Almost like a machine gun, 2019 started off with a bang. First it was Ocala in February, then Charlotte in April and Grand Nationals in Auburn in late May with Parsippany, NJ, just newly behind us. Thanks for all that you judges do to not only help to preserve the past with our antique vehicle hobby, but to serve our members by accurately and fairly evaluating their pride and joys. Like many of you, I have also judged with other clubs and I remain convinced that AACA has the best judging system in our hobby. We are not infallible and can continuously improve our skills through practice, reading, and by attending CJE sessions and Judging Schools. We are in constant need of new CJE courses as we move heavily into the muscle car era and beyond. If you are a subject matter expert on newer vehicles (oak spokes still do have their place yet) or know someone who is, please let Mark McAlpine know as he coordinates our CJE efforts.

In addition to the normal things done at our recent Class Judging Committee meeting in Parsippany, I am pleased to announce to you that Dain King and Stan Kulikowski have revised the Judging Schools to include the basic course like all of us have taken so many times and a new, revised shorter course containing judging updates, refresher items and some materials from Team Captains School for you experienced judges. The special school for Grand Nationals and Team Captains School will remain as is for now.

The school program has been approved by the Class Judging Committee, but needs Board Approval prior to implementation in 2020.

Continued thanks go to Dollie Flechler and her team who handle all our paperwork at the shows and to Marilyn Lewis who has taken over judges’ records and awards. Without them and the support we get from the national staff, we would be in a world of hurt. As a member of the Model A Ford Club of America, I will be monitoring their progress with tablet computers. They have their place where you have only one type of vehicle, but our tasks are more complex and difficult with our car varieties and years.

Again, thanks for all you do for AACA! As a preview of coming attractions, I will need judging help from those interested in the Western Fall Nationals in Fallbrook, California (north of San Diego), from November 6-9. That group has been holding a local California show for 54 years, but has not hosted a National AACA show since 1976. I will serve as Chief Judge and I can tell you the 2017 show hosted by Frank Wentzel in Palm Springs was great and brought out 130 cars never seen before. I did feel sorry though for the poorer residents of Palm Springs who had to drive Mercedes instead of Rolls-Royces or Lamborghinis. See you down the road.

The AACA offers Continuing Judges Education (CJE) lessons to help expand our judges’ knowledge and to reinforce consistency in judging on our show fields. While we currently offer CJE lessons on 27 different subjects (including three recently added lessons on Documentation, C2 Corvettes and Generation 1 & 2 Mustangs), we still need more. In particular, we could use lessons on vehicles that we’re seeing more of on our show fields: Class 36 Factory High Performance Vehicles; C3, C4 and C5 Corvettes; 1980s and 1990s Production Vehicles; and Class 4 Small Vehicles. (This list is far from complete. If you want to prepare a CJE lesson on another judging class of vehicles or specific topic, please contact me.)

If you have knowledge/experience on a CJE subject not currently offered by the AACA, please share it with us by preparing and presenting a CJE lesson. Lessons should be 30-45 minutes in length, including time for questions. Handouts summarizing the presentation for attendees are helpful (and appreciated by the attendees), but not required. You do not have to present your lesson at every AACA Nationals, but if you present it at three or more shows in the same calendar year you will receive an additional judging credit.

Please share your knowledge/experience and help educate our judges by becoming a CJE instructor. For more information about becoming a certified CJE instructor, see Page 2-8 of the 2019 AACA Official Judging Guidelines or contact me.
Southeastern Fall Nationals – Mobile, AL  October 23-26, 2019  DEADLINE: October 1, 2019

Name (Last, First, M.I.): ___________________________________________  AACA Membership # ______________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________ State: ______________ Zip: ____________________ Phone #: ____________________________
I wish to judge class: _____________ Second Choice: _____________ Third Choice: _____________ Fourth Choice: _____________
Is this your first time judging (YES) _______ (NO) _______ / I plan to take a CJE course (YES) _______ (NO) _______
Neither I nor anyone in my family will have a vehicle registered in any of the above classes, but I plan to register a vehicle in class ____________ Honor Society Accepted (YES) _______ (NO) _______
My total AACA judging credits are ____________ / Do you wish to take part in Judges Administration? (YES) _______ (NO) _______

YOU MUST ATTEND THE JUDGES BREAKFAST at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel – Saturday, October 26, 8:00 a.m.
I (will) _____ (will not) _____ attend Judging School at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel – Friday, October 25, 2:00 p.m.
I (have) ____ (have not) ____ previously served as a Team Captain. Do You wish to serve as a Team Captain? (YES) ____ (NO) ____
Host Hotel: No host hotel. Hotel options can be found here: www.visithersheyharrisburg.org, 1-800-928-7559
Please enclose the $8.00 Registration Fee with this application. Make checks payable to: Hershey Region AACA
Parking: Send SASE to Marc Spina for parking passes for ____ Friday Judging School and/or ____ Saturday Judges Breakfast.
Mail to: Marc Spina, 23 Hellers Church Road, Leola, PA 17540, 717-405-8922, marcspina1@gmail.com

Western Fall Nationals – Fallbrook, CA  November 6-9, 2019  DEADLINE: October 11, 2019

Name (Last, First, M.I.): ___________________________________________  AACA Membership # ______________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________ State: ______________ Zip: ____________________ Phone #: ____________________________
I wish to judge class: _____________ Second Choice: _____________ Third Choice: _____________ Fourth Choice: _____________
Is this your first time judging (YES) _______ (NO) _______ / I plan to take a CJE course (YES) _______ (NO) _______
Neither I nor anyone in my family will have a vehicle registered in any of the above classes, but I plan to register a vehicle in class ____________ Honor Society Accepted (YES) _______ (NO) _______
My total AACA judging credits are ____________ / Do you wish to take part in Judges Administration? (YES) _______ (NO) _______

YOU MUST ATTEND THE JUDGES BREAKFAST at the Pala Mesa Resort, Sun Room – Saturday, November 9, 8:00 a.m.
I (will) _____ (will not) _____ attend Judging School at the Pala Mesa Resort, Sun Room – Friday, November 8, 2:00 p.m.
I (have) ____ (have not) ____ previously served as a Team Captain. Do You wish to serve as a Team Captain? (YES) ____ (NO) ____
Host Hotel: Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028, 800-722-4700 (ask for AACA Nationals rate)
Please enclose the $8.00 Registration Fee with this application. Make checks payable to: Fallbrook Vintage Car Club
Mail to: Chuck Crane, 87 Old CCC Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28739, 281-814-4081, flivverway@gmail.com

Judges can register online by visiting https://members.aaca.org
Try judging in a different class. When you sign up for Hershey, Mobile or Fallbrook, pick two new classes for your first and second choices that you have never judged. Consider Class 37, Professional Vehicles, which include hearses, taxis, police cars and ambulances, then get a book from your local library and read up on the topic. You can find it under Dewey Decimal Number 629.2. If you are in the Hershey area, spend a day in the AACA Library and Research Center and become an expert in a brand new area. There is always something new to learn, we just have to dig a little deeper. There are many treasures to be found.

If you are tired of looking at the same Exterior Worksheets, which still have a place to deduct points for “cow vents,” consider judging trucks in Class 22 or motorcycles/motorized bicycles and mopeds/motor scooters in Class 5. Remember, there is no Interior judging trucks in Class 22 or motorcycles/motorized bicycles and still have a place to deduct points for “cow vents,” consider judging trucks in Class 22 or motorcycles/motorized bicycles and mopeds/motor scooters in Class 5. Remember, there is no Interior judging trucks in Class 22 or motorcycles/motorized bicycles and still have a place to deduct points for “cow vents.”

For a real change of pace, check with Norm Hutton to see if you qualify to judge Class 24, Documented Race Vehicles. That opens a whole new garage door. All the forms are different, but they all include that item in the upper right-hand corner, “This vehicle has a UL-Approved Fire Extinguisher” with a little circle to put a check mark.

You might want to try evaluating HPOF or DPC vehicles for a really big change of pace. The forms are totally different from what you are used to. I would suggest that you study the forms before you sign up to judge (OOPS, I meant EVALUATE) in HPOF or DPC. Besides taking the HPOF or DPC CJE, I would spend some time on the judging field in the appropriate areas and learn something from the owners. You would be positively surprised at what you will find…and learn.

However, if you really want a big disappointment, sign up for Class 28.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Pedro Campos of the Puerto Rico Region for his help in developing a bilingual version of the National Judging School in Spanish. Hopefully, we will be able to present it in 2021 near San Juan. We are planning on it – I hope you are, too. I invite you to go back and re-read Steve Moskowitz’s article on page 8 of the March/April issue of Antique Automobile, “Puerto Rico Fuerte!” Pay particular attention to his second to last sentence.

Administration must provide the numbers of award winners to the Trophy Chairman for them to put out the awards before the banquet. It takes time to print off the winners’ report for the banquet and to then verify that all vehicles have been accounted for. Therefore, it is imperative that every Team Captain turn in his/her worksheets as soon as possible after judging.

We are still seeing some Team Captains forgetting to check for fire extinguishers. Many are also forgetting to sign and put their phone number on the first sheet of every class that they are judging.
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Mobile Information

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We often think of the Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey as the season finale for AACA judging. However, this year you have two more opportunities to judge after Hershey. The first of those is in Mobile, AL, for the Southeastern Fall Nationals. On short notice in 2018, the Deep South Region hosted a very successful Spring Nationals with over 100 cars in attendance at a beautiful setting. We have the same location this year for the show and hope to have more cars in attendance with the additional time to plan. Please help us support this event by registering to judge early. The registration information is in this newsletter as well as online on AACA.org.

To remain an active judge, all judges must attend ONE Judging School per calendar year.

Thank you so much for being an AACA Judge! We couldn’t do this without all of you!