopting an AACA positive attitude!

I recently asked a fellow life coach for her suggestions as to how we can put our positive attitude into practice. First, she asked, "What negative attitudes do AACA members have to face?" The following (very familiar to most of you) is a list of some negatives that I lifted up to her and her positive attitude responses:

- "We've always done it that way." To "This is a great opportunity to try something new."
- "We don't have the resources." To "What can we do to gain the needed resources?"
- "That won't work!" To "What will make 'that work?'"
- "We don't like change." To "Let's take a chance on the needed change."
- "No one tells us anything." To "What can we do to keep you informed?"
- "We don't have enough members." To "How can we reach out to other car enthusiasts?"

So, from the beginning, all of us need to be car enthusiasts and encourage everyone about the old car hobby.



Thoughts on Becoming Executive Vice President... Vicki Bolton



*2025 Executive Vice
President / 2024 VP Judging Administration*

It is my honor to serve this year as the Executive Vice President. Oh my goodness, how did this happen? I have been an active member for over 40 years. I love the cars, the people, and the travel to new and old places. In the beginning I would just go to the shows with my husband, Arthur. And that was ok because I loved traveling and I loved seeing the cars. But I wanted to participate more than just go to the shows. I started Judging on the field, but back then I wasn't too comfortable in judging the cars, so I looked for something else to do. I found Judging Administration which I liked because paperwork and numbers are kind of my thing since I am an accountant. Then somebody asked me to help with judging records. I did that for about 5 years. Then I started helping Dollie Flechler as a Team Captain for Judging Administration. Now I am VP of Judging Administration.

During these years, we have also showed cars and scooters at various shows. We have also done many of the tours. AACA has so many things to offer someone interested in the car hooby. AACA is a volunteer organization, and it thrives on new volunteers, new people looking to do just a little bit more, and of course anyone that loves the car hobby. Could you be one of those people? If you are, then I hope you will consider helping at a show, showing a car, or going to a new place. You could be the next trophy winner, the next Director, the next Chairman, or the next Executive VP that AACA needs.

Where Do You Want to Go Next?

Greg Jackson

*2025 VP National Activities /
2024 Youth Development &
Awards*



If you are reading this, chances are you have a love of antique cars and are looking forward to the spring and summer show and tour season. We are blessed again this year to have willing regions and chapters that have stepped forward to host an event. The 2025 Calendar will include nationals in Charlotte NC, Tucson AZ, Beckley WV, Dayton OH, Hershey PA and Galveston, TX. Tour locations for this year will be in Lancaster County, PA, Northern Maine, Owensboro KY (Glidden tour hosted by the VMCCA), and San Antonio to Gonzales TX. Always check for up to date event information on aaca.org and make sure to follow the registration deadlines for each! The regions and chapters hosting the events would love to have you - but please let them know by the cutoff for planning and coordination with venues, caterers etc. There are many opportunities to host an event in the future. We have open calendar availability in each region of the country and can schedule up to 3 years in advance. We would love to come visit you in your neck of the woods soon! Please consider the offer the Board of Directors enacted in 2024 to allow a region or chapter that has not hosted a national event in the last 10 years, a grant of \$5000 in seed money to cover up front costs of hosting.





GIVING BACK ... CONSIDER YOUR REGION HOSTING A NATIONAL EVENT

*Wayne Tuck, 2025 VP Nat'l
Headquarters & Library/
2024 VP-National Activities*

Many of you have attended AACA National Events. Whether it has been a National Meet or Tour I'm sure you have found it to be an enjoyable event. Participating in a National Show and experiencing the pride and accomplishment of receiving a first place junior award, senior award or grand national has brought joy to thousands of our members over the years. National Tours offers the opportunity to visit interesting places, spend time with fellow members and enjoy the fellowship while experiencing the joy of driving our antique cars.

If you haven't taken advantage of these opportunities you're missing out on a lot of fun activities. **The reason these opportunities exist is that a Region steps forward to host an event!**

I constantly hear excuses such as "there are no events in my area" or "we need to travel too far to participate in that". The reason for that is **your Region has not hosted an event.**

Maybe it has been many years since your region has hosted an event. If you are considering hosting, there is assistance available from AACA National. We can provide the guidance you need to host a national event. If financial concerns are holding you back there is some good news. **AACA National Board of Directors has approved a \$5000 grant to any region approved to host a national show that has not hosted for more than 10 years!**

Maybe the time has come to start giving back. For more information regarding hosting an event contact Greg Jackson, your 2025 VP for National Activities.

\$5000 GRANTS AVAILABLE TO REGIONS TO HOST NATIONAL EVENTS THAT HAVE NOT HOSTED FOR OVER TEN YEARS

The AACA National Board realizes that the financial risk involved with hosting a national show or tour has caused many regions and chapters to be hesitant to volunteer to host a national event. Some regions simply do not have the funds available.

At the National Board of directors meeting in Hershey PA 2023, the board approved a \$5000 grant to any region receiving board approval to host a national event that has not hosted one for more than ten years.

There are many opportunities to host one of these events. We have winter nationals available and will schedule up to three years in advance. Spring and Fall National shows are available to schedule for Eastern, Southeastern, Central and Western Divisions, also up to 3 years in advance.

Touring Events share the same opportunities. Founders Tour, Sentimental Tour, Vintage Tour, Reliability Tour, Glidden Tour and all four Divisional tours have available openings for your region to reserve for up to three years in advance. Don't miss this opportunity to host a national event. Take advantage while the national board has this offer open! For more information, contact Greg Jackson, your 2025 for VP National Activities.





Don't Wait Until...

By Phillip Cole
VP- SE Regions
Development and Support-
Southeast

A few years ago, former National Director, Wayne Burgess, posted on our AACA Forums, "We have a local region that is close to folding up, because they cannot find someone to step up and become their leader, their President. Their present President has been there for 12 years. He needs a break. I just wonder does anyone have any new ideas to help prevent the club from closing down?"

Wayne received some good suggestions from other members. Here are a couple:

Matt Hinson, former Rummage Box Editor, said, "I don't know if I can suggest a quick fix, but I do have an idea about how to combat that sort of thing... It just takes time... The important thing is that you need to attract new members constantly. Our members attend the local Cars and Coffee and other local non-AACA car club shows and typically sign up a new member or more every month. That keeps new blood coming into the Chapter. Driving your old cars, and being willing to speak to other potential new members about their car and about AACA, and having a packet of the forms needed to sign up a new member available when you "sell" them on joining, makes it easy to sign up new members... Having one person be President for more than about 2 years is typically a warning sign that the club has become stagnant. It is time to get some new blood into the leadership, but you have to develop your members so that they feel comfortable in being a leader."

Walt Gosden, noted automotive historian and author, shared, "The important thing is that you need to attract new members constantly... But you also need to make the new members feel welcome. A new member doesn't have to be someone who is new to the hobby! The club needs to have high interest but low cost activities that will encompass the whole family... Some of the events should involve a younger generation as well who can attend with their parents or grandparents - make it an interesting family affair."

A popular process in small businesses nowadays is "onboarding", where you bring motivated, far-thinking new members on your local board. That's a good place to start, but if you wait until you cannot find executive officers it will be an uphill climb. Contact your AACA VP of Regions Development & Support. (If you live in the Southeastern United States, that's me! Feel free to contact me at pcole@wnccumc.net or call 704-577-8576.)

Here are other basic, onboarding ideas:

- Make membership meaningful for all members. Keep all members involved in all projects and plans.
- Assign a mentor to new members.
- Communicate! Emphasize our mission.
- Reach out in your local community.
- Rotate officer responsibilities.

And yes, as Matt and Walt suggested, "Don't wait until... Get out in front of growing your membership and leadership!"





AACA Youth Scholarships

*By Kyle Blake
2025 VP Youth Development
and Awards*

As we head towards the full swing of summertime, our

thoughts turn to beach trips, family vacations and weekend car shows. The long days and warm nights make it feel like December is forever from now. However, it's not too early to start thinking about the December 1 deadline for AACA Scholarships.

AACA has a strong commitment to students who have demonstrated an active interest and participation in the antique car hobby through restoration, preservation and/or ownership of antique cars. AACA awards three types of \$1500 scholarships. In addition privately funded scholarships are awarded as funds become available. Awards will be presented in February 2026 at the AACA National Convention in Chantilly, VA. Applications are available online at aaca.org/scholarships with full details on each award available, as well as all requirements. Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2025 in order to be considered. Please note the below summaries are just that - summaries. Full details and requirements are available online.

The Young People's Award requires that the applicant be nominated by a Region or Chapter of AACA. Children and Grandchildren of AACA members are eligible, who are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program.

The AACA Scholarship Award is granted to encourage individuals to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and the history of vehicles in general. This award has the same requirements as the Young People's Award, except nomination by a region or chapter is not required.

The John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship is for a child or grandchild of an AACA member that is enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program. The applicant must demonstrate active interest in AACA through participation in it's programs or interest in the hobby of antique vehicles through restoration, preservation or ownership

The Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship is a cash award to a student currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning leading to a degree in antique auto restoration or automotive technology.

Hershey Region AACA Automotive Restoration Scholarship is granted by the Hershey Region AACA to students to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and automotive history. One or more awards may be presented each year. Selection will be made by the AACA Scholarship Award Committee, the then current President of the Hershey Region and current chair of the region education committee.

The Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship is based on the same rules as the AACA Automotive Technology award and is awarded as funds are available. It was instituted and funded by Dave and Marilyn Chiotti as a way to honor Louise and continue to support the hobby.

Please encourage your eligible students to send in their applications prior to December 1, 2025.

JOIN THE FUN!!!!

If you haven't seen or gotten copies of our new high quality AACA National Quad-fold Membership Brochure, WOW! You're missing out! It is an amazing pro-motional piece, up-to-date and chock full of information guaranteed to excite and entice new members while fully explaining with detail practically all aspects of the AACA – everything you ever wanted to know at your fingertips in ONE location!

Reach out to National AACA to get your copies as it's a MUST have - easily accessible for distribution at cars and coffees, fun runs, your local meets, anywhere you want to support your region or chapter's





What Does the VP of Judging Actually Do?

Dave Bowman, VP of Judging

Every few years, AACA rotates the position of VP of Judging. I was selected to guide our judging teams for 2025. Many of you know me from being Chief Judge at the Charlotte Nationals, Grand National and others. I'm pleased to be in this position this year.

So what does a VP of Judging actually do? The VP of Judging approves or selects the Chief Judge at each of the Nationals and is overseeing class assignments and the selection of judging team for each of the Nationals. He presides over the Judging Committee Meetings where judging performance and potential changes are discussed for National Board approval. Updates to the Judging Guidelines also are the responsibility of the VP of Judging.

The VP of Judging is also responsible for responding to requests for where deductions were taken at a previous one of the Nationals. This is the most time consuming part of this role. Last year, over 300 requests for areas of deduction were answered. Judging forms for all of the Nationals in 2024 are available, but not for any previous year. The request must be in writing and mailed to me with a SASE for a response.

We are always in need of new judges. Invite a friend to join the judging system. We also want to involve younger member to join us. It's a great way to make friends with members of other regions.

We have a great lineup of Nationals this year. Starting with Charlotte where the Judges Breakfast will now be in the Speedway Club within Smith Tower, just a short way from the show field.

Judges Admin will have a nicely upgraded space as well. Trailer parking has moved to paved parking lots in front of the Speedway. The show field remains in the same place as prior years.

May 2-3 we will be in Tucson, AZ for a dual Nationals and Grand Nationals meet. I encourage our western members to support these Nationals by showing or Judging. For those entering their car for the first time in a Grand Nationals, you have a rare opportunity this year. If you receive your Grand National award in Tucson, you can enter your vehicle in the second Grand Nationals of the year in Dayton, August 26 and receive both your Grand National and Senior Grand National awards in the same year.

June 19-21, we will be in Beckley WV with a street show in the historic downtown area. Two years ago, this region put on an excellent show and I expect the same this year.

We will close out the year with two Nationals in October; Hershey, October 7-10 and Galveston, TX, October 23-25.

Where's the Starter?

By Dave Bowman, VP - Judging

There have been many articles about where is the hidden gas filler, so what about starting the car? It's not just about where is the key fob.

Early cars, as we know, were crank started from the front of the engine. Set the timing, set the throttle or you will break your arm. So what came after that? I'm going to miss a few and get some years wrong, but stay with me.

In the 1930's, Chevrolet and others adopted a mechanical starter with a pedal above and to the right of the accelerator pedal to press and engage

Where's the Starter, Cont...

the starter gear and then the starter. A little difficult at times; left foot on the clutch, choke and throttle set, toe pushing the starter pedal while the heel of

the right foot pumps the gas. Buick, on the other hand, chose an almost automatic starting system in 1936. With a switch on the carburetor, all you need to do was turn the ignition switch to on and press the accelerator pedal. Very convenient when you stall the car, as all you need to do is depress the clutch enough so it doesn't engage and the engine will restart. This was continued through 1960.

Starting a 1940's Studebaker with manual transmission, you press the clutch pedal to the floor and engage a button under the clutch to start it. If you own a 1954 Nash with automatic transmission, shift to Neutral and then pull the gearshift lever towards you and the car will start. On many other cars of the 1940's, it was turn the key to the "on" position and then find the starter button somewhere on the dash.

Last on the list is the 1957-58 Chrysler products with automatic transmission. These were the push button shifters, but you had to push the Neutral button in farther to actuate the starter.

Now that you know how to start it, where does the gas go?



HPOF Class is Now AACA Original

By Dave Bowman, VP - Judging

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. **It should be noted, that there is no change to the evaluation process or scoring sheets for this class.** 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

HPOF, Con't...

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 the purchase the updated AACA Original Badge.
- iii. AACA Original HPOF Vehicles must have both the updated AACA Original Badge and 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.



ORIGINAL BADGE



My EV Experience

**By Fred Trusty 2025
VP Touring & Legislation**

This article is my personal experience with one specific electric vehicle and does not address the environmental impact of electric vehicles.



In early 2010 I decided to purchase my first new car as a retirement present to myself. I wanted a vehicle that was fuel efficient, reliable, and able to haul a few tools and materials. Nothing fancy, a utilitarian vehicle to get around town. The Nissan Leaf hit the market in December 2010 so in January 2011 I ordered one. On July 6, 2012, I drove my new car home. I own residential rental houses, so the Leaf was a good fit. The large storage space in the hatchback comes in handy for tools and materials plus I can fold down the back seats and haul long items such as 2x4's, pipe, trim, etc.

Since the batteries are located under the floor, the Leaf has a low center of gravity, so it handles well on corners and since an electric motor has a linear torque curve, it will pin you back in your seat if you put your foot into it.

The total price before tax was \$38,960. The federal EV tax credit was \$7,500 so my net cost was \$31,460 plus another \$1332 for the home charger for a total out of pocket of \$32,792. On a warm day without using the A/C and avoiding interstates, I could travel about 90 miles on a charge, which is fine since 90% of my driving is within a 30-mile radius of home. On a cold day without using the heater, the range drops to about 80 miles. When the temperature is below 38 degrees, it's even less as is indicated by a warning message on the dash, "Temperature is below 38 degrees." But with heated seats and steering wheel I'm still comfortable.

Operating costs have been minimal. I have 65,000 miles and the only thing that has been replaced are the tires. EV's have regenerative braking which means when you let off the accelerator the motor acts as a generator which produces drag as it's charging the batteries, so the brake pads last many times longer than a gas car. Fuel efficiency is difficult for me to measure since I have a grid connected solar panel system on my garage roof which generates more than enough power for my house and the Leaf. Basically, the only costs associated with the power to charge the batteries is a small percentage of the initial capital investment for the solar system.

Now let's look at my long-term costs. No fuel expense and no maintenance expense but the downside is that my Leaf is down to about a 50-mile range on a warm day and 45 miles or less on a cold day. I still use it for short trips but anything farther than a 20-mile radius, I have no choice but to drive one of my other gas cars. If I decide to replace the 24 KW battery pack, it will cost me about \$16,000. I've called the Nissan dealers here in Louisville and they don't replace batteries, but they offered me a \$1500 trade in on a new Leaf. In fact, they won't even sell me the batteries. They only sell to authorized EV repair shops of which there are none close to Louisville. The last time I checked, the closest shop was in Wisconsin. I can't drive it there so I would have to haul it myself or pay someone which is more expense.

Let's say that instead of buying a new Leaf in 2012, I purchased a similarly priced car such as a Honda Accord. 65,000 miles at 30 mpg is 2166 gallons of gas. Let's say an average of \$3.00 per gallon for a total of \$6,498. Changing my own oil at 5,000-mile intervals at \$40 per change is about \$520. I estimate other fluid changes and brakes to be about \$500. So, total fuel and maintenance costs would be about \$7,518 but I would own a car that still has at least 250,000 miles left on the engine.

My EV Experience, Cont....

Even in my unusual situation of producing my own power, every 12 years/65,000 miles I'll be spending \$8,482 more than a similarly priced gas car. (\$16,000 - \$7,518 = \$8,482. Think of what the costs would be without the \$7,500 tax credit and if I had to pay for the electricity to charge the batteries. The bottom line is that I'm the owner of an EV that is worth almost nothing and needs an additional \$16,000 to be useful again. So, for the time being, I'm going to drive my Leaf until the range drops so low that it's totally useless. With technological advancements, maybe the cost of batteries will come down, like what happened to personal computers in the early 2000s.

Don't get me wrong. I am very pleased with my Leaf. It's great for what I use it for, but even with the \$7,500 credit and no cost to charge the batteries, it makes no financial sense. In today's world, EV's have a place but it's not the "one size fits all, save the planet" narrative that is being shoved down our throats by some politicians. Henry Ford didn't need tax credits to produce and sell 15 million Model T's. He put America on wheels by offering a good product at an affordable price. Let consumers make their own decisions and the market will run its course.

FUN AT THE 2023 VINTAGE TOUR

By Fred Trusty

I arrived in Presque Isle, Maine on Wednesday evening and was picked up at the airport by tour coordinator, Craig Green. While



walking out of the terminal, Craig explained that there was a problem with my hotel room but not to worry. They had secured a mobile room for me. So, I'm thinking of a small travel trailer or maybe a motor home but parked right in front of the terminal was an old Cadillac hearse. Craig opened the rear door and inside was an air mattress.

I immediately knew this going to be a fun tour. We visited the AVCC Country Club with part of it being in the US and part in Canada. The parking lot and pro shop are in the US, but the clubhouse is in Canada. There is a tapered steel monument about three feet tall between the parking lot and the clubhouse which marks the border between the US and Canada. Another lingering effect of Covid is if you play golf there you must clear customs and have a passport.



The tour book and signs were very clear. "DO NOT WALK PAST THE MONUMENT. YOU WILL BE ARRESTED".

Some golfers on the Canadian side stopped their golf carts close to where we were standing next by the monument, so I asked them how the weather was in Canada. They said it was cloudy and cool. I told them that it was sunny and warm on the US side.

These are just a few of the highlights of the tour. There were many more venues and adventures, too many to mention in a short article. The point I'm trying to make is that touring is not only fun but educational. You have the chance to drive your car and/or ride in other old cars but the best thing about touring is the people you meet.



Our First Tour

*By Jack Harris,
2024 AACA
National President*

Audrey & I went on our first tour with the AACA this summer in Fredericksburg, Virginia with a super group of AACA enthusiasts, hosted by the Buzzard's Breath Touring Region. We had never had time to participate in a tour since I was always working full time. We were very impressed with the organization of the events and the number of attendees. The area in which we toured was in the beautiful horse country as well as in the most historical region of Virginia. Being our first tour, we did not bring one of our cars, but rode with different club members.

We made many new friends, starting with Dick & Bobbi Bettle. On the first day we saw this 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe with a rumble seat pull into the parking lot. I had not been in a rumble seat since I was 10 years old. We started talking to Dick and he quickly offered a ride for Audrey and me. It was a lot easier getting into the rumble seat when I was 10 years old! We both managed to get in and out five times over the next day and a half, happily without injuring ourselves or damaging the car! We had a great time getting to know Dick & Bobbi better, and Bobbi had a great time holding up our derriere's to get us in and out of the car. It quickly became apparent that the slower pace was the greatest thing about touring. Not the fast-paced pressure of a National Meet, but days to spend getting to know people and leisure conversations over lots of good food and cool places to visit. The next ride was in the comfort of Charlie Steffy's four door 1990 Buick Electra T Type. The ingress and egress greatly suited our current body shapes much better!

It turns out that Charlie was a district manager of the company that purchased the Auto Auction which was located right here in High Point, NC where we live. I spent many Tuesdays with my used car dealer father at the auction over the years. Small world!

Next up was our new friend Russell Shaw who offered us a ride in his 1998 Ford Mustang Convertible. Slick car, but not much rear seat room for the third adult passenger. Audrey sat in the back seat the first day and begged off for the second day. So, I volunteered to sit back there. I am now a qualified contortionist--all 6/2" of me.

Fortunately Russell kept the top down which made



getting in and out much easier. Until I cut my leg on the seatback latch, a minor injury but still a great time.

We so enjoyed meeting everyone on the tour!

Kudos go to Charlie Steffy and the Buzzard's Breath Touring Region for a fabulous experience! We thank everyone for all your hospitality and good times!

As we are writing this, we are heading to the Western Divisional Tour in Buffalo, Wyoming. If you have never ridden on a tour, give it a try. We had a blast, and know you will too!

2025 AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

2025 Annual Convention

Charlotte, North Carolina, February 6–8

Southeastern Spring Nationals

Charlotte, North Carolina, April 3–5

Grand Nationals

Tucson, Arizona, May 2

Western Spring Nationals

Tucson, Arizona, May 3

Vintage Tour (Pre-1932)

Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania, June 1–7

Eastern Spring Nationals

Beckley, West Virginia, June 19–21

Central Spring Nationals

Auburn, Indiana, July 2–5

Grand Nationals / Zenith

Dayton, Ohio, July 24–26

Eastern Divisional Tour

Northern Maine, August 12–15

Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943)

Owensboro, Kentucky, September 7–12
(VMCCA Hosted)

Eastern Fall Nationals

Hershey, Pennsylvania, October 7–10

Central Divisional Tour

San Antonio to Gonzales, Texas, October 18–22

Central Fall Nationals

Galveston, Texas, October 23–25

*All subject to change. Check our website
for any schedule updates, www.aaca.org*



Gettin' Out in Front of AACA Events, to Help...Rev 'em Up!

By Steve Rossi

VP Event Planning

*2024 Retrospective applicable to this year's
successful Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC....*

"Since 1935, AACA has had one goal: The preservation and enjoyment of automotive history of all types. From National Meets and Tours to Regional events..." So begins our official Antique Automobile Club of America mission statement.

AACA activities are the glue that binds our organization together, and as time marches on, the challenges to execute them continue to accelerate ahead. Complicated logistics, manpower necessity, legal obligations, escalating expense, Judging and Awards demands...and what's become a more fickle Mother Nature...are all concerns that add to the administrative burden. And if that weren't enough, there's yet another consideration that event organizers can ill afford to ignore. Publicity and promotion!

You may have noticed that just after we completed the February 8–10, 2024, Annual Convention & National Awards Banquet in Chantilly, Virginia, promotion began on the upcoming February 6–8, 2025, Charlotte-Concord, North Carolina Convention. In other words, a year in advance.

The campaign began in the May/June issue of Antique Automobile magazine. The 2025 Convention has also been consistently promoted in our online Speedster publication, as well. And we've been moving the message ever since. There'll be posters in and around Hershey and more material to follow within AACA mailings, etc.

Meanwhile, we've also been leveraging our digital and social channels and added a first-ever "Convention" tab to the website. Obviously, publicity is important. But even more so, it's a-d-v-a -n-c-e-d publicity that can really help turn the tide. That's because forceful and effective communication relies on garnering a conscious and sustained share of mind. Which picks up from where mere awareness leaves off.

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A continuous and regimented effort will cut through the clutter that everyone is bombarded with nowadays. Ensuring that you event remains front and center on members radar screens will help turn prospects into participants. And will help further attract the general public.

Event Committees should, in fact, include a dedicated position for publicity and promotion. After all, if there's a Chief Judge...there should certainly be a Chief Marketeer!

On the National Board level, we put the premise of advanced publicity into practice last year. The result? Attendance at our 2024 Chantilly, Virginia National Convention grew by 21-percent. And the Host Hotel sold out.

So let me thank you...in "advance." Please get out in front of our AACA events...to help rev 'em up!



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Antique Automobile Club of America 2024 Annual Report



From the President Jack Harris, 2024 AACA President

Welcome to North Carolina! Serving as 2024 AACA National President has been the greatest honor of my life. Audrey and I have traveled the country and made some great new friends as we have enjoyed this exciting hobby. We have been from Puerto Rico in the South, to Sarasota Springs in the North, to Buffalo, Wyoming in the West and points in between. The AACA members who have hosted our Nationals and put in many hours planning tours across the country, are to be commended and applauded for their superb efforts. It is wonderful to have my year as National President culminate with the Annual Convention here in North Carolina.

As a lifelong resident, I am truly excited to have ya'll visit my home state. North Carolina has a rich automotive history including the 1911 Glidden Tour which came South for the first time with stops in Winston-Salem and one day later in Charlotte. It is very likely that they traveled very close to the site of this year's convention. In addition, our state has a long connection with auto racing. The Charlotte Motor Speedway had its first nationally recognized 250-mile race on October 25, 1924. Beginning last year in Chantilly, our Convention Committee has continued its work to enhance your convention experience. I believe this year's Convention continues to move the needle with tours of the NC Transportation Museum and the Hendrick Heritage Center.

Serving as President has allowed me to work even closer with our National Headquarters' staff, who continue to amaze me with their dedication to AACA. Our CEO, Steve Moskowitz, has assembled a fabulous staff of individuals who work together as a team to push AACA forward every day. We are truly blessed to have such a great group of individuals working for AACA. West Peterson, Editor of our award-winning *Antique Automobile* magazine, is the best in the business. Our librarians, led by Director Jen Wolfe, continue to build America's Premier Automotive Library as in order to appeal to a younger demographic.



they work diligently to curate a remarkable research meeting regularly. Our goal is to enhance our efforts in this area experience for all of us.

Membership continues to be our top priority. As a result of our Long Range Planning sessions led in Chantilly by Stan Kulikowski, VP of Strategic Planning, we established a Digital and Social Marketing Committee. Committee Chair, Steve Rossi, and Ron Jury, VP of Marketing, have led this committee this past year and have been working and We have established a social media presence and have been working with our web designers to refresh our web presence. In addition, we have recently embarked on two new membership promotions as further detailed in Rossi's Public Relations & Events report, included in this 2024 Annual Report.

One of the privileges of being National President is the honor of handing out Century Club badges to members who show their 100-year old vehicles for the first time at a National event. I have been amazed and encouraged by the number of younger members showing not only 100-year old, but other vehicles at our events this past year. It makes me feel encouraged about the future of our hobby. We are currently working on a unique experience to get our youth more involved with the AACA. Be on the lookout for some exciting news in the coming months.

From a financial standpoint, the Club continues to be on very solid ground. We have finished Phase 2 of our Capital Campaign, which established a \$1,000,000 Building Re-serve Fund. I am happy to report that we continue to receive many generous donations from members, not only financial, but also vehicles and literature. The donation of vehicles has allowed us to constantly maintain a beautiful exhibit in the lobby of our National Headquarters. This exhibit space continues to change and evolve. If you are in the area, please plan to drop by and enjoy our National Headquarters and Library.

If you haven't been on an AACA tour, Audrey and I encourage you to do so. This year we attended the Eastern Divisional Tour, the Western Divisional Tour and the 78th Edition Glidden Tour. The pace is much slower and the atmosphere is much more relaxed as a participant. This allows you an opportunity to get to know fellow AACA members much better and see a lot of our beautiful country. Some of our new experiences included riding in the rumble seat of a 1930 Model A on I-95 and riding in a 1911 Hudson with no windshield in the rain, both experiences to be remembered forever. We were also excited to see many families bring young people on these tours. It was the perfect opportunity to talk with the younger folks about our hobby.

In summary, it has been a great ride serving as 2024 National President. I am also grateful for my recent reelection to the National Board of Directors. I appreciate the trust you have shown in me and look forward to continuing to make AACA the greatest it can be.

Executive Vice President

Dave Anspach, 2024 Executive Vice-President

2024 has been a good year for the AACA. The efforts to improve the website continue to show progress. Our work in improving our electronic presence and social media has moved by leaps and bounds. We move forward every day.

Our staff in Hershey continues to amaze with their hard work. They continue to go "above and beyond the call of duty" in every case. We all need to be proud of every one of them.

Your board of directors is one of the most talented and hard working groups of people ever assembled. Their service to our hobby and our club also continues to forward our progress

Our efforts for the 2025 year will continue to focus on membership. To continue to move forward, every one of us needs to focus on finding new members and keeping old members. The "search for spark plugs" is the highlight of this effort. Finding those driven people who want to work to this club ahead is an effort we all can take part in. I am sure that the phrase "are you a spark plug" will become part of a lot of conversations in the next year!!

It has been a real honor serving as your executive Vice President for the past year and getting to meet and speak with members all over the nation. I look forward to serving you more this year and working to build this club of ours!!

National Awards

Stan Kulikowski, Vice-President

The National Awards team evaluated over 2400 vehicles at 12 Nationals and Tours throughout 2024. The approximately 225 cars that were nominated for the various awards represent the best restorations and preservation efforts in the hobby. On Saturday night, 59 car owners will be recognized for their restoration efforts. Additionally, there will be 19 service awards presented to AACA regions, members and support organizations recognizing their efforts to promote and sustain our hobby.

I would like to personally thank each and every member who has shown a vehicle at one of our Nationals or driven on one of our tours. Without your support of our events, we would not be able to reward your incredible efforts in preserving our history.



National Activities

Wayne Tuck, Vice-President

2024 resulted in eight total nationals for the year. Two were hosted in the Eastern Division, three in Southeastern Division, one each in Puerto Rico and Western Division. Founders Tour, Eastern Divisional Tour, Western Divisional Tour and Glidden Tours were completed leaving Reliability tour (1915 and earlier) and Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) not hosted for 2024.

As we enter 2025 we again have eight nationals scheduled. Two in the Western Division, two in the Eastern Division, one in Southeastern Division, and three in the Central Division. For the second consecutive year there will be no winter Nationals.

National Tours scheduled for 2025 are Vintage Tour (1931 - earlier), Eastern Divisional Tour (25 years-older) Central Divisional tour (25 years-older) Glidden Tour 1942-earlier, hosted by VMCCA). We are still seeking hosts for the Founders Tour and Southeastern Divisional Tours for 2025.

Many of our host regions are still recovering financially from the pandemic. To encourage our regions to step up and consider hosting a national event the National Board of Directors has passed a resolution offering a \$5000.00 grant to any region hosting a national show or tour that has not hosted one for ten years. Please contact national headquarters or Vice president-National Activities for more information.

Publications

Debbie Nolen, Vice President

Publications had another good year with our newsletter evaluations program. Sixty-two Newsletter Achievement Awards Program (NAAP) applications were received, and twenty-three editors will receive the Master Editor award, seventeen Excellence awards, and thirteen Distinction awards. As a part of the NAAP, thirteen evaluators were divided into five teams, four for online uploads and one for U.S. Mail only. This year there seemed to be lack of clarity on certain requirements within NAAP, and this will be addressed in the upcoming year. We continue to correspond with our editors and evaluators on ways we can improve our NAAP system. As you read this report, plan to go back home and remind any new editors that your VP of Publications is always available when questions arise. The Editor's Manual is available on the AACA website. There is a plethora of great stories and pertinent articles on AACA from your national directors in the Rummage Box that is also found on the website.

The Publications committee continues to believe that our newsletters are the heart beat and glue which holds members of AACA together from the chapter/region level all the way up to the national level. Our publications serve to keep all of us inspired and informed to fulfill the mission of AACA. Please take the time to thank your editor for all that she or he does!

Judging Jim Elliott, Vice-President

It has been a genuine pleasure to have served as Vice-President of Judging for 2024. No other position on the National Board of Directors results in more interaction with the members of AACA. It is truly rewarding to assist members to improve their cars for future events.

National Meets and the judging of cars traditionally sees the largest participation area of the club for our members, and this year was no different. Prior to starting the show season on the "Mainland", we once again traveled to Puerto Rico for the first meet of the year. The hospitality shown by our hosts is always special.

We repeated locations with National Meets in Charlotte, North Carolina; Saratoga Springs, New York; Loveland, Colorado, and of course, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The newcomers to our calendar included meets in Hampton, Virginia, and Huntsville, Alabama. Both locations "raised the bar" for competition among the Regions.

Hampton treated us to an indoor air-conditioned venue in August as well as a sunset cruise in the Hampton Harbor and a visit to the Apollo 12 Space Capsule.

Huntsville lived up to its nickname, The Rocket City, by hosting the Awards Banquet under the Saturn V Rocket built for the Apollo 18 moon mission.

At the conclusion of the 2024 show season, more than 2,400 cars were shown, judged, and evaluated. The successful conclusion of the year was dependent upon the hundreds of volunteers who make our system work smoothly and is the reason that the AACA program of judging is so often copied by other car clubs.

I am especially grateful to the many judges who volunteer as field judges, CJE instructors, and on the Judging Administration Team. A special recognition is due to Vicki Bolton for her expertise in the supervision of the Administration of Judging.

If you are curious as to how well your car scored at a National Meet, results are available from the Vice-President of Judging for a period of one year following the meet in question. Please write or email the Vice-President at the address provided in the Antique Automobile Magazine. Include the location of the meet; the year, make, and model of your car, and the class in which it was shown. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope when writing.

Our first National Meet for 2025 is planned for April 5 in Charlotte, so now is the time to get your pride and joy ready!



Judges Administration Vicki Bolton, Vice-President

This past year the Administration Team managed the administrative duties for eight Nationals.

Members of the team attend every Nationals to process the paperwork to determine the award winners.

2024 included Nationals at Guaynabo Puerto Rico and Loveland Colorado.

Our duties include checking in the team captains and reviewing their paperwork. After the initial check in, paperwork is reviewed again by the administration members serving at the pre-check station. Scores are then entered into the Meet Program on the computer. The winner lists are printed and checked by the post-check station. All scores are reviewed three times before the scores are finalized.

The team starts the day at judge's breakfast and finishes up sometime after lunch. Sometimes the day can be long, but the work is very rewarding as we finish up and know that the winners will be excited to receive their much-deserved award at the banquet.

I hope that you will consider serving with the Administration team if you enjoy processing paperwork and like working with numbers. I know that you would find the work very rewarding.

Please consider thanking one of the Administration Team at the next Nationals.

Online Event Registration

We were pleased to announce in 2024 that online registrations along with credit card payment was now possible in AACA. We are happy to report that AACA tours also have this capability for 2025. Our members overwhelmingly responded to us with their approval with new feature Steps to take:

1. Go to members.aaca.org
2. Type-in your six digit member number and pin number
3. Select the nationals or tour you want to register for
4. Register the events for this show
5. Click on Check Out
6. Click on Credit Card button
7. Proceed with credit card payment

NOTE: You must pay for each Nationals and tours separately



National Headquarters/Library & Research Center
Steve Moskowitz, CEO
Keith Flickinger, Vice-President

This year we have changed our reporting a bit, as Steve and Keith collaborated on this single article and Jen Wolfe, our Library Director, will have a separate report on the Library. We hope this will help our members understand more about what is happening with the management of the club and its facilities.

Real exciting news has been an outpouring of generous donations of cars and cash to the club/library. We have been the beneficiaries of several estates with one being extraordinary. Those funds have been invested for the future of the club. Among the donations there were some fantastic cars with two more yet to arrive. While we are not in the business of selling cars, some donors prefer us to do such and use the funds to help support AACA. All this helped boost our financial position this year, but operating costs continue to be challenging.

Jen will give you a full report on the Library but we would be remiss in not pointing out how proud we are of her efforts and that of the library staff. They have had a couple of projects involving outreach into the community and executed them well. The yard sale was a lot of work, but it was successful. We are pleased that our board agreed that the workload is extraordinary and as such we have hired another librarian to help us in the backlog of cataloging.

A highlight of the year is a recent improvement with technology in our building. We now have improved wi-fi capabilities thanks to upgrades available for our system. Also, since we went to internet phones, we have experienced some problems, however, our phone system now is on its own dedicated equipment. Added to all this was a recent contract to increase our upload and download speeds to 1 gig from 600 megabytes by the end of 2024.

The advancement with our online renewal system has been a terrific help to members and staff alike. So far, it looks like all the bugs have been worked out and the more complex project with online show and tour events began with our convention this year. We still are in a bit of a learning curve with it, but it has been relatively successful despite having a complex set of needs to be met. These advancements have been a long time coming but thankfully our staff and the software engineer for our system have solved the vast majority of the issues.

This year we continued to make sure our building is taken care of properly as we have a huge investment in it. All the window caulking on the outside that was original to the building has been replaced, landscaping and mulching were once again upgraded, and several new artworks have been put on display. The Oral History Center is up and running thanks to the generous support of John and Lynn Heimerl. Make sure when you are visiting that you leave YOUR story with us. Two of our National Award trophies have been reimagined as they were very old and not up to our current standards. AAA is paying for one of them and we have two new awards in production.

One thing you may not be completely aware of is the time and effort put into our convention by the national staff. As our chairman Steve Rossi puts it, "the heavy lifting is done by them" and we can attest there is a LOT of lifting. This year the staff also is overseeing the Dayton Grand National as well. Thankfully as stated before this is a hard-working group. All of us though want to take the time to thank Keith for his friendship and expertise in getting two of our cars repaired this year. He has also arranged for several nice donations to the club.

Finally, a special note from Keith. "It has been my honor to serve on the AACA Board of Directors for a full term but regretfully my duties with the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage precluded me from running again. A highlight for me has been working with the staff at AACA. I continue to be impressed with their dedication and loyalty to AACA. Their work ethic is second to none. I would be remiss in not thanking Steve for his leadership.

I have enjoyed helping the club and staff with several projects and I am not going into hiding. I will remain a loyal supporter and although not on the board I expect to be working with the Hershey staff on more projects in the future. In conclusion thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you, our members."



Library & Research Center Jen Wolfe, Library Director

Over the course of the last year, the library has seen a real uptick in momentum, and progress towards some of our short-term goals. In 2024, the library staff fulfilled 905 research requests, 314 of which came from in-person visitors to our building. On average this comes to about 75 requests taken in every month; some that can be answered that same day, but most of which take multiple days or even weeks to complete. This is a testament to complex nature of the research services we are able to provide, and a reflection of the faith the membership has in our library to be the place and the people able to help with in-depth, multipart projects. The library raised \$2,028 during the Annual Convention week, and \$15,648 during Hershey Fall Nationals. We are grateful and humbled to report just over \$25,000 in donations from our club's Regions, and individual donors throughout the year. Additionally, we took in 164 individual donations of material (with some folks donating items multiple times throughout the year), helping to grow our unique and diverse collection.

Although volunteers for Hershey week were hard to come by this year, we continue to rely on our core group of volunteers who come in week after week to help with everyday tasks and special projects. In total, volunteers collectively clocked over 1,500 hours of time over the course of the year. To put it another way, that amounts to 188 full-time workdays. A full-time staff member works approximately 230 days a year – so to put it in perspective, our volunteer hours amount to the better part of an entirely additional librarian...for free. I can't overstate the value this brings to our organization.

The library was approved to hire a new librarian in 2025, and as of January 6 we welcomed Jim Kapoun to the team. Jim is an academic (university) librarian with almost 40 years of experience in libraries, many of which were served at the director or dean level. We are grateful to have been able to welcome someone with such an enormous amount of experience, knowledge, and professionalism to our library, and we look forward to introducing Jim to the membership and the hobby.



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Public Relations/Event Planning Steven Rossi, Vice-President

Things have been busy within the pages and posts of Public Relations, along with the venue of Events.

AACA continues to get more than its fair share of exposure through traditional media, and a good example concerns coverage of the Hershey Region's Eastern Fall National Meet. Despite 2024 challenges of inclement weather throughout the majority of the Southeast, Hershey Flea Market traffic, Car Corral sales and Show participation proved successful. As recognized in everything from *Hemmings Motor News* to *Old Cars*.

For the second year in a row, yours' truly narrated Fri-day's "Morning Glory" procession on to the Show Field with positive response...as an informative value-add to the proceedings. Thanks to the Hershey Region. Which was in keeping with our non-profit AACA mission to provide education.

We have also aggressively accelerated our position with-in the world of online media through the establishment of a Digital/Social Committee, after last year's February Chantilly, VA Annual Convention. The Team was tasked with broadening AACA's online footprint and outreach in the interest of driving membership growth.....particular

toward a younger demographic. It consists of Jack Harris, President; Steven Rossi, Chairman; Ron Jury, Marketing; Jeff Broadus, Membership; Stan Kulikowski, Strategic Planning; Dave Bowman, Finance & Budget; and Steve Moskowitz, CEO.

By the time Hershey came around in October, some 1-million online impressions were realized with some 5,500+ visits to our website. The Committee retained an online Consulting firm...Creative Web...to support the effort on a month-to-month basis. Creative Web previously deployed our updated website, so they brought a good degree of natural synergy with them.

With a solid digital foundation established, the Committee is now beginning to mine it. Two membership promotions are being leveraged, as follows. The first is a Direct Mail campaign targeted to subscribers of a nationally recognized classic car magazine that recently ceased publication. We are promoting our award-winning Antique Automobile print magazine as a viable substitute and will back it up with the enticement of a free AACA hat for new subscribers.

The other membership promotion is directed toward 11-million NASCAR fans. To whom we are demonstrating our commitment to the preservation and enjoyment of antique race cars in their programs and online publications through a discounted, one-year introductory offer in accordance with our Student membership mechanism.

Meanwhile, we have worked hard to further energize our Annual Convention. Last year we sold out the host hotel and grew attendance by 21-percent, so we immediately picked up from where that effort left off the day after the 2024 Chantilly, VA event ended. Starting the planning process way ahead of Hershey allowed for the Convention and standalone Trade Show Committees...with Hornet's Nest Region support...to put many of the building blocks in place before being called upon to support the Eastern National Fall Meet. Which meant that we could start to advertise and promote the 2025 Convention earlier than ever.

For example, each and every issue of Antique Automobile and Speedster throughout the year included Charlotte-Concord Convention encouragement. Along with ongoing aaca.org Forum attention and routine membership e-Mail blasts. Five supporting sponsorships were quickly secured.

And once again, the host hotel sold out. This time, three months in advance in a new locale, where we have never participated before. While we know this is an inconvenience for many, the Committees have consciously worked to minimize the impact and manage expectations to attendee's satisfaction. In summary, the 2024 Public Relations & Events objective has been to increase AACA awareness and create contemporary Club demand in the long-term interest of sustained growth and future prosperity.

Retiring Directors

The AACA Board of Directors is comprised of some of the most dedicated, hard working and loyal AACA members you will ever find. These folks give of their time, financial resources and expertise to help guide AACA in many ways. They do this without any expectation of personal gain but of love for this hobby and AACA. At this convention we are announcing the retirement of two such directors, two of our very special team members. They are both very important to our future and their retirement in part for personal reasons is only a step down from the commitment to the board but NOT a step down for serving AACA. They both will continue helping out AACA in a different role.

John McCarthy

John came on board in 2015 and serviced in the capacity of Vice-President Development & Support for the Eastern Division. John is a CPA and it was quickly realized that his talents were suited as Vice-President of Finance & Budget where he served for many years and made a huge contribution to our financial reporting.



Eventually a new position on the board was created by President Tom Cox of Vice-President of Endowments. AACA has considerable investments and John's expertise in this field is extraordinary. He has overseen our investments to this day which has allowed for a reduction in fees to the club and a well-managed portfolio. His reports to the board are extremely detailed and his efforts on our behalf have helped us gain financial stability

even though we used a considerable amount of our assets for the new headquarters and library. During this time John has been a AACA judge who currently has 338 credits. He has also been a member of our National Awards team and Zenith team. John also is a member of several regions and a life member of AACA. Thankfully, John will remain as the person overseeing our investments as Chairman of Endowments. We are very grateful for John's 10 years of service and are sad that circumstances have prevented him from joining us at this year's convention. When you see John at a future event be sure to thank him.

Keith Flickinger

Keith, a life member, has only been with the board for a full term but he has packed a lot into the past three years. Keith also has been a Vice-President of Development & Support for the Eastern Division. His latest assignment was as Vice-President of National Headquarters & Library. Keith has always been a huge supporter of the AACA staff and has made sure on his frequent visits to greet all the staff and see if they need anything. In addition, as the COO and Curator the NB Center for

for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown, PA he has assisted the club with sponsorships and the repairs of several of our cars. This support has been very important to the financial success of the club. AACA has lower dues than many other clubs and this is because of the kind of support we get from people like Keith. He came to the



rescue when our 1930 Lincoln was vandalized and the work by his team was extraordinary. Anyone who attends Hershey has seen some of the great cars from the NB Center and this past year he brought a "fleet" of Buicks for the crowd to admire. Incidentally, he showed them as Do Not Judge. Keith also is supplying a phenomenal gift for our casino night and is a sponsor of our convention. He must step away from the board due to massive commitments to the vision of Mr. Bulgari in saving American car culture by saving the cars and bringing along a new generation of craftsmen. Keith has his hands full! However, Keith also is still going to assist us with projects in the future. His sense of humor will be missed but his friendship even more.

Digital Marketing

Ron Jury, Vice-President Marketing

Over the last year with the assistance of our Consulting firm, Creative Web, we have deployed advertising in several websites. With the assistance of Steve Moskowitz, CEO, we were able to negotiate an advertising campaign with NASCAR for their races at an extremely low price. We will be featured in programs for every NASCAR events and reach up to 11,000,000 auto enthusiasts in 2025.

Creative Web has been given access to our site to start analyzing the data to better understand who is visiting our website so we can start to better understand who we are reaching and to better understand if our marketing is working or not. This data will also help us to understand what direction we need to go and if we are missing our target audience.

With the assistance of the members of the Digital Marketing team, we came up with several promotions, which included a reduced membership fee in Charlotte, a free 1-year membership to other clubs attending the Kansas City - AACA free Chicken dinner and a guest speaker from Mecum Auction. We baited our fishing hook with a Free Hat to new members in a direct mail campaign and Antique Automobile magazine. The AACA presence at the Philadelphia Auto Show this year netted us and additional 120 plus members thanks to the efforts of Mike Jones, Dave Hutchison and all the volunteers.

The marketing committee is dedicated to helping AACA increase membership in the immediate future and beyond.

Youth Development & Awards Greg Jackson, Vice-President

As one of the ways we can strengthen our old car hobby and continue its appreciation from one generation to the next, the AACA award and scholarship program recognizes students who demonstrate academic studentship paired with an active interest and participation in the antique car hobby. Whether their interests have been shown through restoration, preservation, and/or ownership of antique cars, AACA supports its commitment to qualified candidates with several types of \$1500 awards, with privately funded scholarships also awarded periodically. All Scholarship awards are presented as part of the AACA Annual Convention each year. This year we were blessed with a highly competitive applicant group and AACA is honored to award eight scholarships at the National Awards Banquet. I especially want to thank the 2024 members of the Youth Scholarship Review committee who were amazing in their evaluation, perceptions, and fairness in dealing with a strong applicant field. The committee included Debbie Nolen, VA; Tracy Ricketts Leshner, PA; Dave and Marilyn Chiotti, CA; Scott Kopp, PA, and Pat Buckley, AACA.

- ♦ AACA Scholarship Award
 - Abbey Sweeney, Mississippi State University
- ♦ Hershey Region AACA Automotive Scholarship
 - Mack Morris, McPherson College
 - Owen Phillips, McPherson College
- ♦ John & Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship
 - Berit Raines, Wellesley College
 - Hailey Kapral, Seton Hall University
- ♦ Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship
 - Tyler Tucker, Pennsylvania College of Technology
- ♦ AACA Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology
 - Claire Uhler, Southeast Community College
- ♦ Young People's Award
 - Will Parrish, North Carolina State University

Endowments

John McCarthy, Vice-President

AACA has two Endowments---the Life Member Endowment and the AACA Library and Research Center Endowment.

The AACA Life Member Endowment is an AACA Board designated fund whose sole purpose is to fund the subscription cost of the Antique Automobile magazine for AACA Life Members. The Endowment is conservatively managed for the purpose of producing dividend and interest income to cover such costs, and secondarily for

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exceeded the cost of the Antique Automobile magazine.

The AACA Library and Research Center Endowment is to provide for the long-term financial management and growth of the AACA Library and Research Center.

The Library and Research Center Endowment is a donor-based endowment where the donor stipulates under the terms of their donation are to be principal and only the earnings from such funds may be used by the Library. Such funds are to be held in perpetuity. The funds are invested for the primary purpose of producing investment income from dividends and interest, and secondarily from appreciation of investments.

The Endowment Committee disburses income from the Library Endowment as needed to meet its financial goals. Disbursements are made from investment income less investment advisory management fees.

Endowment funds are to consist of a diversified portfolio in readily marketable securities such as common stocks, investment grade preferred stocks, mutual funds, exchange traded funds, and investment grade bonds and notes. No more than 55% of the portfolios are to be invested in equities such as common stocks, equity mutual funds and exchange traded equity funds.

All endowment fund assets are maintained in endowment accounts and no such assets are commingled with assets of AACA or the AACA Library and Research Center.



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