



TIRE TRACKS

JUNE 2020

THE ELECTRONIC VERSION



Greetings Members, We received this message just as I was wrapping up our June issue. Certainly not what we wanted to hear, but understandable given the current state of the pandemic. Hershey is the major event that many of us plan on as the peak of the antique automobile year. I think I've missed 3 years since 1980 and I know many others have been attending much longer than that. Hopefully we can return to some of our local events as the year progresses. In the meantime, hang in there!

Stu Allen



It is with great regret that the AACAC Hershey Region Executive Board informs you that the 2020 Hershey Fall Meet has been cancelled. This decision was not arrived at lightly. Our Club prides itself on producing a world-class event that thousands of people anticipate every year, so we felt the heaviest of burdens when faced with this decision

While making the difficult choice to cancel, the Board took many obstacles into account, including but not limited to: the health and welfare of our volunteers, vendors, partners, and visitors; the unknown restrictions and/or guidelines that may be in place at the time of our show; and the volunteer-only workforce we rely on to prepare for a show of our magnitude.

We appreciate you understanding how difficult this decision was for the Executive Board to make. We know that some people will be upset by the decision and others will applaud it. Either way, please know that the Hershey Region Executive Board has acted in what they believe are the best interests of the Club, and we ask for your continued support as we navigate these unprecedented times

Refund information will be sent very soon in regards to all payments already received by the Hershey Region AACAC.

Please know that we continue to explore ideas to benefit the hobby and are working toward the possibility of still hosting our usual car show on Saturday in October. While this may not be doable, AACAC and the Hershey Region along with other constituencies are working hard to make this possible. Please visit our website and social media as often as possible for the latest news.

Hershey Region AACAC



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Why is it that if the virus strikes the lungs, people hoard up on toilet paper (recently called toilet tissue and now politically correct called TP) ?

For those of you that don't know, member Dave Potter is a master wood worker that has created some spectacular pieces of furniture and knick knack type items. It was a pleasant phone call that I got from him asking me to come out to the house and see his latest creation. Sitting on the front porch looking out over the valley and DRINKING a Corona, I asked as to what the thing was hanging from the tree out front. "That's my latest creation, it's a LP" he said. "Looks like a weird bird feeder to me" I replied. "Watch this he replied". Soon a squirrel stepped onto the thing and within 5 seconds the poor little squirrel was launched some 300 feet into the next door neighbors tree. LP? Launch pad. Yep Dave, you have too much time on your hands.

Decided to visit Rick Downes and Carol Ralston since I hadn't heard from them for quite a while and they only live up the road a piece. I wondered how many more vehicles Rick has collected since the last visit. (none) Rick was however quite interested in showing me his latest project (Carol just rolled her eyes) He escorted me to the closet door and invited me in (scared? who me?). Turned out it was an elevator. In a house? Down we went for 6 stories (that's 60 feet deep in the earth) and when stopped, the door opened and we faced an enormous steel door with a 3 handled twist knob. After punching in some code and twisting the handle, he pushed the massive thick door open and we entered an 8x8x8 foot concrete blast proof room. It was lined floor to ceiling and wall to wall with shelves some 3 feet deep and each and every one filled to overflow capacity.

"Rick"? "Pretty neat, eh" he replied. "Rick, have you seen a doctor lately" I asked ? "When this virus thing came out", I wanted to be prepared he said. "Rick, there's enough stuff here to supply Chubby Checker and the Congolese Army for a years deployment for pity sake". He said "There's ONLY 6,500 rolls of toilet paper in here".

"Hello, Western State"

Jack Drago

Thoughts from your Editor

I think I know how the sports reporters and announcers must feel when there are no sporting events and highlights to write about or show on the sports portion of the news. It has been tough finding old car events to take pictures of and write about. As I prepare to go to press with this issue, I still have hopes that we can do some sort of activity at Baldwin Park on July 11, although we may have to revise our format since retirement communities have been very vulnerable during the pandemic. Many of us planned to attend the ODMA Meet at Natural Bridge in June but that has been postponed until November. Two activities that I planned to attend in West Virginia (Sentimental Tour in Potomac Highlands and the AACA Eastern Spring Meet in Beckley) were both cancelled. I know that Ken & Shirley Farley and your editor are keeping our fingers crossed that the AACA Grand National Meet in Allentown, PA will be held as scheduled late in July, the weekend before the Augusta County Fair. Hopefully things may get back to some sort of normal by then. In the meantime, we will try to keep all of you up to date on events for our Region. Webmaster Scott Gregory is doing a great job in updating the calendar on our website so mke sure you check that before planning to attend future events.

Stu Allen

Notes from your Editor—Continued from May Tire tracks

I know some of you can't wait to hear what progress I've made on my 1949 Buick during our ongoing lockdown since our last issue of Tire Tracks. As you may remember, my installation of new tires led to a brake job and as we went to press last month I had ordered a set of wheel cylinders and brake shoes. Since I failed to read the small print on the RockAuto website, I received 8 sets of brake shoes instead of the 4 sets I needed. No problem, just return the extras using the return instructions provided with the order. They give you a special discount shipping rate for returns so I repacked the extras and dropped them off at our local FedEx shipping point. The wheel cylinders were also received so I proceeded to take one front brake assembly apart and replace the cylinder. I've learned the hard way to only take one wheel assembly apart at a time so I still have the opposite wheel assembly to use as reference. Trying to get all the parts and pieces back in the correct place and order is much easier when you have a live example of what goes where. Next I decided to install the first set of new shoes before proceeding to the opposite wheel. With all the pieces back in place and the shoes in place, I backed off on the brake adjuster to leave lots of room to slip the drum back on. Murphy's law kicked in again! The drum would slide on part way but refused to seat on the hub. I tried everything to get the drum on, finally calling it a day, figuring that a new day might yield better results.

Some time during that night, as I dreamed of endless brake jobs, it came to me that I had never compared the new shoes with the old ones I had removed. Next morning, back to the shop and I quickly noticed that the replacement shoes were about 1/2 inch wider than those that came off. (*Lesson Learned: Check all new replacement parts against the old ones – don't trust the supplier's catalog listing that they will fit!*) Now it was obvious why the drum wouldn't go on. I repacked the new shoes and sent them back (I'm getting good at FedEx returns). I ended up ordering shoes from Bob's Automobilia in California who had the proper width rebuilt shoes. They arrived in about 4 days and they fit and the drum went on easily. As I was repacking the front wheel bearings, I noticed that inner wheel seal that was as old as the car, looked a little shabby and should be replaced. No problem, drive down to Federated and ask for the appropriate p/n that I looked up in my parts book. Guess what? Their parts book doesn't go back that far, but if I bring in the old seal, they can probably match it. Sounds sketchy! Plan B was to order 2 new seals from RockAuto.

While waiting for parts, I took my new tires to the tire shop and had them mounted and balanced. Six days later the new seals arrived and were the correct ones. The rest of the assembly process proceeded with no drama this time.

With the brakes assembled it was time to adjust the shoes and bleed the brake lines using new brake fluid. I used the procedure shown in the shop manual to mechanically adjust the shoes. It is great to have a hoist to provide easy access to the backing plates and bleed valves. The only complication is that the fluid reservoir for the master cylinder is only accessible from the engine compartment that is now 10 feet in the air. No problem – get the step-ladder and climb up and using a long funnel, pour a small amount of brake fluid to top off the reservoir. I used the pneumatic brake fluid bleeder (covered in an earlier edition of Tire Tracks) to pull fluid through the lines to eliminate air bubbles. You must be careful to keep the master cylinder filled with fluid or you will suck air and you have to start all over again. (*Don't ask me how I know this*). After at least 49 trips up and down the step-ladder, I was successful in getting the brakes bled and the brake pedal was firm and at a proper height. I installed the wheels and tires and did a test drive. Everything checked out and after installing the wheel trim rings and hubcaps, I'm ready for a tour.

Lessons learned (or relearned):

- Read the shop manual.
- Read the small print when ordering parts.
- Check new parts vs. the old ones prior to attempting installation.
- Figure the time that it will take to do the job. Multiply by 4 and hope Murphy doesn't show up!

Murphy's Law - "Anything that can go wrong will go wrong".



Stu Allen



Rising To The Challenge in Challenging Times

By Don Barlup VP - National HQ & Library

Some of our National Headquarters staff are working from home, while others are busy boxing up items, preparing for the move to our new Headquarters/Library building in the Fall. This is a large task and getting a head start on it will make the move much easier. Steve Moskowitz and Pat Buckley were successful in applying for the federally funded SBA Payroll Protection Plan, assuring that our staff continues to provide all the services that our members have been accustomed to. While construction has come to a halt, due to the national shutdown, materials continue to arrive on site and Steve participates in the weekly construction conference calls. The Construction shutdown is set to be lifted on May 1st and progress will continue. Our Library staff has also been busy and head Librarian Chris Ritter reports the following: The Library staff has been very busy working from home – scanning books and photos, digitizing slides & filmstrips, making some interactive 3D models, cataloging sales literature, processing research requests and interacting with people. Our jobs have temporarily changed but AACA Library is still alive and well. Mike recently gave our website a facelift and I encourage you to check it out: www.aacalibrary.org. There are still things to be edited, added and adjusted but it is certainly a lot brighter and has a more modern look – a lot like our new building! We'll reopen our doors in just a few weeks and adjust to whatever our new normal looks like. Until then stay healthy and safe.

This too shall pass!

Article from the AACA Spring Rummage Box



Check Out the AACA Forums

By Mark McAlpine
Vice President – National Activities

Does the coronavirus have you down? Do you miss your AACA friends and activities? Then check out the AACA Forums. If you've never explored the online AACA Forums, now's the time to do it. The AACA Forums have always been interesting, but members have been especially creative recently to help us pass the time and beat the boredom during our country's (and the world's) ongoing health crisis. Unable to attend the postponed AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals in Concord, NC, or the cancelled AACA Central Spring Nationals in Auburn, IN, members let us view antique vehicles from the comfort of our homes by starting posts on the AACA Forums with period photographs of antique vehicles and race cars. I know—this isn't the same as being able to walk the show field and enjoying the sights, sounds, and smells of these beautiful automobiles, trucks, buses, and motorcycles, but I really enjoyed the photographs of these vehicles, especially seeing them in their original settings, and saw some vehicles I've never seen before. Other members seemed to enjoy the photos, too—the "Period Images to Relive the Stress" topic has over 43,000 views. The "Period Race Car Images" topic has over 6,200 views. (I posted 20 car quizzes, but I think only Marion viewed them.) Looking for a "new" antique vehicle or those parts you need to finish your current restoration project? Check out the "Cars for Sale" and "Parts for Sale" sections of the AACA Forums. Members must be taking advantage of the down time to clean out their garages because listings in each section have increased significantly since we've all been restricted to home. (And if you're looking for an antique vehicle or part, there are separate "Cars Wanted" and "Parts Wanted" sections.) There are AACA Forums sections for "Judging," "Newsletter Editors," "Garages, Trailers, and Towing," "Memorabilia, Toys, Art, Clothing, and Literature," "Our Cars & Restoration Projects," and "Technical." There's also loads of interesting information in the "AACA Library" section. If you haven't checked out the AACA Library & Research Center's website recently at www.aacalibrary.org, you need to do it. The old website was great, but the new one is fantastic. So until we resume our AACA national and regional activities (soon, I hope), connect with your AACA friends and vehicles by checking out the AACA Forums at www.forums.aaca.org.

Article from the AACA Spring Rummage Box

Joetta Weller 1938-2020



Joetta Weller passed away on May 6, 2020. She and husband George have been active members of our Region for many years. A private interment service was held at New Hope Methodist Church cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Our thoughts and prayers go out to George and their family.

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

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- JUNE**
- 7-12 AACA Sentimental Tour** (Vehicles 1928-1958), Potomac Highlands of West Virginia.
Cancelled
- 10 Executive Board Meeting at the Gray's**
Wednesday, 7:00 PM—1430 Red Top Rd., Waynesboro *Cancelled*
- 12-13 AACA National Southeastern Spring Meet**, Charlotte, NC. Charlotte Autofair at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region.
Cancelled
- 12-13 67th Old Dominion Meet Association Car Show**—Saturday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, , Natural Bridge Hotel, 15 Appledore Lane, Natural Bridge. Hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region.
Postponed to Nov. 6-7
- 13 Saturday, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 3rd Annual Classic Car Show, Summit Square, 501 Oak Avenue, Waynesboro.*
- 14 Sunday, National Street Rod Association Appreciation/Safety Day, DAPS Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.*
Cancelled
- 20 Richmond Region 51st Annual Collector Car Show & Swap Meet** -Saturday, St. Joseph's Villa, 8000 Brook Road, Richmond.
Cancelled
- 21 Monthly Meeting and Picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church**—Sunday, 2:00 PM , 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville.
Cancelled
- 21 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides and Rods Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.*
- 24-27 AACA Eastern Spring National Meet**, Beckley, WV. Hosted by the West Virginia Whitewater Region
Cancelled
- 27 Saturday, 3:00 – 8:00 PM – Robert Sumner Memorial Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream*
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- JULY**
- 11 Saturday, 10:00 AM – Annual Vehicle Display & Monthly Meeting**
Brightview Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.
- 12 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides and Rods Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft*
- 19-24 AACA Reliability Tour (Vehicles 1915 & Earlier), Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA.**
Organized by Bob Giles and Tom Roberts
Cancelled
- 23-25 AACA Grand National Meet**, NB Center for American Automotive Heritage, 540 Union Boulevard, Allentown, PA.
- 31 Friday, 4:00 – 9:00 PM – Augusta County Fair Vehicle Display**, Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville.

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Wednesday, 7:00 PM—1430 Red Top Rd., Waynesboro

16 **Sunday, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting & Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes.**

20-22 **AACA Southeastern Fall National Meet, Elizabeth, IN. Hosted by the Kyana Region.**

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4th Monday each month at 7PM.
They meet at the Cavalier Diner,
1403 Emmet St. N.

Tri-County Region Meetings
Dates vary - Check their website:
<http://tri-county-aaca.org/>

This list of cars for sale from Dick McNinch

1915 Buick C25 Touring Car,
1936 Rolls Royce Phantom III Drophead Coupe,
1936 Ford Deluxe Touring Sedan,
1956 Ford Fairlane Town Sedan,
1966 Ford Mustang Convertible,
1986 Mercedes Benz 300E.

1930 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster

Brewster Medium Green exterior/black fenders,
Apple Green pinstripe and wheels, duel side mounts,
luggage rack w/trunk, rebuilt engine, rear end and
transmission, LaBaron-Bonney leather interior and
top, spotlight, turn signals, seat belts (front & rumble
seat).



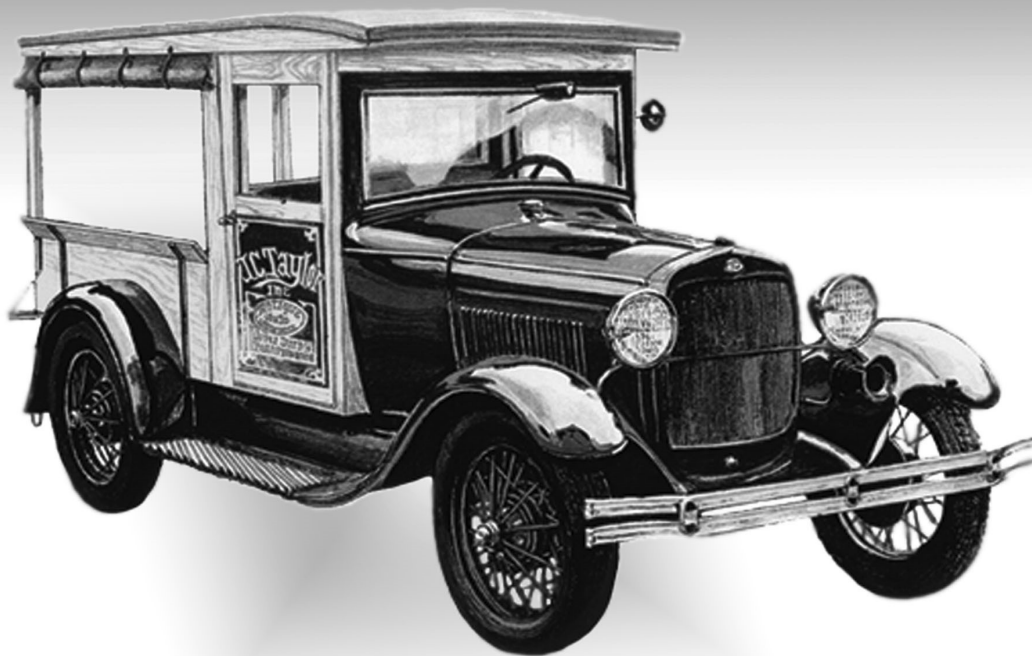
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