

Around the Bend



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*Charter member /President, Rick Watson,
welcomes Charter member/longtime friend - Carl Barker!*

Why We Do It

Cars lined up as proud soldiers
Standing at attention
Their hoods raised in salute to
Those who shuffle amongst them.

Owners fussing about
With dust rags in hand
Ready to whisk away the slightest
Blight to their pride and joy.

This is the sight that greets
A visitor to an antique car show

A trip back in time
A chance to remember and reflect

"I had a car like that once!"
Memories flood the minds
Tears flood some eyes
As life stories flash by

If cars could speak
What tales they would tell
Of journeys near and far
Of owners young and old

High school proms and picnics
Birth, deaths, weddings
The cars were there
As part of it all

This is why we do it
Spend time, money and energy
Bringing back memories
For us, and all who happen by.

Written by Carl Barker, 2001



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone.

Spring has sprung! It is once again time to get those cars ready for another touring season.

Our Arundel to Aroostook 2020 tour season is well into the planning phase and nearing the actual execution phase. Thanks so much to Terry and Beth Thomas for stepping up to make the contacts and plans "Up in The County" and also of course to Carl Barker and Dick Pratt for kicking off with the Southern Maine event. Details elsewhere in this *Around The Bend*.

The Annual meeting went well with an update from Peter Hanson, Secretary /Treasurer on financials and memberships. A nice meal once again and of course some of our annual meeting staples i.e. George Enman with his Mystery Car segment, a brief overview of our tours for the season, election results for the board of directors, and of course , the auction. Thanks to all who joined us from our 2019 season kick off, to our last of the season wrap up.

Membership remains a focus for us and I know of at least 2 new members lately. We intend to keep up this effort as new members bring fresh ideas, tours, events and our future leadership.

All for now. see you on the road. *Rick*

P.S. Anyone having pictures or stories for the website can send them to campkarie@gmail.com, and she will see that they get added.

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Maine Region AACA Tours


Be Ready for a great summer!

 **May 16-Starts at Gorham:** Visit Dick Pratt's Franklin Collection, and Manufacturing Shop; then on to the oldest and largest museum of mass transit vehicles, the **Kennebunk Trolley Museum** . The focus is on trolley cars, but also includes rapid transit trains, Interurban cars, trolley and motor buses. **Lunch there.** Then there is the option –time permitting –to make a stop at the new, New England Auto Museum in Arundel

 **May 24: Scarborough Car Show+:** Jayson Chisholm has things like a gas station, free food, photo ops etc. –Rick Watson for details.

May 30: Owls Head Auto Tour: All inside events have been canceled through May 1st. Check later!


June 6-7 Owls Head-Spring Fling: 10:00 am Featured Marque: Jeep, first exhibitor show of the year, New Gears 'n Beers Garden


 **June 13: Off to Whitefield, New Hampshire:** Just over the line; this private collection has over 300 Tractors, Cars, Bull dozers, Equipment, OH MY! Open house day there!
(Rick Watson for details)

June 13: Seal Cove: Cars and Coffee w/ Steamers: Saturday, June 13, 9am-noon


July 18: Paris Hill Open House: Beautiful Maine village, Amazing Cars, Crafts etc. Something for everyone. Crafts, music, toys, dolls.


July 25: Seal Cove Special Guest, Tom Cotter: “Hemming’s Barn Find Hunter”;
6-8pm; Author of 16 Automotive books!

 **Aug 1st Bangor Fair:** Stay tuned, we've been invited to come again

 **TBD / August Lobster Palooza:** Another real Favorite ! Stay tuned for details

August 15: Seal Cove Car-B-Que: 9am-4pm food trucks, car show, music

 **August 28-30: Presque Isle Crown of Maine Balloon Festival:** An Aroostook overnight is being planned with help of these two- terrybeth@myfairpoint.net

 **October 18: 9th Annual Chili Fest:** Wrap up the season at John and Viki's; an autumn delight!



September 13-18, 2020—75th Revival AAA Glidden Tour Sponsored by VMCCA

Saratoga Springs, NY This celebrates the 75th year of AACA/VMCCA 's joint tour honoring Charles Jasper Glidden, the first person to drive around -the-world, 1902-1908.

MORE INFO TO COME, SO WATCH for UPDATES

MOBILE MOTIF POSTAGE

Today there are many fine stamps you can collect that show cars, but anyone who invested in stamps years ago may have gotten a better return on their money than those who collected cars. I was reminded of that recently in reading through the wonderful old issues of the M.O.A.Ls (Maine Obsolete Auto League) Credit: ¹ This is based on an article in the Spring 1982 issue of *Side-light* by Dan Post.



“Probably the average horseless carriage enthusiast wouldn’t give so much as a burned-out rod-bearing insert for an old postage stamp. But a philatelist complains not, as he keeps an eagle eye for early motor vehicles to add to his collection. . .of stamps, that is!”



Some 1901 four cent stamps were printed upside down. If purchased as a set today – along with the 1 and 2 Cent that show a ship and a train, – they have been valued at \$153,000!

While the U. S. Post Office Department has turned out around 3-dozen different aircraft, including four dirigibles, it seem to have shunned the automobile by virtue of its very ever-presence. Hence the several commercial vehicles and the single car appearing on U. S. Postage are choice items among sitcker-seekers today.

The only time a a full stamp was devoted to the car motif was in 1901 when the self-propelled vehicle was a novelty.”

First class mail was just 1 cent then and the car stamp, was a 4-cent denomination honoring the New York World’s Fair,. That Pan American Exposition inspired the series on “Modern Transportation.”



The 1920 Special Delivery Stamp

The more familiar Postman & Motorcycle Special Delivery Stamp came out in 1922 and cost but a dime. Harley Davison Later made a belt buckle out that stamp art.

The First Class postage rate was 3 cents in the US from July 3 1932 to August 1, 1958. (It had previously been used as a “war tax form 1917 to 1919) During that time,

“it appears every conceivable theme, and some hardly conceivable at all, played center stage front to the letter writing audience while the motor car has not gone so far as the stage door—even with its Golden Anniversary to make the introduction.

Automobiles were supposed to have educated chickens to stay out of the way a good many years ago.



Harley made a belt buckle out of that stamp art!

With this conviction, veteran car lovers were jolted (in 1948) when, as they celebrated the completion of the 100 millionth vehicle in postage anonymity . . . *the American Hen*, in full feather, appeared on that year’s commemorative postage stamp!”



A fire pump truck, did appear in 1948 to honor the 300th anniversary of volunteer firemen.





(Above, from top to bottom)

CARS

Gendron c. 1918: custom dated to resemble the Stearns, a luxury car which sold for \$5,000. Note the white around the radiator and the script logo.

Continental c. 1906: A similar Model #8 sold in the 1905 catalog for \$9. Rubber tires, horn, and lamp were extra.

Garton Toy Co. c. 1960: Sheboygan, WI, Fire Chief Model



c. 1938 Model: Present owner, Dan Kelly
(ME Region AACA)

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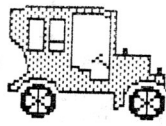


MYSTERY PEDAL CAR?

When was this car made? What was it made to represent?
It was gifted to a prominent car lover when his daughter was
born; likely around 1954. It obviously is much older than
that and was probably custom made. It is quite large, (4 +Ft.)
brass lanterns, crank , hard rubber tires, running board.

Email: stude28@myfairpoint.net with your best guess?





THE MAINE REGION OF A.A.C.A. NEWSLETTER



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The Maine Region AACA started in 1992 with a newsletter that looked like the above. . Some of our Charter members, like Mike Vaughn, Glenn Byron, Dale Watson and Rick Watson may remember that the first officers were Paul Garber, President, Jeff Orwig, VP; Nancy Fraser, Sec, and Richard Fraser, Treasurer. The club obviously got off to a busy start By 1994 they were set to put on the 1994 Eastern Division AACA

National Meet! Carl Barker was the “Financial Chairman and “bean counter” for that event He had to come up with the money asked for by each of the various Chairmen of that event. This was to be done my selling advertising that would appear in the National Meet program, or receiving donations of cash and service.”

That same year this newsletter became “*Around The Bend.*” It is believed that the member that came up with the name was Charles Chiarchiaro.

The Maine Region put on another Eastern Division Meet in 2004, and the man that made it such a success, was not other than . . . Carl Barker! The money that carries our club over the lean years, is the money earned by putting on that very popular meet.



Carl reads his poem at the annual meeting while David Ault, Ken Clark, and Ludolf Bierwas look on.

2020

**R. Crawford & Frances Taisey
Freeport, ME**

**Wayne & Meg Sawyer
Tenants Harbor, ME**

**James Peters
Falmouth, ME**



New members, Donald and Felicia Wiswell at the Annual Meeting. They brought their “mostly original”, 1925 Cadillac, to the Maine Region’s AACA Car Show at the Maine State Fair in August. The car has been in some part of the family since new.



Carl Barker and Dick Pratt share a love of Franklins . They are planning our first tour of the season which will include a few of those great air-cooled vehicles.



Maine Region AACA gets World-Wide Attention in March 2020

SMITHFIELD, MAINE: August 2019
 MAINE REGION AACA
 "LOBSTA PALOOZA"

By Glenn Byron. Photo by Paul Barcellos.
 Hey, Pete! This event brought together for the first time three Jeepsters owned by Jimmy Ryder, Paul Barcellos, and Glenn Byron. All examples, '48, '49 & '50 were stock. The Burgundy 1948 is Jimmy Ryder's, The Blue 1949 is Paul Barcellos, and the Red 1950 is Glenn Byron's. The '48 is powered by the



134 Flathead Four while both the '49 and '50 are powered by the 161 Flathead Six. I particularly like the rear shot showing Jimmy's "ALL ZEROS" Maine "YEAR OF MANUFACTURE" 1948 plate, Paul's with a '49 tag included. I have a regular Maine Antique plate. Thanks for all you do for us Jeepster Nuts.

(Editors Note: At JeepsterNews we're always grateful for photos and stories sent for sharing with the membership! While we only have 8 pages of space each month, we do our best to file and use these items as we can! Please continue to send in your photos & stories! PGM)

The above is from the Willys Overland Jeepster Club's Newsletter.

Seldom do three excellent examples of a small independent company like Willys get to be exhibited together other than at a single marque meet. Here they are, all in a row, first edition Jeepsters of each of the models produced; 1948, 1949 and 1950.

But what you see isn't all the story: *The Lobsta Palooza* is a real fun assemblage of our AACA Region, and a major fund raiser to give the treasury a kick. Glenn and Toni had a prior commitment for a family event in NJ and could not attend. AACA club members, Jimmy, Paul, Ray, Mike (and probably others) came to the rescue; went down the street and raided my garage for the Red 1950 Jeepster (With my permission, of course).

As far as I know this is the only time all three of these Jeepsters have been side by side. Thanks go to my buddies for making it happen. OH, one other item of interest: at one time or another, I've owned all three of 'em!

Glenn Byron

PS- There were 1951 models sold, but they were hold-overs and retitled.

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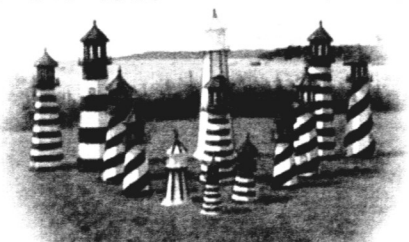
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That First Car

(With apologies to Samuel Woodworth)

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Now old car collections present them to view;
The Winton, the Peerless, with wheels made of hardwood,
And the loved cars my infancy knew.

The Model T Ford, horn and windshield came with it,
The proud old Electric equipped with a bell;
The low rakish Mercer, how I longed to drive it.
Finally I purchased a brass-trimmed Maxwell.

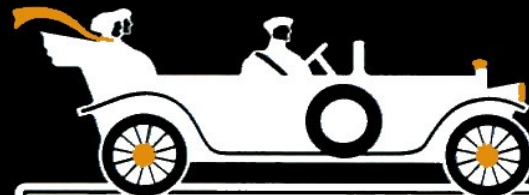
That brass-adorned Maxwell I hailed as a treasure,
For often at night, when returned from the field,
I would crank the thing up, the gas I would measure,
And take to the road—to no would I yield.

The big wheel, I seized it with hands that were glowing,
Sped down the green hillside and raced through the dell.
No matter how far or how fast I was going,
I would always get there in my magic Maxwell.

How eager I was that first day to receive it,
To put down the top and start off on a trip.
Not the swiftest of horses could tempt me to leave it—
My shiny new Maxwell had zip!

Now, far removed to its junk yard habitation,
A tear of regret will intrusively swell.
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I sigh for that Maxwell that served me so well.

Allan F. Herdman



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The Maine Region AACA
Annual Secretary-Treasurer's Report
2019 Year-End Report
February 9, 2020

Secretary's Report

2020 Election Results with 35 Votes Cast:

- Ken Clark – 3rd Term
- Ray Morrow – 4th Term
- Peter Hanson – 7th Term

Membership:

- 2019: We ended the year on 12/31/19 with 89 memberships. We lost long-time member Earl Wright.
- 2020: So far this year 74% have renewed with 68 memberships out of a year-end total of 89 plus 1 returning long-time member for a total of 90 memberships this year. With a projection of 90 memberships @ \$15 each, that gives us \$1350 in anticipated revenue.

Treasurer's Report

2019 (1/01/19 to 12/31/19):

- Checking account balance: \$30.41
- Savings account balance: \$14,192.22

Total Net Worth: (Total funds on deposit) \$14,222.63¹ (See Notes below)

Year-End Comparison to Last Year:

- Note¹: This is a **DECREASE** of **\$408.21** over last year.

Summary of Significant Income & Expenses:

Income:

- Dues: = **\$1320.00** (See payment to National)
- Dividends = **\$19.20**
- Banquet Reservations (2/10/19) = **\$900.00** (Net cost = \$229.60 – see Page 2)
- 2019 Annual Auction (2/10/19) = **\$268.00**
- Gross Lobster Sales @ Lobstah Palooza (8/04/19) = **\$1000.00** (NET Profit = \$448.25)
- 50-50 Raffles (4) = **\$313.00** (Annual Meeting/Bangor State Fair¹/Lobstah Palooza/Chilifest)
- Name Badges = **\$28.00** (Henry & Jean Travers and Terry & Beth Thomas)

Note¹: Includes winner's share donated back to club

Expenses:

- 2019 Annual Banquet on 2/10/19 = **\$1129.60**
- Printing "Around The Bend" Newsletter¹ = **\$1718.75** (7 Issues beginning w/Nov-Dec 2018)
- Printing Flyers for Bangor State Fair = **\$79.13** (Arranged by Rick Watson)
- Postage = **\$520.60** (Around The Bend Postage = \$440.00/General Postage = \$80.60)
- Office Supplies = **\$127.08**
- Lobstah Palooza Expenses = **\$551.75** (Lobsters = \$448.25 – Hall Rental = \$100.00)
- Contributions for June Tours = **\$50.00** (Paper Museum & Jay Historical Society - \$25 ea.)
- Seal Cove Auto Museum = **\$200.00**
- Insurance = **\$110.00** (AACA's Liability Insurance)
- Website Domain Registration = **\$25.00** (Wavne Edmondson - Web Master)

Respectfully Submitted By:
Peter Hanson
Secretary-Treasurer

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020 ANNUAL MEETING By Peter Hanson, Secretary-Treasurer

The Maine Region AACA held its 2020 Annual Meeting and Banquet on Sunday, February 9th, 2020 at the Augusta Elks Lodge on Civic Center Drive in Augusta with 35 members and guests in attendance. It was originally scheduled for January 19th, but was rescheduled because of bad weather. President Rick Watson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

ELECTIONS: Secretary-Treasurer Peter Hanson announced that Ken Clark, Ray Morrow and Peter Hanson were re-elected as Directors to serve on the Executive Board for the next two years. At an earlier Executive Board meeting held back in November, Jeff Orwig and George Enman were both elected as Directors to serve the remaining terms of Bob Koenig and Chuck Wheeler who resigned. He also announced that just prior to the banquet, the Executive Board elected new officers for the coming year as follows: Rick Watson was re-elected President, Jeff Orwig was elected Vice-President and Peter Hanson was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT: The Secretary-Treasurer Peter Hanson reported that the year 2019 ended with a total of 89 memberships. He also noted the passing of long-time member Earl Wright during the past year. The Treasurer's Report stated that we ended 2019 with \$30.41 in the checking account and \$14,192.22 in the savings account, for a combined total of \$14,222.63. This is a decrease of \$408.21 from last year. A summary of significant income and expenses was also read as presented to the Executive Board prior to the meeting.

MYSTERY CAR AWARD: George Enman reported on the results of the Mystery Car Contest which appears in every issue of our "Around The Bend" newsletter. He explained how it works and then announced the answers for the correct year, make and model of each car by beginning with the January-February edition, as follows: 1968 Chevrolet Impala; 1941 Ford DeLuxe; 1950 Dodge Wayfarer; 1969 Ford F100 pickup; 1951 Willys Overland Jeepster and finally, a 1932 Ford Model A 3-window coupe. Lastly, he announced that Ludolf Bierwas was the winner of this year's annual "Mystery Car Award".

SEAL COVE AUTO MUSEUM: Newsletter Editor Barbara Fox gave an overview of the recent activities at the Seal Cove Auto Museum as well as some of the events scheduled for this year.

TOURS: It was announced that our first tour of the season will be held on Saturday, May 16th (with a rain date of Sunday, May 17th) which will be co-hosted by Dick Pratt and Carl Barker, beginning at Dick Pratt's shop and then cruising to the Kennebunk Trolley Museum with several other stops proposed as possibilities. It was noted that there will be a car show hosted by others in Scarborough on May 24th and a tractor and industrial equipment show in New Hampshire on June 13th, but no other details were provided. A tour is tentatively planned on July 18th to attend Founder's Day and visit member Bob Bahre's antique car collection at Paris Hill. Rick Watson is currently working on plans to possibly attend the Bangor State Fair again this year on July 26th. Our annual Lobstah Palooza will be held again this year at the Fairview Grange in Smithfield on August 1st. John and Vicki Worth have agreed to host our annual Chilifest event again this year on Sunday, October 18th.

AUCTION RESULTS: After adjournment, we held our annual "Anything Goes Auction" which brought in a total of \$225 for the club. We also received another \$22.50 in contributions thanks to the generosity of several of our members.



Many thanks to Peter Hanson (and, as they used to say, his "distaff" side, Shelly,) for his 12 years of service as Secretary/Treasure of our club.



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(i.e. 1936 Buick, Model 80 Roadster)