

Brandywine Region A.A.C.A.

"SQUEAKS"

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Pip Squeaks

Brandywine Members,

Our next Brandywine Region Covered Dish Dinner Meeting is January 27, 2024..

White Clay Presbyterian Church
Kirkwood Hwy & Polly Drummond Hill Rd.
Newark, De 19711
Dinner: 6:30pm

Our Host: Dave Myers

Our Entree: Meatloaf

Please bring a side dish to feed 15/20 people & to compliment the entree. Also, if you in addition would like to bring a dessert it would greatly be appreciated.

Please also, remember to bring your place settings & drinks. The club does provide hot coffee & tea.

Our Host for the program is John Lawrence.

He will be showing a movie..

We look forward to seeing everyone!

We do hope you all stay well & safe

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

All Our Best Until 2024!!



Hi All!

I hope Christmas was good for everyone. Hope everyone enjoyed family and friends. To me it is the best time of the year. Remember to keep the spirit of Christmas all year long.... do something nice for someone. The new year has arrived and we await new adventures and seeing old friends.

Make sure your winterization things are done on your automobiles, so you will be ready to roll come spring. We have planned events starting this month. So check the Squeaks and come on out.

MAKE SURE you have gotten your AACA memberships turned in.

Also volunteer to cook an entree for one of our dinner meetings, please.

Thanks,
Trace



Brandywine Region AACA 2024 Covered Dish Dinner Meetings

*Saturdays, Dinner 6:30pm,
Board Meetings 4:30pm, unless otherwise noted
White Clay Presbyterian Church*

**January 27th, February 24th, March 23rd,
April 27th, September 28th, October 26th**

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Calendar of Events

- Jan 13-
Jan 20** – Philadelphia Auto Show
Philadelphia Convention Center
1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Tickets Required.
- Jan 19** – Auto Mania, Agri-Plex Expo Center
Allentown Fairgrounds
302 North 17th Street, Allentown, PA 18104
Time: 12/noon - 9pm
Tickets Required. By: Carlisle Events
Ph# 717-243-7855 or info@carlisleevents.com
- Jan 21** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
See Ad on Page 7
- Jan 27** – Brandywine Region Covered Dish Dinner Meeting
Host: Dave Myers, Entree: Meatloaf
Program Host: John Lawrence-A movie to be shown.
Board Meeting: 4:30pm
- Feb 8-
Feb 10** – 2024 AACA Annual Convention
Location: Chantilly, VA
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, Jan 16, 2024
See Newsletter for more information or aaca.org
- Feb 9** – Atlantic City Classic Car Show
Atlantic City Convention Center
1 Convention Blvd, Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Contact: 1-800-227-3868
Organized by: GPK Auctions
- Feb 18** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
See page 7
- Feb 24** – Brandywine Region Covered Dish Dinner Meeting
Board Meeting: 4:30pm
- Mar 17** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
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- Mar 23** – Brandywine Region Covered Dish Dinner Meeting
Board Meeting: 4:30pm
- Mar 24** – South Jersey Region AACA's 52nd Annual Swap Meet
& Car Corral at Salem County Fairgrounds
735 Harding Highway, Route 40, Woodstown, NJ 08098
Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm
Contact: Chuck Gibson (609) 221-5435
Contact: Ed Fuller (856) 297-4025
Contact: Gary Green (856) 575-5547
Registration & cost required to sell. Free to attend.
- Mar 31** – Cruisin' For Caffeine
More information next issue..
- Apr 14** – Brandywine Region AACA Swap Meet
New Garden Township Park
8938 Newport Gap Pike
Landenberg, PA 19350. More information next issue
- Apr 21** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
See page 7
- Apr 27** – Brandywine Region Covered Dish Dinner Meeting
Board Meeting: 4:30pm
- May 12** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
See page 7
- Jun 1-
Jun 13** – Annual Eli Seth Matthews Roar for a Cure
Motorcycle & Car Show
Miss Oxford Diner
233 S 3rd Street, Oxford, PA 19363
Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Host: Paul Matthews
Registration Fee: A Donation per vehicle
- Jun 15** – Antique Car, Truck, Tractor & Machinery Show
Cecil County Farm Museum & Regional
Agricultural Center
820 Appleton Road, Elkton Rd 21921
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Contact for Show or Demonstrators:
Matt Stauffer (484) 403-8138
- Jun 16** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
See page 7
- July 21** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
See page 7
- Sept 8** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
See page 7
- Sept 28** – Brandywine Region Covered Dish Dinner Meeting
Board Meeting: 4:30pm
- Oct 8-11** – AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region AACA
800 W. Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA 17033
Phone: (717) 534-1910 or fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org
- Oct 20** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
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- Oct 26** – Brandywine Region Covered Dish Dinner Meeting
Board Meeting: 4:30pm
- Nov 17** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
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- Dec 8** – Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
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****Always verify information prior to making plans to attend any event listed.**



Member News

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The Brandywine Region of AACA meets on the fourth Saturday of January, February, March, April, September and October. We meet at the White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood Highway (Rt. 2) at 15 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, DE 19711. Our Covered Dish Dinnr begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a business meeting and/or program.

Members of BRAACA must also be members in good standing of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Anyone interested in joining BRAACA or needing any information regarding the club should contact any of our Officers and/or Board of Directors.

SQUEAKS is the official publication of the Brandywine Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Members are encouraged to submit original articles, ads or other items for publication. Material contained herein may be reproduced if credit is given to *Squeaks* and to Brandywine Region, AACA. **Material for publication should be sent to: Kevin Gonce, email: kcgonce.383@gmail.com or Address: 4001 Golfview Dr., Newark, De 19702.** Club members may submit articles about events past and future, and may submit advertisements for car-related items for sale. Non-members may also request to run ads, at a cost of \$20 per issue; members may run ads for non-related items at the same cost.

DEADLINE IS THE 20TH OF THE MONTH!



TIPS FOR STORING YOUR CAR IN WINTER

If you own a classic vehicle, a sports car, or simply a summer-oriented ride that only sees seasonal use, you probably store it over the winter—especially if you live in a climate where corrosive road salt and slippery, icy roads are a fact of life during the colder months. How can you best protect your vehicle while keeping it locked away and safe from potential winter damage? Here are five winter car-storage tips.

FILL UP YOUR FUEL TANK



Before any long-term storage, it's a good idea to fill your vehicle's fuel tank all the way to the top. This dramatically reduces the potential for condensation to form either inside the tank itself or the fuel lines leading to the engine—if moisture collects, it can result in significant fuel-system corrosion.



USE FUEL STABILIZER

Over a prolonged period—usually three to six months—gasoline begins to break down chemically, separating into a mixture of water, varnishes and solvents, and other chemicals. Not only does the presence of water pose the potential for corrosion, but old, sludgy fuel can clog fuel lines and pumps. Add a bottle of fuel stabilizer to the gas tank and then run the vehicle's engine for a few minutes to distribute it through the system.

CONNECT A BATTERY CHARGER



An automotive battery will gradually lose its charge if it sits unused for a long period of time. If you're storing a vehicle for more than three months, it's a good idea to keep the battery connected to a low-power charger to ensure that it stays topped up. Not all winter storage spaces have access to electricity, so if that's the case for you, remove the battery from the vehicle and attach it to a charger at home.



CLEAN INSIDE AND OUT

To avoid attracting unwanted attention from insects, mice, and other vermin, a deep clean of your automobile's cabin prior to storage is highly recommended. Remove any crumbs or trash that might have fallen between cushions or under the seats, and give the interior a good vacuum.

Wash your vehicle's exterior with the same attention to detail, so that dirt and grime don't sit on its finish for months, bonding to the paint and trim. A coat of wax for added protection while in storage is also a good idea prior to walking away for the winter.



KEEP IT UNDER COVER

With a coat of wax in place, the last line of defense for your vehicle's paint is a cover. Even in a space with good ventilation, it doesn't take long for dust to accumulate on a parked car or truck. Over time, that layer of grit can bond, scratch, and mar paint, plastic, and chrome—not to mention work its way into climate-control vents, panel gaps, and under trim. A cover is an inexpensive way to keep your automobile from looking like a barn find when you go to fire it up in the spring.



~1956 Mercury, 2 Door Sedan

~1956 Lincoln

~1963 Mercury Monterey, 4 Speed,
2 Door Hard Top

~1963 Mercury Monterey, 4 Door Hard Top

~1963 Mercury Monterey Convertible

~1988 Ford F-150 Pick-Up



Contact: John Currie

302-529-1946

SOME PHOTOS FROM AACCA MUSEUM > CURRENT SPECIAL DISPLAYS... > BY AKK



Brandywine Region AACA Membership Renewal 2024

To continue receiving *Squeaks*, you must return this entire page, even if you are a Life Member who does not pay dues.

This information must be received by January 15, 2024 to avoid a late fee.

The following are Life members of Brandywine Region. Although you do not owe dues any longer, you must still return this form by 1/15/24 in order to maintain your active membership status and continue to receive *Squeaks*. You may continue to pay dues if you wish.

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Carisch, Chuck and Cathy
Fletcher, Herman
Kissell, AK & Helga
Scott, Ruth
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Name _____
Spouse or other _____
Street address _____
City, State, Zip _____
AACA Member # _____ (You must be a member of AACA)
Phone Home# _____
Cell# _____
Email address _____
Squeaks: Paper copy _____ Email copy _____

If you require a paper copy, please consider contributing an extra \$5 with your dues to defray postage costs.

2024 dues are \$20 if paid before January 15, 2024, with a late fee of \$5 (total \$25) if paid after January 15, 2024.

Please make check payable to “BRAACA”, and mail to:
Kathy Beck, BRAACA Member Chair
2722 Barnsley Rd Wilmington, DE 19808

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AACA MUSEUM

Museum of Bus Transportation

Permanent Display
Location: Ullman Gallery



Tucker '48s and The Cammack Tucker Collection

Permanent Display
Location: Cammack Tucker Gallery



From Roads to Rails - Award Winning Model Trains

Permanent Display
Location: Lower-Level Gallery



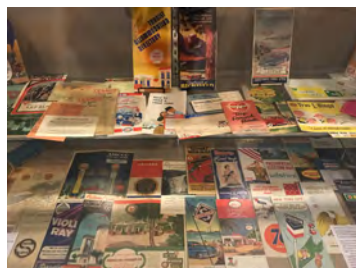
Driving After Sundown: The Evolution of Headlights

Permanent Display,
Location: Main Gallery



Remembering Road Maps

Permanent Display
Members 1st Gallery



Hershey's Kissmobile Cruiser

Permanent
Location: Throughout the Museum



----- Current Events -----



Legacy Series: Dodge Challengers Then & Now

Nov 18, 2023—Apr 21, 2024
Location: Members 1st Gallery



Muscle Cars: Past and Present

Nov 18, 2023—Apr 20, 2024
Location: Throughout the Museum



Austin-Healey

Nov 18, 2023—Apr 20, 2024
Location: Throughout the Museum





2024 AACA Annual Convention

Believe it or not, the **2024 AACA Annual Convention** is just a little more than two months away. Between the full-page color advertisements we've been running in the last three issues of *Antique Automobile* magazine and the small articles here and there in *Speedster*, you should all know by now that the 2024 convention will be held at the **Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles in Chantilly, VA**, from **February 8-10**. The convention committee has been working silently behind the scenes to get all of the contracts signed, event schedule figured out, meals chosen, entertainment booked, and all of the other details in place to pull off what we think is going to be one of the BEST conventions we've ever put on. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to attend the convention has the chance to, so here's some super important information you need to know...

HOTEL: The hotel started taking reservations for our event in June and many members who know how great our convention is jumped at the idea of making their reservations early – almost half the room nights in our block have been booked already! So, if you are thinking that you might want to go to this convention, please book your room as soon as you can. The reservation link is below.

PRE-CONVENTION EXCURSION: On Thursday, February 8th, we have planned a special lunch and guided highlight tours at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center (the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's annex). Transportation to and from the museum will be included as well. I've had a chance to visit the museum twice and can tell you from first-hand experience that this activity will be amazing! You will not want to miss this!! Because of some space restrictions, we have to limit this event to 200 guests. If you definitely want to go on this excursion (and you definitely do!), I implore you to register for convention as early as you can.

CASINO NIGHT: On Friday night after the dinner hosted by our Regions and Chapters, we always try to plan something fun and entertaining for all attendees. In the past, we've had auctions, fireside chats with famous guests, the AACA Library's beloved pinewood derby and last year we had a comedic magician. This year, we are taking it up a notch... Vegas-style! Everyone will be able to join us for this activity, but beware... only 300 people will be able to sign up to be players at the casino. The 300 players will be able to gamble the night away with their "funny money" and even bid on prizes at the end of the evening. This event is FREE, but you need to register to play. Again, just one more reason to sign up early for convention!

Finally, we are pleased to announce that convention registration will open NEXT WEEK. Keep your eyes open for a special convention email to pop up in your inbox sometime next week with more information. In the meantime, follow the link below to take a look at our brand-new convention brochure. We are so excited to be able to put on such a wonderful event for our members! We truly hope that all of you will consider joining us in February in Virginia.

Reservation Link: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50584547/owner/13564/home>

Link to Brochure: https://aaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024_AACA_Annual_Convention_Chantilly_VA.pdf

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Hockessin Fire Hall Breakfast
Sponsored by Hockessin Ladies Auxiliary

2024 Dates:
January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21
May 12, June 16, July 21, September 8
October 20, November 17, December 8

Time: 8am - 11:30am

\$14 per person (Ages 10-59)
\$13 seniors (Ages 60-over)
\$6 for children (Ages 3-9)



BRAACA Name Tags
\$8 each.

Checks payable to: Brandywine Region AACA.
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Celebrating 67 Years!

"SQUEAKS"



Artwork by
Neil Corrigan

Happy New Year!



Useful Links... (a short list)

I want to remind everyone of the short-list of on-line links that have been set-up & shared for you to reference & for your convenience. Use the links for those Events listed have extensive details you may need or want to know. Again, the short-list was created for members use, please do take advantage of the links. Thank you, Kevin Gonce

www.AAA.com/world - There is a great article in the November/December 2015 edition of AAA World magazine on the "Wheels of Fortune" by Stacy Tillie covering Mid Atlantic Car Museums – it may be worth the drive.
www.aaca.org - Antique Automobile Association of America
www.braaca.org - Brandywine Region Antique Automobile Association
www.CarCruiseGuide.com – Car Show & Cruise Guide
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