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Attention Regions & Chapters!

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Having the information that is required assures this link. If I may be of any assistance throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at:

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I just received my report from Headquarters and there are 55 delinquent Regions & Chapters. What do I mean by delinquent? We now have a total of 394 Regions and Chapters; 331 Regions and 63 Chapters. One of the requirements every year is for the Secretary of your Region/Chapter to submit an Officers Reporting Form (ORF) and a Roster of all members to Headquarters by March 1, 2006. When these are not received, Headquarters sends another letter reminding these are past due and need to be submitted.



At our spring board meeting, I will make an announcement on the number of delinquent Regions and Chapters. Then the Regions Committee and the Development and Support Committee will begin their detective work to try and contact as many officers as possible to obtain this information.

After reading this issue of the *Rummage Box*, please ask your President and/or Secretary if they have complied with this requirement. We would like to hear from all 394 Regions and Chapters that their club is strong, have elected officers and have submitted a list of all active members.

As mentioned in the last issue a complete list of everyone on the Regions Committee is listed on the website and we are all ready to help you in any way possible. Development and Support is now part of the Regions Committee and they are working hard to support all our Regions/Chapters

We need open communication between your local club and National Headquarters.

AACA Recognizes 50 Year Membership

Joe Gagliano
Vice President
Membership & Youth Programs

At their February 2006 Meeting the AACA Board voted to recognize individuals who have been members of AACA for 50 years or more. A special membership pin was designed to honor these members. Members that have accomplished this milestone should contact our national headquarters in Hershey. Although our records do cover the past fifty years we may ask the applicant to show proof of membership if we can not substantiate it.



AACA Membership

Randal Stone
Assistant Vice President
Membership and Youth Activities

A funny thing happened on the way to the car show....I met a new friend. This is funny because I was going to look at the fine vehicles that were going to be there. How did I get a new friend? The same way I've met hundreds of people over the last thirty or so years I've been in the old car hobby, we tell each other about our cars.



The more I think about the AACA and how we became a National Club I begin to realize that the cars are just a prop to the real reason I now go to the shows. Yes, I love old cars, but can I name all the cars I looked at when I was in Waco, Texas last month? No, but I can tell you which of my friends were there and what we talked about. I can also tell you about my new friend and his beautiful 1926 Jewett.

I can tell you about his grandsons helping him work on it when they were little. I can tell you about when he returned from service how he worked to keep the little car running. I can also tell you we became friends that day because we had a common interest...family and old cars.

I believe that this is the way to help our club grow and reach out to people of all ages. We will always talk old cars but the conversation quickly turns to family, friends, relationships and travels. When we ask people to come to our local club meetings we often overlook the simple things. Sit with them and discuss their family, talk about getting them involved on a local tour.

When you plan a picnic with your friends at the club, invite someone you think would enjoy the day. Have them ride along with you because you just never know, you may have not only recruited a new member, but a new, good friend as well. I guess the best way to put it is that the old cars bring us together, but the relationships we form keep us together.

Well, I'm off to our next show this weekend in Dover. We have over 500 rare and beautiful cars to look at and admire. I really expect this to be a wonderful weekend because I will also get to see Eugene, Johnnie, Richard, Dave, Rachel, Earl, Randy, Joe, Brenda.....

Great Websites and your club's success go hand-in-hand!

Terry Bond
Vice President – Internet Communications

Does your Region or Chapter have a great website? It is no simple coincidence that AACA's strongest and most active Regions and Chapters have great websites. Those websites are a reflection of the organization they serve. They are active, have great levels of participation, they provide a service to the hobby, and most importantly, they inform members and the general public about who you are and what you do.



We are half-way through the year and the Internet Committee has been evaluating every site linked to the national home page. At the end of the year, we will honor the best sites with appropriate awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. You don't need to do anything to get involved with this contest!

At the mid-year point we've noted that some sites have not been updated in quite some time. One of the most important things considered when evaluating websites is the value they have to the Region or Chapter.

- Is the site up to date with information about activities?
- Is the site informative, so that it facilitates and even encourages active participation?
- What kind of job does the site do in reporting on previous events and recognizing participation?
- Does the site offer some entertaining "extras" that make you want to visit again and again?
- Is there an easy way to contact club officers to get questions answered?
- How easy is it to join the Region or Chapter, and what is there that would make you want to join?
- Does the website help explain AACA and promote the advantages of membership?

Lets look at each of these areas in more detail:

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A site needs to be current. The calendar needs to look ahead and promote future events with complete details. The calendar should be updated monthly to remove past events and update information on new ones.

A site needs to include enough information so that someone new in town, or new to your club can easily participate. Remember to include: What, When, Where, who to contact, and any other info that will help. Use this chance to promote activities and encourage participation.

Reporting on past events should show the fun involved—lots of people, lots of cars, and don't forget those captions on the photos! Event coverage needs to be prompt and it should include all your events, not just your annual show.

A good website has links to hobby related services, sections with technical information, details on other area events, a buy-sell-trade section, or whatever your imagination can come up with that is hobby oriented and provides information and good service to your club.

Contacting a real person should be simple! Nobody likes to call and get a recording—with a website, it is even more frustrating to not at least be able to send an email to someone. Make it easy—include phone numbers of event coordinators at least.

Two important questions – what would make you want to join, and how do you do it? Simple right? Yes, but it is surprising how many websites do not have a membership application to download. Some sites are even “for members only” and require a secret password to get any information. Don't close the door in the face of prospective members!

The best websites help their members enjoy the full benefits of AACA membership. They link to the national website and the discussion forums, and link to the AACA Library and Research Center and Junior Web Page. Information about national membership should be readily available through a direct link. Your club website should also include information about nearby national activities. Meets and tours are held all over the country, and if you have one close, having details of the event, registration information, judging information, etc. will all help folks to participate and enjoy national activities.

Take a look at the many outstanding websites linked to AACA. Just log onto the national website at www.aaca.org/ and use the Region and Chapter locator in the top right corner. When you see the list of all AACA Region and Chapters, those highlighted have websites that you can access simply by clicking on them.

If your Region or Chapter doesn't already have a website, well, what are you waiting for?

BITS AND PIECES

Steve Moskowitz
AACA Executive Director

Don't forget that National headquarters can support your region or chapter in a variety of ways. The staff is dedicated to serving you but you must ask!

First of all, we always have a supply of our new brochure for you to use with perspective members. It is a great visual tool that highlights not only the club but the AACA Library & Research Center and the AACA Museum. These brochures are available at no charge.



Also, remember the AACA Film Library. Searching for something extra for your meetings? Look no further as we have over 100 films for you to show. Many are extremely funny and others give you a peek into the past. Contact Karen White at headquarters and she can help you with your request.

Seeking merchandise or gift items for an event? Call us, we may be able to provide some close-out items at a heavy discount.

Take advantage of our ability to help you find potential members in your area who have not joined the region or chapter. Unsure of your insurance situation? Give us a call and we will get you the answers you need.

Don't forget that National has a lot of new merchandise your members might be interested in. Great new “tin” signs, new ladies clothing items and new children's toys make up our latest offerings.

Please consider buying a Solstice raffle ticket. Only about 500 more to go to sell this out! Please support our club, library and museum. Who knows, you may win the car or the cash! The odds are better than a casino or the Lotto that is for sure.

Thanks for your continued support.



2006 Pontiac Solstice AACA Raffle Car



Legislative Issues in Your Region/Chapter

Tom Cox

Legislative Committee — Eastern Division

In recent years, we have become too familiar with federal and state regulations that have a direct and indirect negative affect on our hobby. Issues such as federal and state funded scrappage programs, mandated fuel additives, Freon replacement, limitations on paint refinishing products, and increasing pressure to lower emissions of all types have given our hobby a collective headache. Fortunately, we have active hobbyist groups and auto aftermarket organizations such as the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) working with us to minimize the impact of government on our hobby.



However, these organizations are unable to provide much support and oversight at the local level. There are simply too many town councils, and boards of supervisors for them to monitor. Therefore, it is up to the local hobbyists to act as the watchdog of the hobby. Your local AACA region or chapter is the perfect organization to perform the function of oversight and action regarding unfriendly ordinances and legislation.

Localities and the emerging homeowners associations across the country are increasingly oppressive in their approach to issues affecting us. Nuisance ordinances can prevent us from keeping our properly stored project and parts cars on our property, not to mention car trailers as well. In many localities there are now ordinances prohibiting general repairs in residential areas. Restoration work is almost certainly prohibited in these areas as well.

You may think that since your project is in an enclosed garage you are immune to regulation. Think again! Many localities and homeowners associations prohibit mechanical repairs regardless of whether they're done in your garage or not. They fear you are creating and disposing of hazardous waste in the form of used oil, anti freeze etc. Consequently, repairs can only be made in areas zoned for industrial or automotive repair purposes.

Watching prices at the Barrett Jackson auctions these days will put a glint in the eye of any municipal tax collection agency. Many areas want revenue and are busily pouring over ways to get into your pockets in the form of fees and personal property taxes.

What can you do to keep ahead of the laws and ordinances?

Be vigilant. Make sure your region has a duly appointed legislative representative. Read the public announcement section of your newspaper, or go online to check the upcoming agenda on your areas council meetings. Attend local shows and discuss potential problems with other hobbyists. They may know something you don't, and even if they know nothing they may think joining AACA is a way to stay ahead of the regulatory wave.

Getting to know your area legislators is a big plus, especially if you find one who is a car nut. Meet one on one with your legislators to discuss your position on ordinances or proposed legislation affecting the hobby. If you can't meet one on one, use the phone, but always be positive and polite when discussing your side.

There is always security in numbers, so try to seek out other like minded hobbyists outside of your region or chapter at car shows and cruise-ins. Other hobbyists have a lot to lose or gain with legislation as well. Use AACA as the anchor organization, holding meetings on legislative action before or after your normal region meeting. Non members who attend will be helpful, and may join AACA as well.

Remember...as former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill once said, "All politics is local". You don't need to have problems to get to know your representatives. It never hurts to stay in touch when times are good. Invite your council members and other officials to your next show and ask them to pick their favorite car for an award such as "Mayors Choice". Take pictures of them making the presentation and put them in your newsletter, which can be sent to their offices. Don't pass up on the parade ride you just gave to your local official. Take every opportunity to let them know you need their support.

Awareness, working together, and developing relationships with representatives will bear fruit when you have to move to protect your hobby. Start building those relationships now, because you may need them to protect your rights as a hobbyist tomorrow.

Editors Note: For additional information on the AACA legislative structure and how AACA members can get involved with legislative issues pertaining to the old car hobby, see the Legislature Resource Page on the AACA web site at:

<http://www.aaca.org/resources/legislation.aspx>



AACA and Data Management

By Brenda Shore Kaiser

Vice President - Data Management and Judges Records

At every Membership Roundtable, held at each meet, we receive comments, questions and suggestions that involve the way that the AACA stores and processes data. It may not seem obvious when the question is asked but in some way, data is involved. As you can imagine there is a lot of information that is kept for each member, car, and judge. My responsibility is to assure that the data is maintained, is secure, and is available when and where it is needed. This year, however, the responsibility has increased to include an update to our current application to make it stronger and more useful into the future



The interesting and challenging part of developing an application to support the AACA requirements is that our needs are unique, unlike a standard business. We need to access our data not only at Headquarters in Hershey, but remotely at meets and in planning the meets for registration and judges. In addition, it is our responsibility to ensure that the data we capture is secure and available only to those individuals who have a need to access the information.

My goal for 2006 is to capture our current requirements for information and add to the requirements to strengthen the way that we can operate. Wouldn't it be great if you could update your address on-line and do it only once instead of sending it to Headquarters and the Chairman of Judges Records? How about being able to pay your meet registration on-line? These are just some of the things we are planning as we move forward.

I do not want to imply that the changes we make to the system will take away from our current way of doing business. Improving our systems and making them more accessible will increase the options available to you; we will not stop the mail or the phone as a point of contact. The direction we are going is aligned with the future of our membership where our younger members are familiar with the world of the internet and look to it as a way to do business. Our technology must be upgraded not only to keep up with the growth of AACA but to embrace future generations of members and their expectations

As I continue to work on our technical future I welcome any of your suggestions, comments and questions. You can contact me directly at bshorekaiser@hotmail.com or if you prefer, by phone at 704-241-2872.

Are You Aware of Development and Support in AACA?

By Dave Chiotti

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There are four divisions in AACA; the Eastern, Southeastern, Central, and Western. Herb Oakes is the Vice President of Development and Support for the Eastern and Southeastern Divisions. I, Dave Chiotti, have the Central and Western Divisions. The Central and Western Divisions cover everything west of an imaginary line from the southern tip of Texas to the North Pole. As Vice President of Development and Support for the Central and Western Division I have eleven Chairmen to assist me. It is our soul purpose to assist each and every Region and Chapter in any way possible. It is our goal to strengthen the bond between the membership and the National Organization. Our task is to inform and help address any questions and or concerns the membership has. Our door is open. All you need to do is knock.



Happy Motoring in 2006.

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Development & Support

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As your Vice President of Development and Support of the Eastern and South Eastern Division of Regions and Chapters, along with a team of chairman, I would like to introduce to you our on-going program of interaction with and between Regions, Chapters and individual members to promote good will and understanding ("esprit de corps") between members, Regions Chapters and the National organization. Consider me that of a goodwill ambassador representing the National club.



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Our task is informational and should help to address the main questions of what can the AACA do for our local Regions and Chapters. If your members would like to have one or our chairmen make a visit, they would be more than happy to accept an invitation to your club meeting or event, as well as accept or answer questions from individual members. Our objective is to make a presentation, have a short video and then answer questions.

The presentation would cover a basic background conformation: History of the AACA, membership, national meets and tours, policy and procedures manual general information, attending national meets, activity request cards- where to find them and how to use them, etc. These topics can vary based on your membership requests. The total amount of time from beginning to end should be approximately one hour including 5-10 minutes for questions.

This effort is designated to establish more direct face-to-face contact between individual members and the National organization to foster a more direct feeling of belonging rather than any feeling of being "forced to belong". It is my goal as Vice President of Development & Support to make individual members that are encountered feel they are important to the National organization and that their feelings and concerns are heard and considered.

Having said the above, the success of this program is the volunteer chairman that I have as the VP of Development & Support working with me as a team getting our program out to Regions and Chapters. I am looking for volunteers who are AACA enthusiasts interested in the preservation of our hobby and who enjoy talking to others to get the message of Development & Support to each and every member.

Chairpersons are needed in the New England States which covers Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island; Western Virginia, Southern Florida, Delaware and Maryland, Tennessee and Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, West Virginia, Upstate New York, Southern tier New York and Central New York.

This position requires chairpersons who are interested in furthering AACA. These are the folks who will make personal contacts with our members as they can, so as to give AACA more visibility and show the membership that the National Club has a true interest in their enjoyment and understanding of the Club.

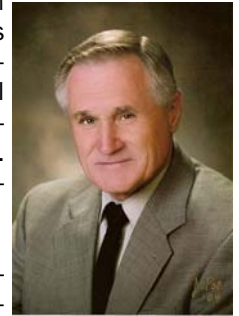
For those AACA members who would be interested in becoming a chairperson on the Development & Support team, please contact me.

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Team Captains Vital Role in Our Judging System and Judges Administration

Hulon C. McCraw
Vice President – Judges Administration

Team Captains wear several hats on Saturday at our national meets. It is almost impossible to prioritize their responsibilities since each have a vital role in the success of our Judging program, AACA and the hobby we all love. With that in mind lets review their responsibilities.



The foremost responsibility is to supervise his teams judging of all the vehicles assigned in a fair and honest manner. In order to accomplish this he or she needs to make themselves aware of the condition (*not pre-judge*) of each vehicle the team will judge. Being a good supervisor means sharing your knowledge and experience with team members, making them feel at ease in performing their duty as a field judge. Remember they too have a lot of responsibility in our judging process. When the team has completed their judging the scores are recorded on the vehicle judging form for that vehicle, by the team captain. This is where knowing the condition of the vehicles to be judged is crucial for team captains. If a team member is being overly jealous in deductions, questions might be in order to substantiate the deduction or vice-versus.

Team Captains are AACA ambassadors while on the show field, the most important AACA representative to the show participant. Introducing yourself to the vehicle owner helps put them at ease and releases some of the tension they are feeling. Remember the first time you were showing your pride and joy. It's no different. Make them feel a part of the process; ask them if there are any particulars or factory documentation they want to share with you about their vehicle. When the team is finished judging the vehicle always THANK the owner for sharing their vehicle with us.

During Judges breakfast introduce yourself and team members to each other. Remember you are working as a team. If you have a member with few judging credits offer guidance and help with any questions they might have, again remember your first few experiences on a judging team. It's also helpful to choose one of your more experienced judges as an assistant to double check the entries and the arithmetic on the judging form prior to turning them in to Judges Administration. The old saying two heads are better than one is never truer than in this situation. Taking the extra couple minutes to insure the accuracy of your work elimi-

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nates several minutes of additional work once your paperwork is turned into Judges Administration. Share with the team the results of their efforts and THANK them for their support. Consider leaving the team and finding a private location for you and your assistant to proof your work to insure its accuracy.

Team Captains my HATS off to you when you successfully complete your duties accurately, in a timely manner and shown respect to your team and show participants. Everyone's a WINNER.

RAMBLINGS OF ENZO THE CAT

Hi Folks! Its me Enzo, remember, your favorite feline.

Guess what?

Its warm weather time, finally. Almost every morning now it's bright and sunshine outside. I hurry to the door and yell for someone to let me out. Still though once I get outside, for as nice as it looks, it's still wet out sometimes. I take a couple of steps and know that its time to come back in. I jump up on the kitchen window sill - that is the way I tell mom and dad I want in.



As soon as they see me and finish saying "?!#&*##@ Enzo you just went out!", they let me in. Then I rub up against them and try to look all cute. Lets face it folks they may pay all the bills but Enzo runs the show! But back to what i was saying, its finally time that you are able to bring your cars out again. Yep another season of tours, car shows, flea markets and weekend drives is underway. I wish I could drive. I've watched mom and dad; it doesn't look all that difficult.

Say let me tell you a story about flea markets for a few minutes. Down the road about a mile lives a big ferocious cat. His name is Thomas Cat. Everyone just calls him Tom. Truthfully Tom and I didn't get along so good in the beginning. You might say we got off on the wrong paw. It's not that Tom was bad, he was just different than me. Tom is one of those cats with a loud aggressive personality. Heck, I remember sitting around at Cat Scout meetings and Tom would be hungry. We'd say hang in there Tom, refreshments will be here in about half an hour. Tom would respond, "Nahhh I'm gonna go get me a mouse". Well excuse me folks, I know I'm a cat but I got class. When it comes to "mouse tar-tar" I want it served to me on a platter at Sardini's restaurant in New York. At any rate as you may have gathered I sort of kept my distance from Tom.

One day last year when the weather started to change and it was almost time to do car stuff, Tom came over to my house and clawed at the door. "Hey Enzo, you home? I want to talk to you." Goodness

talk to you." Goodness folks I didn't know whether to scamper to the litter box or under the couch. Wouldn't you know it, mom heard the noise and opened the door. Tom marches right inside like he owned the place, eats some of my friskies, takes a drink of my water and meows loudly "Where's Enzo?" I figured there is no point in hiding now, "In here" I spoke. Tom strolled into the living room where I was on the floor, jumped up on the couch and got comfy. "Hey Enzo, your mom and dad still do all that goofy car stuff?" Yes, I replied. Good, Tom said, I need to learn about Flea Markets. Curious, I asked why. Tom looked at me with a blank stare. "Cause I got fleas you dumb cat! I want to get rid of them and that would be where others want them."

You know folks when I woke up this morning I knew it was going to be a long day. I began to explain to Tom that these events had nothing to do with fleas. Flea markets were for car stuff. At first he didn't understand but as I went on he began to put it together. I told Tom that while I had never actually been to one I keep working on mom and dad to take me. I even told Tom that when that time came he could come with us. He was really excited. Ever since then, Tom and I have become pretty good friends. I'm still not going to go out and eat with him, but we are friends. Tom got up to leave, rubbed his face against mine (that's like shaking paws to you humans), and grabbed another bite of my friskies on the way out, scratched his neck a few times and left.



So folks if there is a member in your region whose personality may not be the same as yours, don't prejudice them. Take some time, get to know them, share your interests and listen to theirs. You might just make a new friend.

Well that's it for this time folks. Enjoy the beautiful weather ahead and get those cars out on the road. By the way, anybody know if fleas are catchy!

Your pal,
Enzo the Cat

CORRECTION

Due to a hyphenation inserted by the MS Publisher software, the email address listed in the Spring 2006 Rummage Box for Earl Beauchamp was incorrect. The correct address for Earl is Forever39z@aol.com. The editor apologizes for missing the unintended change and for any inconvenience caused to Earl or readers of the Rummage Box because of it.



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How is your summer going? Hopefully it has been a good one so far and everyone has been able to enjoy their antique vehicles on the local and/or National level. For many Region and Chapter newsletter editors and webmasters, the summer becomes more demanding of time with their publications. This is due to the extra number of events that typically occur during this time of year that need to be promoted beforehand and then reported on afterwards. It is always good for the editor and webmaster to be active participants in the Region or Chapter even though someone else may be preparing the write-ups for an event. By being a part of the event, you have a better understanding for what is being reported on in regards to detail and accuracy. Plus you get to enjoy the fun of the hobby and camaraderie of fellow members, which is a deserving treat for all of your hard work!

I received a number of requests for printed versions of the Rummage Box over the past few months. As reported in the last issue, the AACA Directors decided to go to an all electronic version for the Rummage Box, except for those Regions and Chapters that request to continue receiving a printed

version. I received some rather strong comments concerning the decision. In my defense, this decision was made before I was asked to take over the editor's job. The deadline date for not missing an issue was June 30. However, if the situation changes at any time where a printed version is no longer needed, or an electronic version just won't do, please be sure to let me know and I will make the change.

Have you checked out the AACA Editors (Web & Print) Forum under the AACA Discussions Forums? This is a great place to post questions, provide answers, share your experiences, discover new ideas, and make new friends. It is a valuable resource for information pertaining to the Region and Chapter editors and webmasters. You might also find out solutions to a nagging problem from other editors that had the same problem. The AACA Editor discussion forum, as with all of the AACA discussion forums, is frequented by a great group of people who enjoy meeting new people and discussing a wide range of topics. The AACA Editors (Web & Print) forum can be found on the main AACA Discussion Forums page at <http://forums.aaca.org/ubbthreads.php>. Check it out and correspond with other Region and Chapter Editors.

And as always.....
Happy Antique Motoring!

Bruce

