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## Message from the President

by David A. Berg  
AACA President

weeks later would find us at the Eastern Division Spring Meet in Binghamton, New York; and the following week at the always exciting Annual Grand National Meet in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

So that's been the AACA year of travel so far. In addition to these AACA events, my business travels have put me in Orlando, Florida, New York, New York (three times), Chicago, Illinois, and Baltimore, Maryland. Beyond that Karen and I have shown up at a few region events in Ohio as well as south-western Pennsylvania and even found the time to attend the auction sale of a major car collection in Michigan. By the way, anyone know whose been feeding the cats at home?

The year is not over yet. The AACA still has three more National Meets and four tours. The meets will be held in Moline, Illinois, Canyon, Texas, and of course the Grand Finale in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The Tours will be great too. The first one is the Vintage Tour which will be in Frederick, Maryland, Then the most famous of all tours, the Glidden Tour, will be in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania followed by the Western Divisional Tour in Sonoma, California. Closing out the year will be the Southeastern Divisional Tour in Tallahassee, Florida.

Make it a point to try and participate in at least one of these national events. They are a world of fun.

Enjoy the rest of the season and I look forward to meeting all of you.



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As I write this, it is mid-July and the season is flying right along. The AACA functions have been outstanding. I hope that each of you has had an opportunity to attend at least one of them. We started out the year, of course, in Philadelphia for the Annual Meeting. Six days total counting travel. Two weeks later, we were off to beautiful Punta Gorda, Florida; and what a great way to start off the show season.



The very next week, after being home just a couple days, we headed to the magnificent city of San Juan on the island of Puerto Rico. Everything from the meet, the car show, the view from the hotel, and especially the people, was simply superb. This was a wonderful experience we will remember for a long, long time. Several AACA members headed off for a cruise following the meet but we went home; not at all happy that we hadn't thought more about that cruise thing.

Two months would go by and it was time for New Bern, North Carolina and the Southeastern Division Spring Meet. AACA has been fortunate to have had this region sponsor several previous National Meets. They are always good ones. A few weeks later, it was the Founders Tour in Western Vermont. Talk about beautiful. This was a fabulous place for this annual week long tour.

Two weeks later was our National Board Meeting and Central Division Spring Meet in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Another two

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## AACA Scholarships

By Joe Gagliano  
Chairman Youth Awards Committee

AACA has been promoting youth in our hobby for many years. We have a fantastic scholarship program. Unfortunately many regions, chapters and individuals may not know or just simply forgot about what we have to offer. We feel that, in today's competitive world, it is important to have an advanced education. Today's automobile technicians must be educated in the sophistication of new technologies and computerized components. It seems that a vast majority of high school graduates are continuing their education in some way or another. We feel it is extremely important to maintain the ties to the past along with the progressing into the future. AACA has presented at least two scholarships each year at our Annual Meeting, held every February, to members and their families to continue this important concept. Let me briefly explain.



### AACA Scholarship:

\$1000 cash is awarded to an AACA member, child or grandchild of an AACA member, in good standing for at least 5 years, who has been accepted to or is now enrolled in an institution of higher education. This award is granted by the AACA National Board of Directors to encourage these individuals to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and the history of vehicles in general. Region or chapter membership is encouraged but not required. One or more awards may be presented each year.

**Eligibility:** The award is open to any member, child or grandchild of an active AACA member of at least 5 years in good standing who:

- Is entering any institution of higher learning leading to a diploma.
- Is now enrolled in such institution at any level.
- Has demonstrated an active interest in AACA through participation in its programs OR has shown active interest in the hobby of antique vehicles through restoration, preservation, or ownership of antique vehicles. It may only be awarded once to any individual

**Selection:** Selection is made by the AACA Young Peoples Award Committee. If more than one qualified individual applies, the award would be selected at random from the pool of qualified applicants. Multiple awards may be possible each year.

**Deadline:** Applications must be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the AACA Annual Meeting in February.

### AACA Young People's Award:

A \$1000 cash award to a high school senior that is a member, child or grandchild of an active AACA member, in good standing for at least five years, who has been accepted into an accredited institution of higher education (i.e. a four-year college leading to a bachelors degree or a two-year vocational education program leading to a diploma). This award is given in the hope that, in the future, a contribution of equal or greater value will be given in return to the AACA or to the AACA Library and Research Center for the betterment of AACA and its members worldwide. This award is merit based and while financial need may be considered, it is not necessary.

**Eligibility:** This award is open to any high school senior, that is a member, child, or grandchild of an active AACA member of good standing for at least five years, who:

- Will graduate or has graduated from high school in the spring of the year before the award will be given. (i.e. graduate spring 2007, award in February 2008),
- Has received a letter of acceptance from either a four-year college leading to a bachelors degree or from a two-year vocational educational program leading to a diploma or is currently enrolled,
- Has demonstrated an active interest in and made a significant contribution to the successful operation of an AACA region or chapter, and / or
- Has demonstrated a long-time, active interest in the ownership, restoration of, or preservation of antique vehicles or automobilia.

This award is merit based and while financial need may be considered, it is not necessary.

**Amount/Funding of Award:** The award is for \$1000 cash and is paid directly to the institution attended by the recipient of the award. The award may be used for enrollment of tuition fees, books, supplies, or equipment required for the course of study. This award is funded with contributions or funds designated by the AACA Board which will ensure an annual recipient.

**Criteria for Nomination:** Each member of the Selection Committee bases his / her decision on an individual personal consciousness of the premise of the AACA Young People Award. Some suggested concepts for consideration in selecting a nominee are:

- Special interests or talents in the nominee's personal or community life which inspire that person or others to achieve identified tasks or be further dedicated to the antique car hobby.
- Strength of character that allows the candidate to develop self-reliance or determination in a specific endeavor.
- The volunteering of time or talent to the benefit of a region / chapter or to another individual in the pursuit of the enjoyment of the hobby at large (beyond the attendance at meetings).
- The vision to perceive or expand a program or service of a region or chapter to the benefit of all hobbyists.



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**Nomination:** A nomination may be submitted upon receipt of a majority vote of the Board of Directors of an AACA region or chapter, as duly noted in the official meeting minutes of that Board of Directors' meeting.

- The Board of Directors of the AACA region or chapter should submit an official nomination form (available from AACA Headquarters or AACA website) which consists of typed document of not more than one page (one side of one sheet of paper) stating why it is felt the graduate nominee should receive the award,
- Attach to the submission a copy of the graduate's letter of acceptance to the institution of higher education and evidence (transcripts) of academic standing.

The nomination should then be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "2007 Young People's Award" to the AACA Executive Director at our headquarters. Please do not send nominations to elected AACA Directors or Officers. No faxes will be accepted. AACA is not responsible for postal or delivery delays or for lost or misdirected mailings.

**Deadline for Nomination:** Nominations must be received by December 1st of the year preceding the AACA Annual Meeting in February.

**Selection Process:** A Selection Committee will select the successful candidate(s) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January preceding the next AACA Annual Meeting. The award will be made at the Annual Meeting in February. The sealed nominations will only be opened and reviewed by Selection Committee members. If necessary due to the number of nominations, the total number of candidates will be reduced to a group of not more than six and not less than two to receive Letters of Recognition of Achievement. From this reduced group, one or more will be randomly drawn to receive the AACA Young People's Award. The decision of the Selection Committee is final and all those in the reduced group will be notified of their decision by mail no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **AACA Student Scholarship Award:**

New for 2007 is the AACA Student Scholarship Award. It is a \$1,500 cash award to a student currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning leading up to a degree in antique automotive technology and / or restoration. This award is granted by the AACA National Board of Directors to encourage young adults to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and the history of vehicles in general. AACA membership is encouraged but not required. One or more awards may be presented each year.

#### **Eligibility:**

This award is open to any student:

- Attending any institution or higher learning leading to a diploma in automotive technology and/ or restoration and has shown an active interest in the hobby of antique vehicles through restoration, preservation, or ownership of such vehicles.
- It may be awarded only once to any individual.

#### **Nomination:**

- Nomination for the award will be accepted from any faculty member from the school or university of attendance
- Nomination forms may be obtained from:  
 AACA National Headquarters  
 P.O. Box 417  
 Hershey, PA 17033

#### **Selection:**

Selection will be made by the AACA Young Peoples Award Committee. If more than one qualified individual applies, the award will be selected at random from the pool of qualified applicants.

#### **Announcement of Award:**

This award is presented in conjunction with the AACA National Awards at the AACA Annual Meeting. Deadline for nominations is December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the AACA Annual Meeting in February.

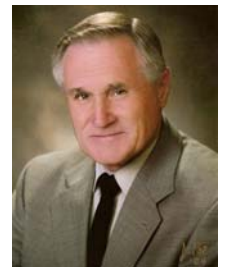
The applications for the scholarship awards may be obtained from AACA Headquarters and / or the AACA Website. Please take this message to your regions and chapters and promote our scholarships. We are very proud to have these programs and encourage AACA members, their children and grandchildren to pursue them.

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## **Common Sense Judging**

by **Hulon C. McGraw**  
**Vice President - Class Judging**

Let me first introduce myself to those who may not know me. I am Hulon C. McGraw from Hendersonville, North Carolina and served as Vice President of Judges Administration for the past two years. For 2007, I am proud to be serving you as your Vice President of Class Judging.



I have never been much on slogans; for me action speaks louder than words. With that approach my emphasis this year will be, "Common Sense Judging". Now you are asking yourself, what does that mean? Let me explain.

At our Southeastern Winter Meet in Punta Gorda, Florida this year, attendees at the Judging School on Friday afternoon were asked to find as many flaws as they could on the 2007 Toyota Hybrid on display. The vehicle was delivered to the dealer just two weeks prior to the meet. At the Judges Breakfast on Saturday morning, the judges were asked about the flaws they had identified on the vehicle. The results were orange peel in the paint, surface rust on the exhaust, muffler, and rear housing, weld splatter, and burn marks on the intake housing. Now, knowing the results, put yourself and your judging experience to work. How many points would you deduct for each flaw found on this vehicle?



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When the question was asked at the judges breakfast; how many had deducted points and how many, a few hands went up and a varying amount of points deducted. Being conservative, any of our Senior Master Judges probably would have taken 6-10 points off on this vehicle had it been on our show field. However, one Senior Master Judge spoke up and said you could not take any point deductions since that was the way the vehicle was delivered to the dealer from the factory. He was correct. The 2007 Toyota Hybrid has to be a 400 point vehicle based on the General Policy stated in our Judge's Manual.

At the Southeastern Spring Meet in New Bern, North Carolina, the judges were asked to find the flaws on a 2007 Lincoln just delivered to the dealer. The same flaws were found along with door, tail light lens, and trunk lid alignment. Again I couldn't fool one of our Senior Master judges. He acknowledged the Lincoln as a 400 point vehicle since it was received from the factory as it appeared.

Have you ever visited a dealer showroom and looked at the vehicle on display through your eyes as a Senior Master Judge? My guess is that you have. How did you score the vehicle? You may have heard, just as I have, someone say that it may be a new car but it wouldn't pull a Third Junior. Sorry, our General Policy states the way the vehicle was delivered to the dealer from the factory, therefore making those vehicles 400 point vehicles. Keep in mind the majority of the vehicles we judge are produced on an assembly line in a production environment. On the other hand, just to keep us on our toes and challenge our common sense approach to judging, we have Prestigious, Classis and limited production vehicles to judge. In these classes you have to be aware of what you are judging. The flaws found in the two scenarios above should not exist in these classes since these vehicles were hand built and in many cases took days if not weeks to assemble.

In summing up, always be aware of what you are judging. Ask yourself if this is a production class or one of the hand built low production vehicles. Then employ your common sense judging.

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## Owners Briefing

*By Rick Lay and Fred Young*

In 2005, Fred Young (then Chairman of AACA Judges Training) premiered the first Owners' Briefing at the Jeffersonville, Indiana national meet. It was decided to continue with the briefings due to the enthusiastic response. In 2006, AACA provided a briefing on AACA judging for owners of vehicles at almost every AACA meet and they have now become a standard part of each AACA meet with the exception of Hershey and the Annual Grand National Meet

More specifically, the briefing and a one page checklist given to each owner at the briefing was focused on reducing the anxiety of AACA members showing their vehicles for the first or second time. The briefing and checklist was also helpful in giving information to the owner whose 2nd or 3rd Junior vehicle is going for 1st Junior or for the owner whose 1st Junior vehicle is going for its' Senior. AACA owners who are showing their vehicles in Driver Participation (DPC) or Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) classes can also benefit from the briefing and checklist.

The half hour briefing, open to all vehicle owners who are registered at the meet, is held at the entrance to the show field at 10:00 AM on the day of the show. The purpose of the briefing is to give each owner valuable information that can be used to improve the vehicle's chances of receiving the appropriate AACA Award or Certification. A one page handout / checklist is given to each owner. The owners are also able to ask questions specifically about their own vehicles in terms of AACA judging.

### Example of AACA Judging Checklist

1. CORRECT, FULLY - CHARGED FIRE EXTINGUISHER - visible and readily available
2. WINDSHIELD CARD/JUDGING FORM - on windshield (unless it's raining)
3. DOCUMENTATION - for accessories, paint color, or unusual features. This is the OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY. Tell the team captain if you have documentation.
4. Remove AFTER-MARKET ITEMS - skirts, fuzzy dice, vanity "license" plates, special vehicle information placards, etc. (All of these can be replaced after judging is completed.)
5. Ensure that items are NOT STORED under, in, or around the vehicle for judging purposes (you can put the items under the vehicle AFTER judging)
6. Use Judging form to complete FINAL CHECK OF VEHICLE
  - A. Exterior
  - B. Interior
  - C. Chassis
  - D. Engine
7. On judging field for point judging, HPOF, DPC; ensure:
  - A. TRUNK AND HOOD are opened - if two part hood, open driver's side
  - B. DOORS are unlocked
  - C. CONVERTIBLE TOP is in the up position
  - D. WINDOWS are in the up / closed position
8. OTHER (YOUR QUESTIONS / ITEMS)



## Promote Your Region Activities

*By Bo Croley  
Vice President—Public Relations*

Promoting your Region's activities is an effective way to attract new members and to keep your local community informed about the old car hobby and opportunities for fun and fellowship. Effective public relations requires time, effort and planning. Does your Region have a public relations chairperson? If not, consider appointing one.



Ask your chairperson to develop a public relations plan at the beginning of each year. Use your Region's activity calendar to identify the dates that your event information should be released. Whether you are planning a meet, tour or a monthly meeting, be sure to contact the media at least a week in advance with information about your event.

Always remember to include the five "W's" in your media release: Who, What, When, Where and Why. Identify your target media and your target audience. Developing a message and finding the appropriate way to deliver it determines how effective your efforts will be. Consider some or all of the following:

- your daily newspaper
- small community or "free" newspapers
- local radio and television stations
- ads in the "antique cars for sale" section of the newspaper
- flyers posted in local stores and on community bulletin boards
- mailings to other local car clubs
- community and Chamber of Commerce activity calendars
- other community organization's newsletters, electronic bulletin boards and web sites

Limit your public relations releases to one page. Be concise and explain your activity as accurately as possible. Consider asking a Region member with writing or media experience to assist you. Photographs and videos can often improve the chances of your release being used by newspapers and television stations. Sell your story to the media. Be persuasive, persistent and friendly, but not aggressive. Use the telephone, fax, e-mail, and postal mail. Try to establish cordial relationships with your media contacts, but be careful not to say anything that you wouldn't want to read in the newspaper or hear on the air. Make this the year your Region steps into the limelight. You'll be glad you did.

## When Touring, Make Your Library and Research Center One of Your Stops!

*By Marilyn Kaye Hunkins  
L&RC Board Member and Secretary*

If you are planning a first time trip or an annual pilgrimage to AACA's Eastern Division National Fall Meet in Hershey, PA during October 10-13, make sure one of your stops will be to visit YOUR Library and Research Center. If you arrive on or before Monday, October 8, be sure to include the 14th Annual Literature Auction in your plans. The auction will take place at the Hershey Region Headquarters, 131 Museum Drive (next to the AACA Museum) in Hershey. Material included in the auction may be previewed on Monday from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. with the auction beginning at 10 a.m. Visit our website at [www.aacalibrary.org](http://www.aacalibrary.org) beginning September 10 for a preview of the materials to be sold. Items included but not limited in the auction are books, sales brochures, periodicals, owners and shop manuals, and parts books. For further information, contact Kim Miller by email [kmiller@aacalibrary.org](mailto:kmiller@aacalibrary.org) or phone the Library and Research Center (L&RC) at 717-534-2082.

The L&RC will offer extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 am to 9 pm during the Fall Hershey meet. Wednesday and Friday hours will be 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The L&RC will be closed on Monday due to the literature auction.

Don and Micky Bohne have generously placed a portion of their automotive brass collection in the showcases at the L&RC. Be sure to stop in and see these fine examples of brass accessories as well as the L&RC's vehicles also on display. The Bohne's traveled nearly fifteen hundred miles on their way to the National Meet in Binghamton, NY (Micky is Chairman of Judges Records) to deliver their collection for this display.

If you have an interesting display that you would like to loan to the L&RC for members to enjoy during their visits to Hershey, please contact Kim Miller at the address or phone number listed above. We would like to have a roster of display items to keep the cases updated on a regular basis. If you can help, we thank you.

The L&RC Board members will also be at the L&RC tent in swap meet spaces C3F-5-7 on the Chocolate Field Wednesday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Here you will find magazine sales ads, books and a variety of other items. Cold drinks will also be available while they last.



# Model Cars

By Myron Smith  
Chairman Development & Support  
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Models car kits can be enjoyed by youth and adults. They are a good way to learn about the various parts of a car, how a real car is constructed, and learn to distinguish various years, brands and models of real cars by seeing them in miniature.



An early designer and manufacturer of model cars was a company called Gowland & Gowland. Some of their models were sold with the Revell brand on the boxes and directions; and were called "Highway Pioneers." They are approximately 1/32 scale and are referred to as 3/8-inch scale in the instructions. Most of these models have a 1953 copyright stamped in the bottom of them.

Series One of these models included five models; a 1908 Stanley Steamer, 1900 Packard, 1903 Cadillac, 1903 Ford Model A, and the 1910 Ford Model T Torpedo. The only difference between the Ford & the Cadillac was the Cadillac had a back seat. The Cadillac was molded in blue, and the 1910 Model T was molded in Black.



Highway Pioneers 1903 Cadillac and 1903 Ford



1910 Ford Torpedo

Part of the fun in collecting is the quest to find things. Youth can share in this hobby by looking for models at rummage/garage sales, swap meets, flea markets, antique shops, auctions, from friends and relatives and of course today Ebay.

Series 2 of Gowland & Gowland/ Revell "Pioneers of the Highway" also included five models. They were again 1/32 scale and included a 1908 Buick Model 10, 1910 Cadillac, a 1914 Stutz Bearcat, a 1915 Model T center door sedan, and a 1910 Studebaker electric coupe.

I have three samples of these models to show. The 1915 Model T is molded in black and for many years I thought this was a highly inaccurate model because it has too many louvers in the hood, and had coach lamps by the doors. While this is inaccurate for the car, I later learned that the model must have been based on a genuine Ford rendering or, factory drawing.



1915 Ford Center Door Sedan

Second is the Stutz Bearcat which was molded in yellow.



1914 Stutz Bearcat



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And lastly is the 1910 Studebaker which is molded in green.



1910 Studebaker Electric

Most of these models in my collection are not in the best of condition. They are very old and have not been well cared for as I did not like the scale and the lack of detail. I have, however, lately gotten a whole new appreciation for them now that I have learned they are so old and had a place in the model car industry.

Shown below is another Gowland & Gowland model in this scale. It is of a 1910 Pierce Arrow which was molded in red. I do not know how many other models were made, but I have lately seen a 1907 Renault that is also listed as being from the Highway Pioneers Series.



1910 Pierce Arrow

For those interested in Gowland & Gowland models, they appear to be very affordable. I recently saw 3 of them needing some reassembly which could not garner the \$0.99 minimum bid on Ebay. For more information, there is an interesting article about the 1910 Model T torpedo in particular, but also gives general information at <http://home.wanadoo.nl/dwijsman/Invoegen/articlesinsert.htm>.

Hudson Miniatures of Scranton PA started production of "Old Timers" model automobile series in 1947. While not the first model kit builder, they are attributed as being one of the major founders of the industry. Early versions of the models were made of balsa wood, cast metal pieces and paper, while later editions substituted plastic for some of the metal parts. Production of the models ceased in 1953 (demand was on the downturn because of cheaper plastic models), but a considerable inventory was maintained until 1958 when a warehouse fire destroyed the remaining stock.

Most of the models were 3/4-inch scale, or 1/16 if my calculations are correct. The model line up included the 1904 Stevens Duryea, 1904 Oldsmobile, 1911 Maxwell, 1903 Ford Model A, 1900 Packard, 1911 Buick Bug, 1903 Rambler, 1903 Cadillac, 1910 Ford Model T (roadster), 1902 Franklin, 1906 Columbia electric, 1914 Ford Model-T fire engine, 1909 Stanley steamer, 1910 International Harvester, 1909 Ford Model T (touring car), 1911 Brush delivery truck, 1914 Stutz Bearcat, 1913 Mercer Raceabout, 1906 "Old 16" Locomobile, and 1914 Regal underslung.



Hudson Miniatures 1910 Ford

This 1909 Model T is considered one of the later versions because of its use of plastic for the lights, radiator and wheels. This particular model was mail ordered, and carries a 1949 postmark. It is a very fragile model and I believe would be tedious to build. For additional information, see the web site at:

<http://www.autoworldmobilia.com/oldtimers/main.html>

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Most every AACA newsletter has an editor's column. These contain a wide variety of topics, from personal experiences to club related matters. My editor's column in our Region newsletter is titled "Bruce's Fuel Stop". The point behind the title is that, while stopping to gas up on a long trip, a fuel stop is often a good time to reflect on the status of the trip, where the journey has progressed from, and in which direction the journey will continue. In the same sense, in addition to any personal items I may include, I try to use the column to pause and reflect on the Region and its "journey" through the hobby, and give something for the club members to think about. In the past, I have addressed topics such as encouraging more active participation by members, stressing the importance to remember the elderly and less mobile members, familiarizing members with National, and others. The Fuel Stop is usually the most difficult part of each newsletter for me, as I always try to come up with something I hope is useful and the members can relate to. Another thing I make sure to do in the Fuel Stop is to thank any members that contributed articles, photos, and/or information in that particular issue. People appreciate the recognition and like to know their efforts are also appreciated.

Keep in mind that this is only an example of how I try to

use my editors column and each editor has his or her own ideas on how they want to use the column. However, there are some comments that I suggest for each editors column.

1. Keep it light and enjoyable reading. After all, your club is part of a hobby that is meant to be fun and enjoyable.
2. Refrain from using the editorial as a personal soapbox. I believe that the editors column should encourage unity as a club; not fracture the organization or alienate members. Besides, there are much better times and places that the club can discuss and hear all sides of any political or highly volatile matter.
3. Keep it a reasonable length. You don't want to drive your readers to sleep. If the topic needs a lengthy discussion, write it up in a separate, full length article.
4. Use a variety of topics. I remember one non-AACA auto club newsletter I used to receive where the editor always rambled on and on about her darling, cute little dogs. Hey, I like dogs too, but it drove me nuts reading about hers in excruciating detail issue after issue.
5. Have fun with it. It is your show. The editors column is probably the one place you can best communicate your own thoughts and ideas. It gives a personal identity to the inanimate collection of paper that makes up the newsletter.

These are just some thoughts that I hope will help.

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

Bruce

