

Benefits of an AACA membership

By Fred Trusty 2023 AACA National President

1. When you **join AACA**, you are joining one of the oldest, largest, and most inclusive car clubs in the world with a community of more than **55,000 strong**.
2. As a member, you may join any of the **350 local regions** and chapters supported by AACA.
3. Regions receive a **\$6,000,000 liability insurance policy** at no cost. I've been a member of an independent club in the past and I can tell you coverage like this is expensive.
4. Directors and Officers (**D&O**) receive a **\$1,000,000 policy**. All AACA asks is a voluntary \$110 per year for this coverage. Again, this coverage is expensive if you have to purchase it as an independent club.
5. AACA provides free **publisher's liability insurance** for newsletters.
6. Members receive **perks and discounts** from industry vendors and other businesses from time to time. Currently, you can enjoy discounted room rates at all La Quinta hotels.
7. AACA members receive **two free hours of research at the AACA Library Research Center**. This is the largest automotive research library in the world covering 30,000 square feet with more than 3,000,000 pieces of literature and a staff of full-time librarians to help you with your research.
8. Members receive six issues per year of the best antique automotive magazine in the world, **Antique Automobile**.
9. A monthly email newsletter, **Speedster**, with information about what is going on with the club, library, and local regions/chapters. AACA works with organizations such as the Historical Vehicle Association (HVA) and the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) to **lobby on behalf of the old car hobby**.
10. AACA has a comprehensive **judging program** with 222 classes for original cars, driver cars, and show cars that cover all makes and models of cars, trucks, and motorcycles that are 25 years or older. Most marque club judging systems were modeled after AACA.
11. AACA has a comprehensive **judges training program** with awards for its judges.

12. The comprehensive judging system provides the basis for our robust **vehicle awards program** and our yearly National Awards honors.
13. Our Nationals feature more than just a one-day car show. Most Nationals have **short tours to historic sites, attractions, and sometimes private collections that aren't open to the public.**
14. AACA has **national and regional** tours for different vintages of cars.
15. AACA has a **website and online forums** to help members with numerous issues related to the old car hobby. Restoration, repair, maintenance, buying, and selling are just a few of the topics.
16. **National newsletter and webmaster awards** for region editors and webmasters.
17. AACA has a **student membership and youth programs.**
18. AACA gives away thousands of dollars to youth who are involved in the hobby through its **annual scholarship program.**
19. Membership allows participation as a **vendor** in the world's largest **antique car flea market in Hershey, PA**, each year.
20. Each year the staff at the headquarters building in Hershey, PA, receives more than 100,000 emails and thousands of phone calls asking for help on a wide variety of **vintage vehicle issues.**

The **most important benefit** you receive from being a member of AACA is the people you meet and the life-long friendships you develop. One of the mantras you hear from AACA members often is... ***“You join the club for the cars, but you stay for the people.”***

For more **information about AACA**, go to www.aaca.org

To join AACA, call Ralph Towner, Membership at 386-397-4571 or Shirley McManus at 386-365-9643 for information and applications.