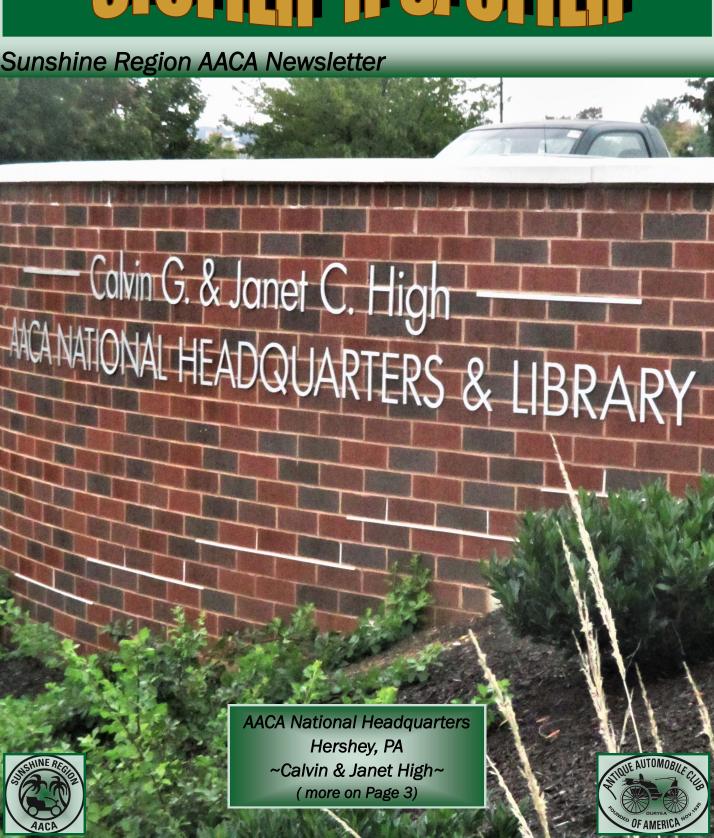
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Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA: October 6-9, 2021

The crowds were down, and numerous flea market vendor spots were vacant. But this was to be expected with Canadians and other foreign visitors not in attendance due to restricted travel to the US. In spite of this, there was an atmosphere of happy people being able to do the "Hershey Thing" again after missing last year due to the pandemic. Parts were being brought & sold in good numbers, and the Saturday judging meet had approximately 1100 vehicles registered with lots of visitors checking out the show entries. Although sometimes cool & windy, the rain stayed away for the entire four day event. It was indeed good to get back to this great week, and we are looking forward to next year which will change to Tuesday thru Friday with the judging show on Friday. This is due to Hershey Entertainment (HERCO) wanting

the weekend to open the park.

~~~Cliff Wilson











## Janet & Calvin High (reference Front Cover)



The AACA National Headquarters has recently moved to a new location adjacent to the Hershey swap meet area. They have dedicated the new building to one of our Sunshine Region members - Calvin High. I asked a friend of mine, Stanton Lyman, who is attending the Hershey meet as I write this, to try to visit the headquarters and take a couple of photos. It is a 31,000 square foot

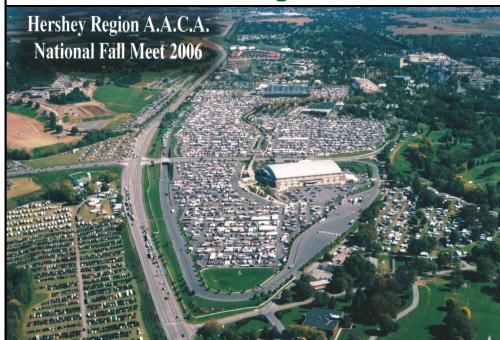
building originally built for the Pennsylvania American Water Company in 1982 that needed to be completely gutted and redesigned to fit the AACA requirements. AACA selected Greenfield Architects LTD, owned by the High family, to draw up the plans for the new building. They also selected the High Construction Company as the general contractor to be in charge of the renovation of the building.

Cover Photo by Cliff Wilson

Editor's note: Calvin is also a Life Member of the AACA Hershey Region



# Historical Photo - 15 Years Ago





#### **AACA Sunshine Region Veterans**









| John Anderson   | U.S. Navy              | 1950-1954 |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|
| John Cavanaugh  | U.S. Navy              | 1963-1965 |
| Gene Cohen      | Nat'l Guard, U.S. Army | 1964-1970 |
| James Goese     | U.S. Air Force         | 1951-1952 |
| Steve Hall      | U.S. Marines           | 1967-1969 |
| Brad Hindall    | U.S. Marines           | 1968-1970 |
| Jack Knuese     | ROTC                   | 1956-1960 |
| Rod Leezer      | Marine Corps Reserve   | 1969-1976 |
| Peter Lindemann | Air Force Reserve      | 1969-1975 |
| Joe Malaney     | U.S. Air Force         | 1953-1974 |
| Gerry Shapiro   | U.S. Air Force         | 1954-1958 |
| Mark Spears     | U.S. Navy              | 1973-1993 |
| Robert Tone     | Air National Guard     | 1956-1962 |
| Cliff Wilson    | U.S. Army              | 1966-1968 |
| Nita ZuHone     | U.S. Army              | 1993-2005 |
|                 |                        |           |







#### **How I Met Belle Miller in 1977**



Back in 1977 after graduating from the University of Cincinnati, I decided to start looking for an apartment. I came upon a brand new complex overlooking the Ohio River called Prospect Point. They were kind of pricy, but at the same time a buddy of mine was

also looking for a place. We decide on a 2 bedroom/2 bath, and split the rent. Just below our unit, I met a girl named Belle Miller in the parking lot. Over time we said our "Hi's" as we headed off to work. At the time, I was working at Mike Higgins Pontiac in downtown Cincinnati, and she worked at ADP downtown Cincinnati. One day I decided to leave a '78 Pontiac brochure with a note: "Bell, thought you might want to look at 78's, maybe trade in your motorcycle for one" Surprisingly, a couple days later she pulled in with her Chevy Monza with a big V-8 engine. As we walked the lot, I opened up a few of the cars. We took a test drive in a Grand Prix and a Trans Am. I then took her car for

a ride to determine its trade in value. Since she needed to get back to work, we agreed to discuss later some figures. About five minutes later she pulled back in, and a couple of the sales people alerted me. As she was walking back in, I noticed she was carrying about five sets of car keys (which I had left in her car). I knew then, I could trust her!

Remember in the beginning I moved into a new apartment complex. Well, one day as I returned to my apartment, I realized I left my apartment key at my parents house (about 30 minutes away) and my roommate wasn't home. I saw Belle and explained my

situation. Turns out Belle was the first occupant in our building, and she had a master key to all the units! Problem solved, and it's been that way for 43 years with Belle holding the key to my heart.



This is the actual brochure that I left at Belle's doorstep (note: I spelled her name wrong) ~~~Bill Swanton

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## **DiCarlo's Garage Construction Progress Update**





#### Membership Meeting: 20-0ct-2021

The Sunshine Region AACA 20-Oct- 2021 membership meeting, at Jacki Kaiser's residence, was called to order at 10:39AM by Bob zuHone, who then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob was filling in for President John Cavanaugh, who was away on a Buick car tour. There were 19 members in attendance, plus one guest, Ed Orr. Barbara Shapiro & Art Siciliano were welcomed back after extended absences.

- Secretary's Report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.
- Joe Malaney gave the Treasurer's report.
- Joyce Tone, Sunshine lady, had no report. But an update was given on Shirley Wise, who is experiencing a serious medical issue. Bob ZuHone visited Ed Smith and reported that Ed is doing well and progressing satisfactorily after his surgery.
- Bob Tone, our Legislative Representative, gave a report on SEMA. They have renewed their efforts for a law to be passed that allows street vehicles to become legal race cars. Bob Tone was wished a Happy Birthday!
- Jimmy Mayne is requesting more "Mystery Photos" for the Stutter n' Sputter. He also announced that Mark Spears, a Nuclear Engineer, is presently working in California & New Mexico and will be away for a couple months.
- Brad Hindall announced his tour to the DeSoto National Monument on Tuesday, October 26, and passed around a sign-up sheet.

- Bob ZuHone announced his Assisted Living Facility Tour on Wednesday, November 3. We'll meet at 10:00AM at the Library on Fruitville at Apex Rd.
- Linda Langeneger contacted Arnie Bern's nephew to thank him for giving us first refusal on Arnie's Bentley and to tell him we honored his uncle with bricks for the Sarasota County Historical Society and the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA. He did sell the car and appreciated our special commemoration of his uncle.
- Linda announced her 5th Anniversary Memorial Tour on December 4 and passed around a sign-up sheet.
- There will be a Veterans Day parade downtown Sarasota on November 11. Line up at the east end of Main St at 9:15AM. Parade begins at 10:00.
- Barbara Shapiro has been a member of the Technical User Group for years. The computer club has a refurbishing group on Sawyer Rd near Bee Ridge. They will take your old computer, wipe the hard drive, then donate it to an organization or individual.
- Special speaker, Bob ZuHone, told some of his personal, infamous stories.
- Door prizes for wearing name badges were awarded to Jim Wilson & Brad Hindall.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 17-Nov-2021, at "Wit's End". The meeting was adjourned at 11:27AM.

Respectfully submitted, ~~~Linda Langeneger
Secretary Pro Tem



## Magnetic Signs

12"x18" vehicle signs are available for purchase for \$20/pair. These are great for promoting our Club at Shows and on Tours. Contact Jimmy Mayne or send a check to Joe Malaney to reserve yours.



## **Swap Corner**

**1949 Plymouth** - Bob ZuHone (941) 323-3213 ......**\$12,950 2014 Subaru Outback** - 109K miles, my daughter's car, Jimmy Mayne ((941) 504-450 .....**\$11,500** 

Do you have "Auto Related" items to sell, or is there something that you are looking for? Let people know by listing it in SnS.

~~~Editor

President's Corner

Madison, AL, on October 17th and stayed at the same motel for five nights. We checked out on the morning of Friday, the 22nd. We had 26 cars & 55 participants. The cars ranged in age from 1933 to 2017. I drove my 2007 Luzerne as I am still waiting to find a harmonic balancer & pulley for my 1979 Buick Electra. On Monday, our round trip was 125 miles. We first visited Helen Keller's birthplace in Tuscumbia, AL. Due to a disease at 19 months, she became blind & deaf. We then visited the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in Tuscumbia, AL. Tuscumbia was an economical place that attracted musicians looking for consideration by the entertainment world. Musicians traveled to North Alabama to record with the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section. One of the promoters was Jerry Wexler of Atlantic Record Company who put Aretha Franklin and Willie Nelson under contract. I was very intrigued as Jerry was a next door neighbor for ten years in Regals Harbor on Siesta Key. We had a great lunch at a restaurant called the Two Fat Sisters. After lunch, we visited the Cook Museum of Natural Science in Decatur, AL. It has to do with birds, bugs, and natural events.

The Buick Driving Enthusiast Club (BDE) met in

On Tuesday, our round trip was 173 miles. Our first stop was the Alabama Veterans Museum in Athens, AL. A lot of the memorabilia had to do with the wars on the European and Asian fronts. We then stopped at the

Crockett's Mill Restaurant in Lawrenceburg, TN, where we had a fabulous lunch. The restaurant was only open to our group. We then visited the Amish Welcome Center & Museum in Ethridge, TN. They came from Switzerland & the Benelux countries in 1944. On Wednesday, our round trip was 82 miles. We visited the Volunteer Park (Andrew Jackson Memorial), the Lincoln County Museum, and the historic downtown of Fayetteville, TN.

On Thursday, our round trip was 15 miles. We visited the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. We could have spent a couple of days there. How lucky our Country was to have Wernher von Braun come to America after the war. He was one of the most important rocket and space exploration developers of the twentieth century. We then had our departing dinner and stories to tell.

On Friday, the one way trip was over two hours and 113 miles to Anniston, AL. After touring the Berman Museum, we all headed home. Berman was an OSS agent before and during WWII. He was spying on a Parisian woman, and she was spying on him. Our government thought they were double agents. After the war, their hormones became activated, and they took a liking to each other and got married. More details at our November meeting.

~~~John V Cavanaugh

## Calendar of Events

\*\*Wed, Nov 3, 10AM: Assisted Living Facilities Tour Meet at Fruitville Public Library (100 Apex Rd)

#### \*\*Thr, Nov 11 Veterans' Day Parade

Form up on Main Street, facing West, by 9:15AM Parade starts at 10:00AM sharp! Questions: Sunshine Region member Dan Kennedy 941-812-5406.

Fri-Sat, Nov 12-13, 10:30AM: Carlisle Auction
Sun 'n Fun Expo Center, 4175 Medulla Rd, Lakeland
FL 33811.

\*\*Wed, Nov 17, 10:30AM: Membership Meeting 2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240. Bring appropriate gifts for "Toys for Tots" collection.

Sun, Nov21: Florida Packard Show (details on Pg 10)

**Fri-Sun, Dec 3-5: Gasparilla Concours D'Elegance** Tampa Bay Golf Course, 5300 W Lutz Lake Fern Rd, Lutz, FL 33558

- \*\*Sat, Dec 4: 5th Anniversary Gordon Langeneger Memorial Tour (details on Pg 10)
- \*\*Wed, Dec 15, 10:30AM: Membership Meeting 2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240. Holiday gift exchange.
- \*\*Tue, Jan 18: Nate's Honor Animal Rescue Bradenton (Jacki Kaiser to provide details)
- \*\*Sat Jan 29, 2022: Sunshine Region Picnic Sarasota Farm Bureau, 7289 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota
- \*\*Every Monday, 11:30AM: Lunch at Papa Nick's 4940 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 (in Shopping Plazza) Questions? Call Bob ZuHone (941) 371-9339

\*\*AACA Sunshine Region Events

#### **AACA National Meets & Tours**

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# 75th Glidden Tour (VMCCA) - Saratoga, NY

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Postponed from last year, the tour hosted by the VMCCA was held In Saratoga Springs, New York from September 12-17. Approximately 150 vehicles registered from some 30 states, toured the area with moderate temperatures with only one rainy day. 32 marque brand vehicles were represented and no major touring breakdowns were noted.



Day 1 of the formal tour was mainly local sites including the Saratoga National Monument and battlefield tour. The Battle of Saratoga took place in 1777 and was a major victory by the American forces during the Revolutionary War. Nearby on the grounds of the Saratoga Spa State Park is the Saratoga Auto Museum with a revolving display of visiting collections and some permanent vehicles located on the second floor. Currently there is a Porsche collection of 14 from one gentleman which is quite amazing. Lunch for participants was at a nearby park consisting of your choice of three food trucks to select from. Special spa treatments were available for ladies who signed up.



**Day 2** was the longest driving day heading into the Green Mountains of Vermont visiting Hildene, the summer resort home of Todd Lincoln, Abraham



Lincoln's son who was President of Pullman Mfg in Chicago who built passenger railroad cars and made a fortune. A fully restored Pullman car is on permanent display on the grounds costing a million dollars to restore. A great lunch was served in a large banquet



tent adjacent to the restored mansion. Additional stops were the Vermont Veteran's Home and another beautifully restored mansion. Another interesting feature was a drive by the Fisher Elementary School parking lot where the kids & teachers were outside to view the cars in procession to their delight.

Day 3 had tourers heading to well known Lake George for a luncheon cruise aboard the Lac du Saint Sacrament. Great food, music & dancing had everyone having a good time. A storm occurred during the cruise but did not deter the festivities on board but rain continued for everyone on the return trip. Another stop near the boat dock was the opportunity to visit the Jack



Gillette early Corvette (C1-C4) collection consisting of over 90 cars with many Bloomington Gold awards. The traditional awards evening highlight was the Freshman Graduation Banquet held at the Hall of Springs with a picnic dinner in the magnificent, marbled hall. A record number of over 90 individuals received their diplomas after their initiation of a modified horse race. Great fun! Day 4 consisted of a visit to the Empire State Aerosciences Museum with many military planes of all types on the tarmac with descriptions and displays of the early development of jet engines and other aviation

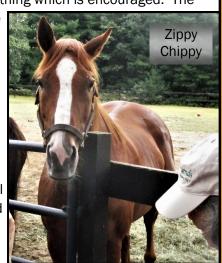
Mary Wilson in a **Huey Chopper** 

firsts in this former General Electric Flight Test Center. Participants were offered the opportunity to drive their cars under the wing of a C-130 for pictures which many did. Everyone then proceeded to the Saratoga County Fairgrounds for a famous Brooks House of BBQ feast which is very well known in the area. The final treat for the day was visiting the vast & wide variety of a private collection of over one hundred vehicles ranging from stock to race modified including Great Race entries. Final day of the tour stayed close to Saratoga with a visit to the Old Friends Stable where retired horses live a life of easy comfort and well taken care of. The main

celebrity and oldest horse residing there is Zippy Chippy although never finishing first in any race. Leaving the stable, the town of Ballston Spa is loaded with many antique shops and home of the National Bottle Hall of Fame with thousands of bottles of all shapes and sizes to look at. Returning for the ending banquet had many of the participants dressed to the nines with period clothing which is encouraged. The

Glidden and Reserve Glidden trophies were awarded along with the other for youngest and oldest drivers, longest mileage driven etc. Thanks were expressed to all who participated and for a safe journey home.

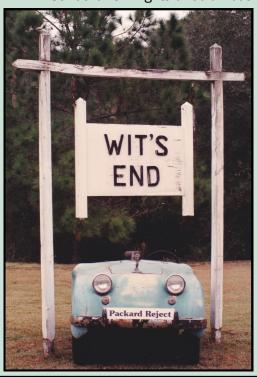






#### Florida Packard Show

- Sun, Nov 21, 9AM-3PM
- Jacki Kaiser's "Wits End"
   2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd
   Sarasota, FL 34240
   Phone: (941) 371-0070
- Food will be available for purchase St Patrick's Knights of Columbus



#### 5th Anniversary Gordon Langeneger Memorial Tour

Saturday, December, 4, 2021.

We will meet at 9:00AM in OLLIE'S parking lot on Cattlemen Rd near Bee Ridge Rd. Departure will be promptly at 9:30AM.

Lunch will be outdoor seating at an area restaurant.

To join the tour, please RSVP to Linda Langeneger.

Phone: 941-960-3477 Email: emf30gl@verizon.net



## "Happy Wife" means "Happy Life"



My wife wanted a
Fiat, so I bought
her one. And it's a
convertible, too!
I'm getting pretty
good at this
husband thing.
~~~Phil DiCarlo





November Mystery Photo

Can you identify the Club Member & Vehicle in this photo taken in 1980?

Answer will be published in the next Newsletter.



Bob ZuHone in

Bob ZuHone in 1961 with his 1930 Plymouth Model "U" in Binghampton, NY.

Don't get your fuel from the same place your car does.

~~~Michael Pollan

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# **Birthdays**



Arlene EVANGELISTA 07-Nov **Dennis PERRAULT** 21-Nov 22-Nov Gail LANGENEGER Gladys\* DEVEREAUX 26-Nov Kimberly QUINTENZ 04-Dec 06-Dec Gloria LESSIG Debbie WILSON 10-Dec Gael ANDERSON 10-Dec 14-Dec AI EVANGELISTA 16-Dec Richard BROWN Jane PERRAULT 17-Dec Bruce SKAGGS 19-Dec Scott LANGENEGER 19-Dec 22-Dec **Bob ZUHONE** Ann CARLIN 30-Dec 30-Dec Frank BOWLES Jan SANTORO 30-Dec

\*Deceased

#### **Anniversaries**

Barbara & Richard BROWN 23-Nov-1969
Kimberly & Aaron QUINTENZ 26-Nov-1992
Linda & Steven HALL 02-Dec-1978
Belle & Bill SWANTON 24-Dec-1977
Debbie & Jim WILSON 28-Dec-1985

#### **Editor Comments**

I recently drove to Washington DC to move my daughter with her dog & cat, and to visit my two granddaughters living there. I took the opportunity to revisit Arlington National Cemetery. There are more than 400,000 graves including the one of my great uncle who was killed in France during WWI. It was a sobering reminder of what it takes to make our country the great nation that it is. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all Veterans who served. I'm looking forward to participating with other Sunshine Region members in the Sarasota Veterans' Day Parade on November 11th.

I'm asking that all of you go through your boxes of old

pictures, and send me those that might be fun for our Monthly Mystery Photo. This is a feature that our members seem to enjoy, and I would hate to see it lost due to a lack of material.

Our northern members have begun their migration to the Gulf Coast of Florida. Welcome Back! It should be a great winter season filled with lots of Car Shows and

Cruise-Ins to supplement our club's scheduled activities.
Regardless of where you will be November 25th, I wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving. We certainly have many reasons to be thankful. ~~~Jimmy Mayne maynejc@gmail.com



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