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No July Meeting



Joey and Kaye Moore show there 1969 Corvette Stingray Convertible w/ 427 4 speed tri-power motor at the 2022 Eastern Spring Nationals in Charlotte, North Carolina



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A Note From The

PRESIDENT

It has been a busy month! We went to the Crosley Nationals in Wauseon Ohio the first few days of July followed by the Central Spring Nationals in Waterloo Indiana. We leave July 24th to go to the Special Eastern Nationals in Hamilton New York. There will be no meeting this month since we will be out of town. Please see the articles on the activities in Ohio and Indiana.

The great news is the Board of Directors approved the name change for our region. The region is now known as the Great Southern Region of AACA. We will be bringing online a new Facebook page to promote the Region as well as some other marketing activities.

Please share any ideas that you might have to better promote the Region as we move forward in this new chapter of the club.

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over. There is still much to do. Sam is working on getting an August activity together for us. We are also working on getting a date for a possible visit to view the Moore Collection. On the National front, there is the Grand National in Bettendorf Iowa and of course the Hershey meet in October.

Hope you are all enjoying your cars and having a great summer!

Vicki Bolton

**TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

Dues are \$20.00 per family.
You must be a member of AACA to be a member of the Great Southern Region.
AACA Annual dues are \$45.00.
Currently \$25 for June - End of the year!
All club dues will be collected at the next meeting.



Oddities Tour of Baldwin County - June 25

We met on the Causeway in Mobile for a tour hosted by the Back Roads Touring Region. We took Big Red out for the day, the Barnett's 61 Cadillac. She needs to stretch her legs too. It felt appropriate to drive the live oak covered Government Street to the Bankhead tunnel that was built in 1941. .

10 cars started the tour with 16 people participating in the tour. On the trip through Spanish Fort, we saw a giant yellow ribbon, 18 ft dental tools and a 16 ft tall paper clip before stopping at Alligator Alley. Our leaders, Rod and Karen Matthews missed one of the first turns in the directions, so we gladly gave a neighborhood a parade as their GPS got us back on track. A few of us stopped and saw the large alligators along the Alligator Alley boardwalk.

Our first stop was at the United States Sports Academy, where we saw athletes made of junk created by Ben Larsen. We hung out under the big oak trees to wait for everyone to catch up. There are ten sculptures on permanent display on the grounds.

On our way to our next stop, we saw a few oddities on the side of the road. The copper fist holding the American flag and "Frank" and "Stein" made from old car parts. The Hermit Hut of Tolstoy Park was fascinating. In 1920, Henry Stuart of Nampa, Idaho was diagnosed with tuberculosis and was told he

would live a year. He packed up and moved to Fairhope, Alabama to live alone in the woods. He built a naturally air-conditioned hut half underground and lived for 29 more years.

On our way to our next stop, we saw some unique bottle trees and had the pleasure of traveling the back roads covered by the giant southern live oaks that span the entire roadway.

Our next stop was at Fairhope's Fairytale Castles. These magical, one-of-a-kind handcrafted treasures were created over more than sixty years, beginning with Sheldon's Castle, once the home of the legendary artist and sculptor, Craig Sheldon. They are fascinating from the outside. But luck was on our side, and we were invited inside to tour the castles by the owner. Our guide, Dean Mosher, explained to us about the history of the family that built the castles. We also had the pleasure of seeing Mosher's latest paintings. Three generations of artists have contributed to the creation of the Castles.

With temperatures reaching the 90s and relative humidity of 90% we were all ready for some AC at the Waterfront! The day was awesome with a lot of interesting sights! Our Leaders, Karen and Rod, presented the history of all the stops and made the trip very interesting. - Charlotte Dahlenburg



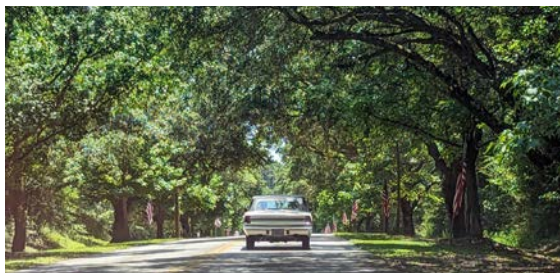
Lori and Dennis Bosarge at the Castles



Barrett dog paddling with the swimmer



Outside of the Hermit Hut



Following the leader on the covered roads of Daphne



18 ft dental tools

Crosley Nationals July 3-8

We stayed at the Fairgrounds in Wauseon, Ohio, which is where the Crosley Nationals are held every year. We did not get to stay for the show as we had to leave early for the Central Spring Nationals.

The Crosley show is one of the most relaxed car events you will ever attend, and it is always enjoyable and relaxing. We carried an unrestored Crosley and an extra frame to sell, both sold very quickly. Don't worry there is already a replacement-a restored 1948 convertible Crosley. There will be pictures next month of the latest addition.

We did get to go to the early bird dinner. Delicious hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings were provided along with banana pudding.

There are always interesting things to see at the Crosley show and this year was no exception even with us leaving early.

Vicki Bolton



Couldn't come home with an empty trailer so Arthur snagged this prize in the Crosley flea market



You never know what you will see at the Crosley show



It always seems so appropriate to be here for the 4th of July. The Fairgrounds has this incredible 911 memorial. It gives me chills every time I see it

Central Spring Nationals July 6-8

Things were pretty hectic for me since I was Registration Chairman for this meet. But we still managed to have a great time. They had a great variety of cars from early brass to late models.

Saturday started out pretty wet and we were not sure how the show was going to turn out, but the rain came through early and was basically over just in time to start judging and then it turned out

to be a beautiful day. The awards dinner was a relaxed affair with bar-b-que chicken, The awards finished fairly early and we headed home. We managed to squeeze into a Cracker Barrel for the night which meant breakfast when they opened and we got back on the road.

-Vicki



The Waterloo high school campus was the site for the Central Nationals and had these beautiful trees on the edge of the parking lot.



Some of the amazing trucks at the show

Some of the unusual cars at the show. Note the painted spots for the high school seniors

These early cars certainly were getting a lot of attention



The Drive of a Lifetime - 2023 AACA Founders Tour, London, Ontario, Canada - July 16-21

When we first heard about the 2023 Founders Tour location, we knew it was going to be a very special event. After all, how often can you drive your antique car in a foreign country? We started talking about it with our friends at K&W Auto Service in Birmingham to see if they were interested in joining us. They and their families went with us to Mobile last year for the 2022 Founders Tour and had a great time. Their first response was, "Let me check with my wife" and their second one was "Heck yeah! When do we leave!"



This is one of over 90 cars housed at the Plunkett Estate



The Westerhouse family in front of Jumbo the famous P. T. Barnum star elephant who tragically died in St. Thomas. It has been suggested that Disney's movie Dumbo was based on him.

Thus began a year of prepping three cars, planning work vacations, and making reservations. My husband, Eddie, is a master reservation-maker. He can plan a vacation of a lifetime in such a way that it looks so easy. I am the only one who hears the repercussions of misinformation, reorganizations, and incorrect room types. Traveling with families can be difficult when you have minors with you. Did you know that there is a difference between connected rooms and adjoining rooms? Ask Eddie. He has

learned all the tricks of the hotel trade.

At long last, we finally left for Canada driving a 1993 Cadillac. Warren Westerhouse and his family towed our 75 Caprice convertible and Jon Denard with wife Michele drove the 1961 Impala convertible. What a caravan! Two and a half days later we arrived at the Canadian border, passports, insurance papers, and car documents in hand. We had been very careful not to take anything across the border that was not allowed, but all gave a sigh of relief after everyone had been allowed to enter anyway. We said our hellos at an opening banquet that night when they gave an overview of the week's schedule.

Day One found us driving into Ontario's oil country. Did you know that in some places, the oil literally floats to the top of the ground in asphalt patties? We had to be careful where we walked so that the asphalt didn't stick to our shoes. Canada was an energy provider before America and still provides natural gas for much of New York.

Day Two found us driving to Stratford, named after Stratford-upon-Avon in England. They are known for the Stratford festivals where Shakespearean and other plays are performed in multiple theatres and even outside. We visited an amazing Props and Costume Warehouse and had lunch at an old church remodeled into a restaurant.

Day Three led us to the town of St. Thomas where we toured the railway history of the town. There was a huge statue in the town depicting Jumbo, the



Eddie and Suzanne Bibb and Warren Westerhouse at the fish fry in ST. Thomas

Elephant that was part of P.T. Barnum's circus until he was killed on the railway tracks in St. Thomas. We visited other places in the town including Clovermead Honey Shop where we saw bees in the wall in a bathroom working the honey! We ended the day with a fish fry at the old St. Thomas railway station. The fresh fish were from Lake Erie and delicious!

Day Four gave us a free morning to wander around London before driving to the Plunkett Estate to view a private collection of over 90 cars. The owner's father was chief gynecologist at London's University Hospital and involved in the invention of the birth control pill. The owner was there to give us a private tour and speak a little bit about all the celebrities who had come over the years to help raise money for various charities in the region. He created a weekend charity cruise in that remained in existence for fifteen years raising over 1.5 million dollars for the Plunkett Foundation. After he retired, the Hyde Park Lions Club took over sponsoring the cruise nights. Unfortunately, rain cancelled that week's cruise in.

Day Five came all too soon! We began the day touring St. Mary's, nicknamed Stonetown because of the many quarries in the area. We also visited the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame located on 32 acres of land donated by St. Marys Cement. Then we ended the tour with a delicious closing banquet.

The tour had ended but it was just the beginning of friendships with many new people and a renewal of friendships with old friends. I can't wait until next year's tour in Louisiana. Hope to see you there.

- Suzanne Bibb



Jon Denard and his wife, Warren Westerhouse and his family along with Eddie and Suzanne at closing banquet. All traveled together to the 2023 Founders Tour. Eddie was recognized for bringing the most people and cars to a Founders Tour.



Working on the Final Plans for this tour
Watch your Email for Details

August Montevallo Tour

2023 Eastern Fall Nationals

Do you want to attend, enter or judge Hershey this year?

This is an important reminder that registrations for car corral, flea market and car show must be postmarked by August 15!

If you would like registration materials mailed to you, please send an email with your name and member # to Sue at seitnier@aacaa.org.

Link for brochure: https://aacaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023_Hershey_Fall_Meet.pdf

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Dixie Region Calendar

July 27 No Meeting
August 24 Membership Meeting
September 28 Membership Meeting
October 26 Membership Meeting
November 16 (Third) Membership Meeting
December 14 (Second) Membership Meeting

Dixie Region Classifieds

For sale: 1959 Morris Minor 2 door sedan. A solid and complete car that was daily driven in 2015-17, hasn't been touched since 2020. Will need tires and rubber for all glass. Questionable taste two tone beige and chocolate paint job and very incorrect but functional interior. Located near Huntsville, \$3000. Call or text Sam Barnett at 205-482-0165.

For sale : 1966 Jaguar Mark X. 4.2 with factory air. 305 Chevy engine, TH 400. Turns over easily. Hasn't run since 2016. Lots of extra parts. Solid car with decent interior, \$6500. Call James Meredith at 205-492-5546.

Motors at The Museum

September 2, 2023 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. EST
Car Show, Swap Meet, & Food Vendors!
Free Admission to the General Public
\$20 Entry Per Show Vehicle Going toward
Money Tree Awards



If it has a motor, we want to see you there!
If interested in being a vendor contact:
Rick (706) 527-7365 David (334) 703-5528

A Note From The

EDITOR

It appears the dog days of summer are upon us! It is hot and muggy here in the south. Many of us have turned to traveling in more modern cars with air conditioning (AC). Did you know that the 1939 Packard was the first to enjoy AC? They were rear-trunk ACs that required the user to manually install or remove the dive belt for the AC compressor to turn the system on or off.

Here in the south in 1939 I would have figured out how to come up with the \$274 extra dollars to have this luxury. Women's dress for the day had changed from the short boyish look of the 20s back to ankle length. Slender form fitting dresses clung to you in the humid heat.

Now, with anything goes, from formal to gym clothes, AC is still appreciated in our cars! So crank the AC and head out and ride around in your car. Summer will be gone before you know it and the days will be short.

You could change the saying to the AC days of Summer and enjoy!

See you on the road,

Charlotte Dahlenburg



The Military Sponsorship Program is available to all of the Military Veterans that have proudly served to protect our homeland and freedoms. With this program, AACA is extending a limited number of complimentary 2023 memberships for first-time AACA applicants. More information on this program and an application can be found on the AACA website under member information and drop down to Military.

These complimentary 2023 memberships are for first-time AACA applicants and are limited by the funds available for this program. These complimentary applications for membership are intended for individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique car hobby.



AACA Calendar

August 10 - 12

2023 AACA Grand Nationals

Location: Bettendorf, Iowa Sponsor: AACA Mississippi Valley Region

August 16 - 19

2023 AACA Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier)

Location: Aroostook County, Maine Sponsor: AACA Maine Region

September 14-16

2023 AACA Special Central Divisional Tour (Up to 1998)

Location: Piqua, Ohio. Sponsor: Southern Ohio Chapter

September 25 - 29

2023 AACA Western Divisional Tour (Up to 1998)

Location: California Central Coast, Santa Ynez Valley Sponsor: AACA Santa Barbara Region

October 3 - 6

2023 Eastern Fall Nationals

Location: Hershey, Pennsylvania Sponsor: AACA Hershey Region

Flee market set-up is Monday (2nd); show date is Friday (6th)

October 22-27

2023 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943)

Location: Thomasville, Georgia. Sponsor: VMCCA

February 8-10

2024 Annual Convention Chantilly, VA

March 17-23

2024 AACA Founders Tour (1932-1998)

Location: Louisiana Sponsor: Louisiana Region

April 4-6

2024 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals

Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, North Carolina.
Sponsor: AACA Hornets Nest Region

June 20-22

2024 Eastern Spring Nationals

Location: Saratoga Springs, NY. Sponsor: Saratoga Region

July 10 - 14

2024 AACA Western Divisional Tour (Up to 1998)

Location: Big Horn Mt., Wyoming Sponsor: Nebraska Region

Local Calendar

Cruise Ins

1st Tuesday - 5-8pm Petro Bucksville 22526 Highway 216 McCalla

Thursday's - 6-9pm VFW Post 6022, 7001 University Blvd E, Cottondale

1st Saturday - 8-11am Hoovers Tactical Firearms Cruise In 1561 Montgomery Hwy. Hoover.

1st Saturday - 3pm Jan - Mar 5pm Apr-Dec 202 South Gilmer Ave, Lanett, AL More info Billy Humphrey at mrmopar622@gmail.com.

2nd Saturday - 5-8pm (Apr-Oct) Bee Line Highway Classics & Cruisers Railroad St, Hartselle

2nd Saturday - 6-9pm (Apr-Oct) Alabama Misfits Jack's Exit 267 off I-65 1195 Walker Chapel Rd, Flutondale

2nd Saturday - 8-11am - Magic City Octane. Saks Fifth Plaza 129 Summit Blvd, Birmingham

3rd Saturday - 6pm Tallahassee Shopping Center 400 Gilmer Ave

3rd Saturday - 2-5pm Hooters Hwy 119 & Oak Mountain Park Rd, Pelham

3rd Saturday - 3:30-8:30pm Home Depot 41310 US Hwy 280 Sylacauga

3rd Saturday - 4:30-7:30pm Home Depot 3784 US 431 Phenix City

4th Saturday - 5-9pm Pizza Bar 141 2nd St NW Carbon Hill

Saturday's 8:30-10:30 Shops of Colonnade 3418 Colonnade Pkwy, Birmingham

3rd Sunday - 1-5pm Casual Pint, 5541 Grove Blvd, Hoover

Shows

July

29 The Greater Alabama Showdown 10-6pm 3250 Wetumpka

Hwy. Montgomery

30 1st Annual Trill on the Hill Car Show 2-6pm 543 W 52nd St, Anniston, AL Car Show, Food Truck, Vendors, Door Prizes, Corn Hole Tournament. Info at 256-613-1601

August

5 Lynn Day Car Show, 9am. Open to all vehicles Classic cars/trucks, motorcycles, jeeps, tractors. \$30 Contact: Tracey 205-269-8052

12 Diversicare of Oxford's Inaugural Car Show 9-1pm 1130 South Hale St Oxford. \$25 entry Contact Janice 256-831-0481

19 Indoor Vette Spectacular Car Show. 9-2pm. Irondale Civic Center 3521 Ratclife Road. Preregister at midalcorvette.com. Info at 205-368-1869

26 THA Honest Alex City Modern & Retro Car, Truck & Bike Show Info at 304-993-1318

26 Tannehill VolksJam 2023 9am-3pm Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park 12632 Confederate Pkwy, McCalla. Held at beautiful and historic Tannehill State Park. Awards given for Best of's, Top 20 cars and some special awards. First 50 entries receive a goody bag. Camping is available on site through the park itself. A dinner cruise will be arranged for the Friday evening before the show.

September

16 Munford Veterans 2023 Car, Truck & Tractor Show 9-2pm. 82 Railroad Street, Munford. Live Music, Crafts, Food Vendors, Door Prizes, 50/50. \$20 entry Fee. Proceeds go to Munford Veterans Park

16 All Pontiac Models & Year Car Show Goose Pond Park 906 7th St N, Clanton. AL 8-2. Food, Money Tree, 50/50, Live Auction Contact 334-646-0855

30 The James Snow Memorial Car/Truck/Bike Show n



Get a Friend to Join!

Join AACA for Only \$25 Right Now!

By Karen White, AACA Membership Department, kwhite@aaca.org

Do you know anyone who would enjoy going to a car show? Maybe you know someone who would enjoy Antique Automobile magazine. This is an excellent time to encourage them to join AACA. New members can join the club now and pay only \$25 for the second half of 2023. They can test the AACA waters now for half the price. By the end of the year, we hope they will be ready to dive in for a full year of membership for 2024!

The half year membership allows new members to join the club for the second half of the member year and pay half the yearly membership fee. The half year membership includes the months of June through December at a cost of only \$25. The half year members receive three bi-monthly issues of Antique Automobile magazine (July/Aug, Sept/Oct & Nov/Dec).



If you have any questions regarding the half year membership program, feel free to contact me.

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- United States Air Force Museum
- Airstream Travel Trailer Heritage Center and Factory Tour
- Neil Armstrong Museum and Tolerance Museum
- American Bicycle Museum
- Gale Halderman Mustang Museum and Bob McConnell Private Collection of Vintage Race Cars

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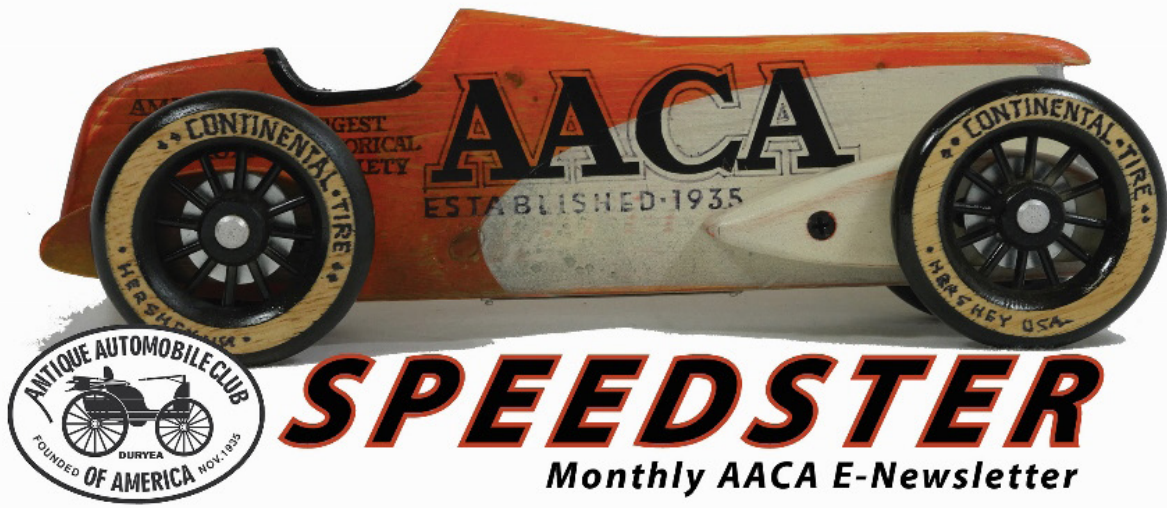
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New Member Benefit! Introducing MemberDeals

AACA is excited to announce a brand-new member benefit. We have a new partnership with MemberDeals! MemberDeals is a benefits program with exclusive offers to the world's greatest entertainment and travel brands. While working with the top suppliers and partners in the industry nationwide, MemberDeals develops attractive offers that you, as an AACA member, now get to take advantage of.

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(Your member number and pin can be found on your AACA membership card. If you have lost or misplaced your card, feel free to call AACA National Headquarters at 717-534-1910 and we will be happy to help you.)

Speedster articles courtesy of AACA



One nice feature that we appreciate in Mad Libs is the built-in kid-friendly user interface. Kids have a lot of fun and at the same time (unbeknownst to them) get to learn smart word choices while they are using the app. Mad Libs is both kid and grandparent approved as “really cool,” and the basic version is free! Additional content is priced at USD \$1.99, including the brand new “Diary of a Wimpy Kid.”

Drawing Desk

If your young ones are into coloring books, they will not be bored with Drawing Desk. With more than 6 million users, this app has something for everybody. The built in kids desk provides an opportunity for kids to have all types of fun with drawing. They can draw with music and magic wands (and what kid doesn't love magic wands).



If you are using the iPad Pro models, the app is optimized for the best drawing experience. So the next time you hit the road (or the air) with your young artist, download this app and let the creativity begin. The basic version is free with upgrades available as needed.

500 Coloring Pages

If your kids prefer coloring to drawing you, then this 500 coloring pages app is for you and your youngster(s). This app is specifically designed for kids ages 6 – 8 and supports a bunch of categories including fast cars, fairies, animals and of course our Apple Tool Box Kids beloved dinosaurs! There are three difficulty levels, easy, medium and hard—these are sure to keep the kids challenged for hours. The Lite version is free and you purchase upgrades as wanted (or needed.)



4 Pics 1 Word

This is one of my favorites because it's particularly fun for grown-ups like me that like to get silly and playful and (sometimes) act as kids while traveling. Four Pics One Word is a very simple yet really addictive game that shows you four pictures. You (okay...or your kids) have to come up with a word that is the common thread running throughout all the pictures. This puzzle is fun to play and there are tons of puzzles



from easy ones to pretty hard ones.

You can play all by yourself or pass the device around so everyone is included. We've found on our trips that playing 4 Pics 1 Word is a great way to pass time quickly. Please note that the rating on this is for ages 12 and up but we find that Four Pics One Word is enjoyed by all ages from young to old. The basic version is free.

Summary

Who doesn't love summer vacation? The idea of getting away from it all and enjoying some down time with our family is one of the things that keeps us going throughout the year. Family trips are meant to be fun, a break from all that stress. But a long car ride or an unexpected delay at the airport can very quickly change that harmony into absolute misery. So let's harness the power of our iDevices to diffuse any potential disaster and download a few fun family game apps before we hit the road. Our Apple Tool Box family can verify that these apps bring some peace of mind to parents and keep our young passengers happy and occupied. And hopefully these apps will reduce or eliminate the number of times we parents have to endure another “are we there yet?”

AACA Vintage Tour 2023

Tour “The County” in The Crown of Maine!
August 16-19 ▪ Presque Isle, Maine
1931 and earlier vehicles welcome

- ▶ Thursday street dance and car show on Main St. directly in front of the host hotel with a live local band
- ▶ Visit to the decommissioned Loring AFB and Nuclear Weapons Repository (largest of its kind in the continental U.S.)
- ▶ Historical sites such as the “Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery” and “The Only Known Lynching in New England, The Jim Cullen Story”
- ▶ Historical displays of equipment and snowmobiles

Host Hotel:
The Northeastland Hotel
436 Main St.
Presque Isle, ME 04769
Mention AACA Tour
for group discount.
207-768-5321

Deadline: June 15
LIMIT first 50 cars!
Cost: First person \$300,
additional people \$250,
\$90 for 12 and under
(in same vehicle)

Hosted by Maine Region AACA
Tour Coordinator: Craig Green, Craig@crgins.net, 207-768-1033

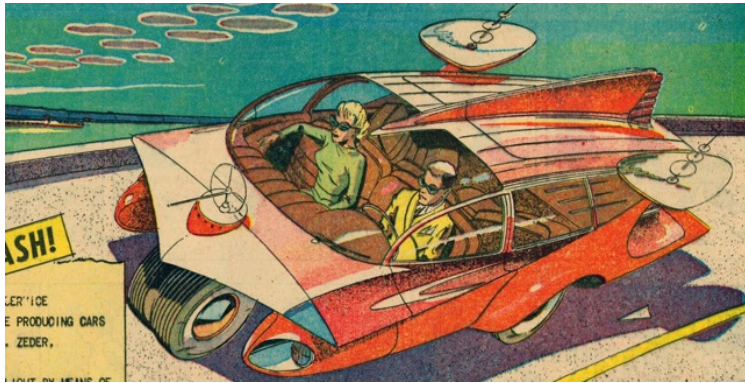




A look back at the history of the future of cars

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The Chrysler "Solar Sedan"



Via PaleoFuture

From the minute the first Ford Model Ts rolled off the assembly lines, our oil-dependent future was sealed. However, a few smart-thinking visionaries one day realized that, instead of looking below for our insatiable fuel fix, it might be worth looking above—to the most plentiful source of energy we know. The sun, it was theorized, could one day be used to power everything from our homes to our vehicles, and futurists were giddy with optimism.

In fact, it wasn't uncommon to find manufacturers like Chrysler musing on the possibility of a solar-powered future. In 1958, then-Chrysler vice-president James C.

Zeder predicted that, as the efficiency of solar panels increased, it could be possible to harness that energy for use in so-called "solar sedans." And in 1987 that's exactly what GM did, producing one of the most impressive solar-powered racecars to date—the Sunraycer.

Of course, the idealistic "solar sedan" envisioned by Chrysler over 50 years ago is still a long ways off—and even today, solar-powered vehicles require custom engines and aerodynamic designs just to function reliably. Still, it's not bad progress for what was once just a pipe dream in the minds of futurists and automotive VPs.

The Jetsons' Aerocar



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There really was no greater influence on our visions of the future of driving than that portrayed by The

Jetsons in the early '60s. This was a family that was the very definition of futuristic living, in everything from the artificially intelligent robot maid to the holographic big-screen television—and their car was no exception.

We're not given a huge amount of insight into how the family's vehicle functions, other than that it flies. In fact, the so-called "car" is more akin to a flying saucer than a traditional vehicle, with a large, bubble-top enclosure and decidedly space-age design. Inexplicably, it can even collapse to the size of a briefcase—apparently solving any futuristic parking concerns—which George Jetson then often carries into work.

However, it's probably best not to read too deeply into a cartoon primarily aimed at entertaining children and their families. Hanna-Barbera's vision of the future was so caught-up in the technological optimism of the time that most of its predictions are either extremely outlandish or plain impractical. However, The Jetsons got one thing right—traffic will never, ever go away, even when our cars can fly.

The Speeders of Star Wars



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For a series that's decades old, it's no surprise that Star Wars is mired in more lore and history than even the most dedicated fan can wrap his or her head around—and that's excluding the expanded universe, too. However, as much as Star Wars is about Jedis, Sith, and the joys of Sarlaac pits, there's a whole lot of impressive technology involved here too.

That includes cars—flying ones, to be exact. But just like the vehicles of today, there are a bevy of different models. Landspeeders, which we're introduced in the very first film (or fourth, if that's your thing), are more hovercraft than car, while airspeeders are capable of proper flight at much higher altitudes and speeds. And though not mentioned in the films, the expanded universe explains that each speeder is actually powered by a series of repulsors which push against gravity to achieve lift.

Both vehicles' configurations figure prominently

throughout the series, though it's not until the prequel trilogy—thanks to the wonders of CGI—that we get to experience a bustling metropolis filled with speeders firsthand.

Blade Runner's Spinner

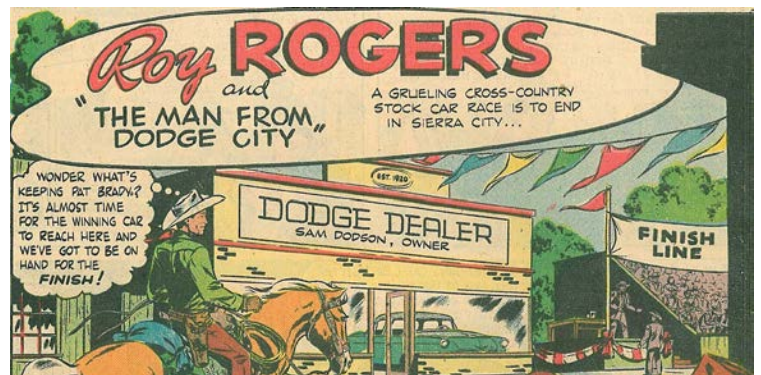


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It's hard to compile a list of futuristic vehicles without giving a nod to Blade Runner—one of the most influential science fiction films to date. Designer and concept artist Syd Mead was tasked with designing the film's iconic flying vehicles, known as Spinners, which are pictured throughout much of the film. A total of 25 vehicles were built by custom carmaker Gene Winfield, some of which still exist today.

Each Spinner could be driven like a traditional vehicle, but was also capable of airborne operation, thanks to a vertical propulsion system. However, the vehicles' use was limited primary to the police and other specially authorized personal. In fact, it's revealed that Spinners were only meant to augment the current population of vehicles, and not completely replace the traditional, road-bound car.

Though created in an era before CGI was commonplace, seeing Blade Runner's Spinners in action is nothing short of breathtaking, even today. These are vehicles that look as if they could be real—and in Ridley Scott's futuristic dystopia, that makes each Spinner as much a character as any other in the film.





Judges Honor Society By Vicki Bolton Director at Large

The Judges Honor Society was established on October 5, 2010 to honor outstanding judges that are no longer able to actively participate in judging. The Society is open to judges who value the friendship of the judging community and want to continue those friendships and continue to be an important part of the community. AAACA recognizes how important it is to have these judges continue to be a part of the judging scene so that we do not lose their friendship, knowledge and expertise.

The requirements to join the Honor Society include the following:

1. You must be a member in good standing of AAACA.
2. You must have at least ten years of experience as an active judge.
3. You must have at least 50 judging credits.

You must fill out an application to apply for membership in The Judges Honor Society, and submit it to the Chairman of the Honor Society. The Chairman is currently Arthur Bolton. You can obtain an application by emailing me at vickibolton@bellsouth.net.

The nominee will be notified in writing of acceptance. Once a nominee is accepted, the new member will receive an Honor Society shirt and pin. The new member will be acknowledged at the next judge's break-fast that they attend.

Honor Society members are encouraged to attend judging school and take CJE's. Honor Society members should try to take at least one school per year. Honor Society members will have a dedicated table

at the Judges breakfast.

Honor Society members will continue to receive judging credits for meets that they attend, credit for attending an annual school and credit for one CJE per year. They are also eligible to receive a new certificate and judging pin when they reach a new judging plateau. Honor Society members are encouraged to enjoy the meet, see the cars and thank the owners for bringing their cars to the meet.

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