Have you ever thought about becoming an AACA Judge? Where do the AACA Judges come from? What qualifications must one have to be a Judge? How much does the job pay? What training is available for the job? All are interesting questions that need to be answered if one wants to become an AACA Judge.

The AACA system of National Meets and Grand National Meets cannot exist without a cadre of good, honest judges. Becoming a judge has certain requirements and this brochure will try and answer many of these questions and explore opportunities that exist in the AACA Judging system. Judging is fun but challenging, and it presents opportunities to the individual to participate and further promote the hobby.

Qualifications for becoming a national judge are few. You are already a member of AACA or the spouse of a joint member, and this membership must continue. A judge must possess, have possessed or be eligible to possess a valid driver’s license. In addition a judge shall be fair, impartial and honest, using their knowledge, experience and common sense when judging a vehicle.

Ownership and/or participation in the restoration of an antique vehicle are not requirements to become an AACA judge.

Every member of AACA is invited to become an AACA Judge. At nearly all National Meets, a Judging School will be held. This school is normally scheduled the day prior to the National Meet. A prospective judge should attend this School and advise the Chief Judge that he or she is interested in becoming a Judge. There is no cost to attend this school and the prospective Judge will be given a free copy of the AACA *Official Judging Guidelines*. If one is further interested in becoming a Judge, contact the Chief Judge after the school and sign up to attend the Judges Breakfast on Saturday morning. There is a small fee required to attend this breakfast.

At the Judge’s breakfast on Saturday, you will be assigned to an apprentice team, where all candidates will be instructed in judging principles and procedures, as well as participating in practice judging of vehicles. All AACA Judges must attend a Judging school and apprentice team prior to becoming a field judge or a member of the Administration team.

Judging credits are awarded to each judge that participates at every National Meet where he/she serves. There is no monetary award for any AACA Judge at any level. The judging
credits are recognized with a small chip that the recipient can place on a display board (provided by AACA). In addition, after judging 10 times at National Meets, a Judge receives a Master Judge Lapel pin, a display board and a certificate of service to the hobby. Additional recognition continues at the level of 25, 50, 75, etc. times for Judging.

Becoming an AACA judge is an opportunity to promote the antique vehicle hobby and become more involved in the Club. Opportunities exist in other than field judging such as Judging Administration, Team captains, school instructors, National Awards and many other rewarding possibilities. And it is a great way to learn much about the hobby that we all admire.