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# 2024 Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet

#### Schedule of Events

8:00am General Admission Gate opens/Swap Meet opens

8:00am Breakfast available at Food Court

10:00am Opening Ceremonies, with National Anthem

Performed by Stacie Brown

10:05 am Parade of Featured Cars!

10:15-1:00pm Judging of Show Vehicles

10:15-2:00 pm Special Display of Finned Cars and Micro-Cars

10:15-2:00 pm Jaguar Concours

10:30-1:00pm Antique Car rides

12:00-1:00pm Hagerty Youth Judging Program

1:00-1:30 pm See the USA in your Chevrolet

2:00pm Awards Presentation

3:00pm Conclusion of the 55th Annual Show





#### From the Show Chairman

Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet. This show is hosted by the Richmond Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. We hope you and your family enjoy our show on the beautiful campus of St. Joseph's Villa.

Continuing our tradition of highlighting a special class of vehicles, this year's feature is "Fabulous Fins". This display highlights the



Joe Guckert

styling evolution of tail fins from the 1950's to the early 1960's. Fins were clearly the major styling feature during this period. Be sure to watch the parade of fins at 10:00am!

At the opposite end of the size spectrum, there is also a special class featuring micro-cars and micro-trucks. These vehicles were developed after the second World War as war-torn countries were reestablishing their industrial base. Micro Cars have now become popular in the world of car collecting!

Another feature is a sanctioned Jaguar Concours, in which some of best Jaguars from as far away as Ohio will be attending.

Along with these features, there is plenty to see and experience today. You can see all types of remarkable vehicles as you stroll through the Judged Car Classes and the Cruise-in Area. All types of car parts and memorabilia can be found in the Swap Meet area. Enjoy an antique car ride around the Villa, sign-up for the Youth Judging Program and learn more about our Club. Look for the yellow Ford Model A pick-up truck driving around the field to get a complimentary bottle of ice-cold water. Over at the pavilion there is plenty of seating to enjoy food from the food trucks. Air-conditioned trailer restrooms are located by the food pavilion and in the swap meet area.

While you are here, we hope you will learn about the St. Joseph's impact on our community. All of the General Admissions gate proceeds are donated to the Villa. Over the last six years, this Show has raised over \$60,000 for the Villa. Thank you for joining us today! -Joe



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Jenny Friar, CEO

We are so grateful to the Richmond Region AACA for supporting the children and families of St. Joseph's Villa. This year our programs will impact more than 3,000 individuals across Central Virginia facing homelessness, autism and development disabilities, mental illness and other challenges. Your presence here today supports them on their path to heal, learn, and grow.

The Villa offers several integrated, trauma-informed programs to help children, youth, and adults gain stability, engage with their communities, and reach their goals. Every day, as we work with these individuals, we remain committed to our motto to never stop believing in children and their families. I invite you to learn more about the Villa's work at

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Thank you for being here, and enjoy your day!

Sincerely,

enny Trian CEO, St. Joseph's Villa

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# All About Children and St. Joseph's Villa their Families

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#### What's New at the Villa in 2024

The Villa is constantly evolving to meet the greatest needs of the community. New this year is the Crisis Receiving Center located on the grounds at St. Joseph Villa. The Center is the first facility of its kind in the region specifically designed for youth and is part of a statewide effort to ensure youth and their families have access to top-tier mental health resources. It will provide youth with rapid access to behavioral health services. The facility will serve as an alternative to emergency rooms, with the goal of diverting hospitalization and allowing youth to be treated in their own community. The Center will offer 24/7 call and walk-in service for youth and their families. For more information about this program and the Villa's services, visit the Richmond Region Tent today where the Villa has informatyion on all programs and services or visit their website at neverstopbelieving.org!

#### How You Can Help... Begin at www.neverstopbelieving.org

The Villa is pleased to offer a wide range of individual and group volunteer opportunities. In-kind donations are also an important part of the basic

needs services provided by them. To learn more about the possibilities for you to make a direct impact on the lives of our children and families, please contact our Community Engagement Coordinator, Mary Rousis, at 804-553-3211 or email at mrousis@sjvmail.net.



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# Meet the Proud Host of Today's Show



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The Richmond Region Antique Car Club of America is vibrant organization with activities for all interests. From monthly meetings and technical workshops to social events including our annual 4th of July Picnic, Ice Cream Social, Steak Fry, and Chili Cook-off. From national to statewide trips and local tours, to our annual Collector Car Show at St. Joseph's Villa -- there is something for everyone to maximize the enjoyment of your vehicle.

We publish a bi-monthly newsletter featuring member vehicles, upcoming events, recent event reports and technical articles. While we are a Club dedicated to vehicles 25 years and older, we have members who own future collectible vehicles. Our members' collections represent manufacturers from all around the world: American; European; and Asian.

We invite visitors to the Richmond Region Monthly Meetings held at the Belmont Recreation Center, 1600 Hillard Road, Richmond, VA 23238 at 7:00 PM. Visit our website at www.RichmondAACA.com for a schedule of the meetings and events.

#### Discounted Membership Available at the Car Show Today

While at the show today, visit our Club Tent to sign up or answer any questions you may have. We are offering a car show special today at reduced membership dues. New members can join both Richmond Region and AACA Clubs for the half year price of \$35.00, June-December, 2024. More information about events, membership and other opportunities are on our website at www.RichmondAACA.com.

#### Join Us!

The best parts of the classic car hobby are the people and the events! "Our Year in Review" on page forty-nine reminds us of what a great time we have in this Club! Join us today and begin your journey in the "World of Collector Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles" at the Richmond Region Antique Car Club of America. Visit our website at www.RichmondAACA.com!

#### Lakeside Farmers' Market

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Our Wednesday market is open 9AM-1PM May-October

Saturday hours are 9AM-Noon, year round



# Family Fun Activities at the Car Show Today

ur Collector Car Show is more than just a walk through automotive history. We have family fun activities to further inspire a love of cars for the whole family.

#### **Antique Car Rides**

The ever popular Antique Car Rides around the Villa for the whole

family begins at 10:30 am. Feel the experience and the joy of an antique car up front and personal as you sit back and imagine owning one of these beauties. Be sure to ask any questions of the owner and take pictures of the family in their favorite car.



Complimentary rides will be given from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

#### **Hagerty Youth Judging**

Our Hagerty Youth Judging Program begins at 12:00 noon. It is designed to inspire a love of cars in our youth! Participants ages 8 to 16 and their parents will have the opportunity to learn about and evaluate a variety of cars. Upon completion, the junior judges will award first, second and third place awards to the car owners. Register your child at the Main tent beginning at 10:30 am.

#### See the USA in Your Chevrolet

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#### The Judging Process

Welcome to today's car show, which is sponsored by the Richmond Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). There are over a hundred and twenty-five cars being judged today. Some have been meticulously restored, while others have been lovingly preserved. Some have been upgraded with modern technology, and others have gone old-school hot-rod. Our judges will judge each car fairly and equally, based on its class. They will determine the top cars in each class, and ultimately the Best in Show stock and Best in Show custom cars.

Todays judges are volunteers who are donating their time to recognize the hard work and dedication that you have put into restoring and preserving your collector vehicle. The judging teams follow criteria established by the Antique Automobile Club of America. Awards are presented to selected recipients based on the evaluation of your vehicle by the teams.

#### Meet Our Chief Judge

Today's Chief Judge is Debbie Nolen, who is an AACA Senior Master Judge. At this top level, Debbie is part of a small, elite team that selects vehicles for National Awards at regional and national AACA shows. Debbie's vast judging experience includes years of judging at regional and national AACA shows, as well as being a certified Team Captain for other judges. She is also a member of the AACA National Judge's training team. Debbie enjoys on-the-job training for new apprentice judges and help-



Debbie Nolan - Chief Judge

ing them on their journey to becoming certified judges. Debbie has been the Chief Judge for this show since 2015.

Debbie and her husband, Tommy Nolen, show their vehicles at both local and national shows. Their vehicles often win National AACA Awards as well as Concours Trophies.

Debbie is committed to making today's judging process a rewarding experience for all. She looks forward to seeing you on the show field. Enjoy the day!



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#### Timeline for Show-Car Owners

Thank you for having your vehicle judged in the 55th Annual Richmond Collector Car Show. During the awards ceremony, first-place winners will be invited to drive up as the annuancer provides details about each vehicle. All other award winners will be asked to walk up to receive their well-deserved recognition.

The process to make this award ceremony possible is different from previous years, so whether you are a returning participant, or are new this year, please take a moment and review the information below.

- The judges will judge each vehicle between 10:15 and 12:30.
- It is preferable that you are present when your car is being judged.
- First-place winners of each class will be notified by 1:30 with a ribbon on their car. All owners are asked to check their car frequently. (NOTE: If you did not receive a ribbon, you may still be eligible for a walk-up award.)
- If you received a ribbon, please remain with your car at 1:30.
- Winners will move their vehicle from the show field to the staging area, as shown in the map on page 31, marked lot #23. This can be done without leaving the St. Joseph's Villa property, and there will be volunteers in fluorescent vests to guide you. Please plan to arrive at this staging area between 1:30 and 1:45.
- There will be water and shade available for winning vehicle owners.
- The awards presentation will begin at 2:00. Staged vehicles will be escorted by a golf cart to the awards area at the appropriate time.
- After winners receive their awards, they are encouraged to park their vehicle in a specially designated area so spectators can see the winning cars together.
- We will use the telephone number you provided when you registered
  if we need to reach you. Please be sure to keep your phone with you,
  volume turned up, and answer all calls during this period, even if you
  do not recognize the phone number.

Please contact us if you have questions about any of this, just ask any of the volunteers in fluorescent vests the day of the show. Thank you again for participating and best wishes that we will see you and your vehicle in the awards ceremony!

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#### **BEST IN SHOW**

BEST CUSTOM/ MODIFIED VEHICLE (Presented by Page Auto Group) 1974 Ford Bronco Half Cab Joel Jenkins Richmond, VA

#### PEOPLE'S CHOICE

(Presented by St. Joseph's Villa) 1913 Stutz Bearcat Brian White Apex, NC





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# Style, Status and the Race for the Biggest Tail Fins Ever

Oh... Those Fabulous Fins: A 2024 Collector Car Show Feature

The 55th Annual Richmond Collector Car Show is proud to feature automobiles with "Those Fabulous Fins". Fins were the dominant styling feature through the 1950s and very early 1960s. Tail fins originated with the 1948 Cadillac. They started out small, but soon grew in size and reached their peak in 1959. Designers wanted to make their cars look like they could fly into the future with style, status and the biggest tail fins ever as illustrated by the 1959 Cadillac on our show poster and in the Feature today. General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, DeSoto, Edsel, and American Motors implemented fins on various models during this period. By comparing the degree of tail fin "grandiosity" on the cars in our Feature, you may soon learn to identify the year in which that car was produced

#### Automotive Fad: The Rise and Fall of Fins

Towering, outlandish, jumbo-sized fins, some positioned at bizarre angles, were a part of what made American cars of this period full of uniqueness, character and the most obvious automotive fad of all time. In the struggle between practical versus pretentious, pretentious ruled the roads! Showing off, some say, was the very purpose of the tail fins. By the mid 1960s, tail fins started disappearing from cars. They were no longer deemed "futuristic." While the tail fin era was over, it left a historical mark reminding us of a time when cars were more than just vehicles; they were a statement of our future hopes and dreams.

#### **Designers Look to the Sky for Inspiration**

During this period, automotive design elements such as wrap-around windshields, sharp chrome accents, conical bumper guards and tail fins were inspired by Lockheed's World War II P-38 fighter aircraft. Design-

ers' inspirations also came from the public's obsession with passenger flight and the new age of space exploration, as all eyes looked to the sky with the 1957 launch of the Sputnik space rocket.



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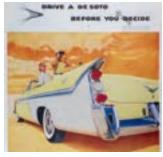
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#### Tail Fins (continued from page 23)

#### Cars Come of Age during the Postwar Prosperity

America's postwar prosperity was entering full bloom when these cars were produced. After the war, US car makers easily transitioned into full-scale production of civilian automobiles. A sharp contrast to the war-damaged industrial facilities of Europe. By 1950 the US made 75% of the world's vehicles. It was called the "Golden Age of the Car." With the wartime sacrifices over, Americans wanted new designs, innovation and comfort in their cars because they were spending more time in them. Families were



expanding and moving to the suburbs. They were driving the new highways for vacations, taking those leisurely Sunday afternoon drives and even eating fast food dinners in their cars! It was a time when the car came of age during these postwar prosperity years. Auto companies invested heavily in this new prosperity with automotive style, elegance, improved technology and larger cars with

room for the whole family. These eye catching cars had become another new status symbol representing their owner's prosperity!

#### Two Great American Fin Designers: Harley Earl and Virgil Exner

Harley Earl and Virgil Exner knew each other well. Exner's first job was working for the Pontiac design studio at General Motors from 1934 to 1938. He was hired by GM styling leader Harley Earl. In less than twenty years, Earl and Exner would become highly motivated competitors in the race for the biggest tail fins ever! While there were many talented lesser known designers working for Earl and Exner, these two executives received the historical credit for the designs of this period.

#### Harley Jarvis Earl (November 22, 1893 - April 10, 1969)

At General Motors, Harley Earl was the conglomerate's chief designer. He reigned supreme. Earl and the talented GM designers developed great design ideas that will always be a part of our automotive history. His success, in part, came from the excellent relationship with GM's chairman, Alfred P. Sloan, who always backed Earl's decision as the final word! Harley Earl is forever linked with the tail fin excesses of the Golden Age. He authorized Frank Hershey's design for the 1948 Cadillac, which incorporated the first automotive tail fin. Hershey's design was inspired by the fins from the twin-boom configuration of Lockheed's P-38 WWII plane.

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#### Tail Fins (continued from page 25)

From 1949 on, Earl's cars became increasingly innovative and outrageous. His design philosophy inspired the vast grills with the missile shaped bumper guards, the hard top convertibles, the panoramic windshields and the over-the-top tail fins you see on his cars in our Feature today.

#### Virgil Max "Ex" Exner Sr. (September 24, 1909 - December 22, 1973)

Virgil Exner is primarily known for his automotive designs at Studebaker and Chrysler. Exner's greatest styling achievement at Studebaker was the 1947 Starlight influenced by the Lockheed P-38 WW II plane. After leaving Studebaker in 1949, Exner went to work for Chrysler in the Advance Styling Group. By 1955 Exner and his designers oversaw a complete redesign of the whole Chrysler range of products. Exner created the "Forward Look" by developing lower, sleeker, and more aggressive looking automobiles. The tail fins were the central element of his designs. By 1957 Exner's Chryslers had enormous fins that pointed to the sky and claimed them as safety devices. These "directional stabilizers" according to Chrysler kept its cars going straighter than unfinned cars! Be sure to look for Exner's "directional stabilizers" on the cars in our Feature today.

#### Legacy of the Tail Fins

Tail fins symbolized the "sky's the limit" of American car manufacturing. The cars of this period left their mark in automotive history along with their designers who dared to imagine and reach for the stars! The best tail fin ever made is debatable, since the appeal is in the eye of the beholder. Some of



the favorites that have persisted into the current day include the '57 Bel Air with its modest yet menacing fins; the '58 Packard, with its double fin; and the exaggerated look of the '59 Cadillac El Dorado Biarritz on display today.

A heart felt THANK YOU goes to the owners of the cars in "Those Fabulous Fins" display for restoring and preserving each one of these majestic beauties that ruled the roads in the 1950s and very early 1960s. We invite our visitors and show participants to view this very special display. Learn more about these cars, their style, status and the race for the biggest fins ever from their proud owners.

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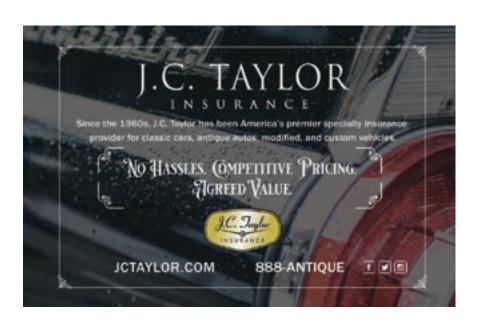
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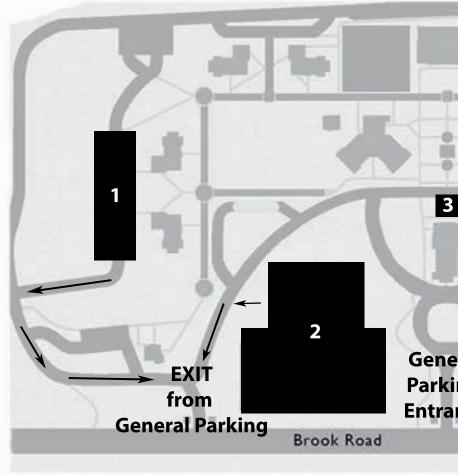








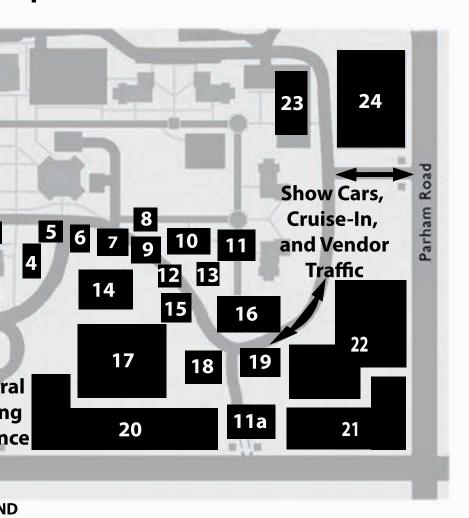
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## Small Talk The History of Micro-Cars!

Micro-cars have been around since the early 1900's. One of the more successful cars in the early days was the American Austin which was produced



1932 Austin Roadster

from 1930 to 1934. However, the Great Depression doomed the company after only 20,000 cars were sold.

The real boom in micro-cars came after World War II when the war-torn countries faced both material shortages and a decimated industrial base. In both Europe and Japan there was a need for affordable all-weather transportation.

Many of these cars were developed by motorcycle manufacturers. They often had lower tax rates and less regulation than larger vehicles.

One of the best-known micro-cars is the Isetta which was designed by

Renzo Rivolta. Building on his commercial success with motorcycles, he introduced this car in 1953. It was powered by a single cylinder 236cc motorcycle engine producing 9.5 horsepower with a top speed of 47 mph. The entire front end of the car hinged outward to allow entry. The Isetta was an instant success and quickly attracted the attention of BMW's senior management. Un-



1953 Iso Isetta

der license, BMW ended up producing over 160,000 from 1955 to 1962. The Isetta provided a bridge to the famous BMW 2002 sports sedan.

Several other well-known Italian micro-cars were made by Fiat and Autobianchi. The Fiat 500 was introduced by Fiat Company in July 1957. It measured just over 9 feet long, and was powered by a rear-mounted 479cc two-cylinder engine. It proved to be very popular; almost four million were produced under this guise until 1975. The Bianchina was based on the Fiat 500 mechanicals but featured a completely new stylish body. This car was marketed as an upscale city car with many premium design and equipment features.

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#### Micro Cars (continued from page 35)

In 1948, Citroën introduced the 2CV in France. It had front wheel drive and was equipped with a 375cc (9 HP) air-cooled engine capable of reach-

ing 40 mph. Even with their utilitarian bodywork, having only one taillight and no fuel gauge, these cars were a huge success in France. The car was continuously improved until production stopped in 1990. During that time, over 3.8 million cars were sold.



1948 Citroën 2CV

The British can claim the smallest production car ever made with the Peel



1965 Peel P50

P50. This micro-car is 54 in long and 39 in wide and weighs only 130 pounds; it was produced from 1962 to 1965. The Peel P50's diminutive size means that it can quite easily fit through doorways and enter buildings, as demonstrated by Jeremy Clarkson where, during a 2007 episode of Top Gear, he drove a blue P50 through the BBC's Television Centre.

After the war in 1949, the Japanese government established a special class for compact automobiles, referred as Kei cars, to stimulate both car ownership and growth of their car industry. Initially the engine size was limited to 360cc. The class regulations were revised multiple times. Since October 1998, the law specifies a maximum vehicle length (11.2 ft), width (4.9

ft) and height (6.6 ft) and engine displacement under 660 cc. With these restricted dimensions and engine specifications, these car owners benefited from lower taxes and insurance rates. Early manufacturers that took advantage of this special class include Honda, Mazda and Subaru.



1968 Honda N360

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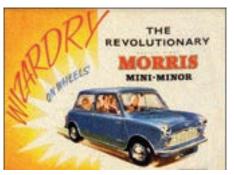
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Back in Europe, two trends influenced the development of new micro-cars: sharply rising fuel prices after the Suez Canal crisis in 1957 and the growing desire to carry four adults. The result was the introduction of the BMC Mini in England.

The Mini was launched in 1959. In order to make more passenger room, the wheels were moved to the extreme corners of the frame. Also, the 850



1962 Austin/Morris Mini-Minor

cc engine (34 hp) was rotated 90 degrees which distributed the weight more evenly above the wheels and increased stability. The combination of these practical design changes had the added benefit of improving handling which has led to the Mini's reputation as an exceptionally nimble car.

The Mini got an upgrade at the hands of John Cooper of the Cooper Car Company, which is how we get the familiar name. He added a more powerful engine, larger brakes, and sport-tuning which transformed the humble Mini into the Mini Cooper in 1961.



In today's world, the influence of micro-cars still can be seen. From Mercedes Smart Car to BMW's reintroduction of the Mini, small cars are making a big impact. In Japan, the continuing popularity of kei cars and delivery trucks is also spreading to the USA. There are numerous importers of vintage Japanese micro vehicles that can meet US regulations.

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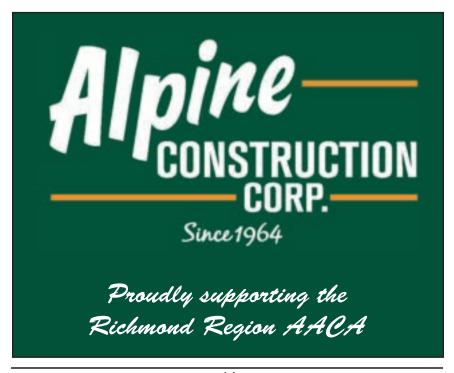


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# Virginia Jaguar Club Concours



Concours is like a beauty pageant – the better and more original a car looks, the better it will show in Concours results. As a Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) sanctioned club, the Virginia Jaguar Club conducts its Concours (a "show within a show" at this year's AACA show) according to JCNA's philosophy and rule book.

Jaguar is an automotive brand with roots reaching much farther than mere luxury. Jaguar made its name in sports car racing from the 1950's through the 1990's, winning the LeMans 24 Hour race 5 times in the '50's and again in 1988 and 1990. In the hands of Bob Tullius's Group 44 team, Jaguar won the Daytona 24 Hour race as well as SCCA and Trans-Am champtionships.

The basic philosophy of a JCNA Concours is to present the cars as they were intended to be when they left the factory. The Concours rule book establishes many different classes, from the earliest pre-War Austin and Swallow cars (before the Jaguar name was adopted), to the early post-War cars like the Jaguar XK-120, introduced in 1949 to showcase their latest "XK" engine. Other classes include later cars, both sports cars and saloons (aka "sedans" in American-speak), from the classic and extremely well-known E-Types (aka "XKE") to the big MK VII and MK IX saloons, to the late-20th Century XJ sedans and late-model cars such as the F-Type, XE, and F-Pace SUVs.

Some very minor changes are permitted. Consumables such as tires and batteries can be changed, though in the JCNA "Champion" class, these period-correct items can garner higher points totals.

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JCNA Concours competition comes in two basic "flavors" – the aforementioned "Champion" class, and the "Driven" class.

In the Champion class, everything is judged – exterior, interior, engine compartment, and underside. Cleanliness and attention to detail is key here. "Driven" class, however, only judges the exterior and interior of the car.

Judges are allotted 15 minutes to judge each car, and complete a form which aids in scoring each car and determining the trophy winners. Finally, JCNA provide judging guides which help each judge better understand the nuances of the various cars and classes.

As you observe the Jaguar cars being judged, you'll note the judges observing even the tiniest of details. It may seem like nit-picking, but it's what separates a really good car from a great car.

Please feel free to ask questions of the judges and car owners, and we hope you enjoy the show!



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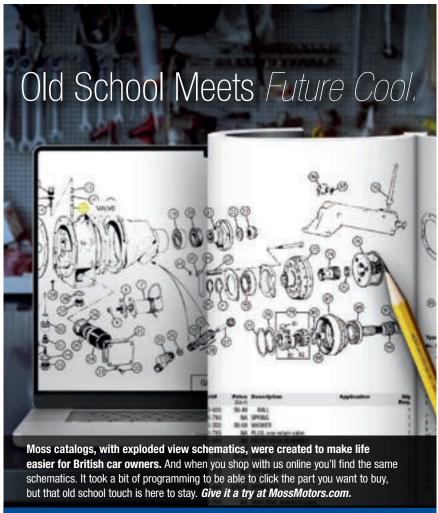
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#### The Year in Review

#### by Carol Groom Woodson



We left you in 'high fashion' last year at our 2023 annual car (and fashion) show! Since then, the Richmond Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America has stayed busy!

Many club members displayed their cars at First Fridays held at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. These events are held the first Friday of every month, from May through September.

The celebration continued at Osborne Park on the James, where Faith Boyle and George Fields hosted our club's Fourth of July picnic. The Woodson's attended the American Veterans Tribute in Gaston, NC with their Jaguar. The Nash's rambled to Batavia, NY with their 1918 Nash to attend the Grand NASHional event on July 22nd. The Club's next outing was a cruise-in for the Sunrise Senior Living community. Moss Motors celebrated their 75th Anniversary on July 22nd by hosting a Cars and Coffee type of event at their Dinwiddie, VA location.

Our sweetest event of the year is the ice cream social! The Nashs' host this yearly event at their home on the James River.



This is THE place to be in August if you have more than one sweet tooth.....and I have a mouth full! Our July/August Gaslight Magazine had a 1956 Ford Crown Victoria and a 1967 Volkswagen Beetle for sale, Brake upgrades and Searching for more Speed were popular articles.

September had lots of options for club members to get out and enjoy their cars. There were events at Ditchley Cider Works, the Stratford Hall Wine and Oyster festival and the Wings and Wheels show in Topping, VA. Cars and Coffee was back with a new home at Stony Point Mall. The September/October issue of our Gaslight magazine included a Shout-Out to Morris Cameron, a historic article on Endurance Runs and a tech article by Fritz Platz on the history of tires.

Our October meeting was Trivia Night! Do you know what Barbie's first car was, or what three cars Maxwell Smart drove in the "Get Smart" TV series? October is also the annual trek to Hershey, PA for the AACA National meet and club member Hotdog Feast at the "Oasis". Six club members came home with awards, one member won two! The Hawthorne's hosted our annual Steak Fry on October 22nd. The NY strip steaks were hand-cut and grilled on site. The potatoes were also "Blackstone" fried on site. As drool worthy as all that was...the dessert table was AMAZING!

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#### Year In Review (continued from page 49)

November didn't stop members from cruising through Fall. There was a Moon (car) landing at the Furhman's on the 5th. Several members attended the Hilton Head Concours over the weekend of November 3rd. The group made an inaugural stop at Buc-ee's on the way home. One member isn't sure what was more WOW worthy, the Concours cars or the initial awe of Bucee's! On November 18th club members headed to Tidewater for a garage tour and lunch at Smithfield Station. The November/December issue of our Gaslight magazine featured the passion our club members have for trucks. There are farm trucks, heirloom trucks, cruising trucks and even a pie-wagon truck!

Santa drove his Corvette to the Holiday parade at St. Joseph's Villa on December 7th.



Members arrived in festive-wear for the Club Christmas Party on December 10th. Food items and toys were collected and donated to local charities. Susan Greenbaum and her husband, Chris Parker, serenaded the group with original songs and holiday favorites. The meal left little room for dessert, unless you had dessert first!

The Cars of 1999 were welcomed to an-

tique car status at our first meeting of the new year on January 4th. Our annual tech session was held at Detective Coatings in Midlothian, on the frigid morning of January 20th. Forty-six members learned about powder and ceramic coatings, and the comparison between paint and powder coating when it comes to automotive finishes. Coffee and doughnuts were a welcomed treat! The January/February issue of the Gaslight magazine included articles on tax relief and lighting upgrades for antique cars.

A group drive to the Asphalt Angels Rods and Custom show included a lunch stop at the Industrial Taphouse on February 2nd. Club members Tommy and Debbie Nolen and Norman Boswell had cars and motorcycles on display. The AACA National Convention was in Chantilly, VA from February 8-10. The Richmon's, Nash's and Nolen's came home with automotive awards. Bruce Woodson won the Master Editor Award for the Gaslight Magazine. The Richmond Region annual meeting was held on the 18th at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. This is the home of the Kline car. a car actually manufactured in Richmond, VA. This celebration was made complete with LOTS of desserts, coffee and lemonade.



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#### Year In Review (continued from page 51)

The Virginia Auto Show gave members another inside car show opportunity. Several members had cars on display to support the Mustang Club and the British Car Club. On more than one occasion, attendees commented that they enjoyed seeing the antique cars better than the new cars. Of course, we do too...

Things warmed up in March at the Hot Chili/Cool Cars event held at the Masks new garage in Hanover County. Over 70 club members attended, driving classics from a 1931 Ford sedan, 1940's



Nash, 1956 MGA, 1960's Buick Riviera and many more! The cook off had 16 pots of chili entered. Lots of sides and desserts rounded out our plates. Debbie Mask had a "Name that tune" game that Brett Tignor mixed and played the sound snippets for on his sound system. Chili winners include Cindi Nash, Nancy Agee and Carol Woodson. Kathy Duke won the Name that Tune challenge. Michael and Diane Phillips attended the AACA Founders Tour in Lafayette, Louisiana, March 18-22. The Richmond Region welcomed Mike Johnston to the Board. Jon Hatfield, a Packard enthusiast, was our March meeting speaker.

Robert Griffey hosted the 3rd Annual Cruise In, Drive in and Car Show at the Beverley Hills Shopping Center on April 20th. Participants were treated to grilled burgers, brats and hotdogs. Dennis Urick, Barbara Andres, Wayne Helton, Sherman Gifford, Bob Richmon, Bob Robb and Reggie and Cindi Nash all brought home awards! The March/April Gaslight magazine had articles about the Bike Whizzperer - Norman Boswell; what happens when Bob Richmon answers "the call;" and the Colonel's Retirement Plan, which includes a 1955 Series 70 Buick Roadmaster.

First Fridays at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture started their new season on May 3rd. Mike Harton was our May meeting speaker. Club members, including the Masks, Nash's, Nolen's and Richmon's, attended the ODMA Meet in Roanoke on May 17-18. On any given day, the CrossRidge Gatekeeper recognizes just about every car that passes through the main entrance...any day except May 31st! On that day, over forty beautiful and unusual cars approached the Gatekeeper and gave the password, "Cruise-In"! This event is enjoyed by the car enthusiasts, curious neighbors, and most of all, the Gatekeeper!

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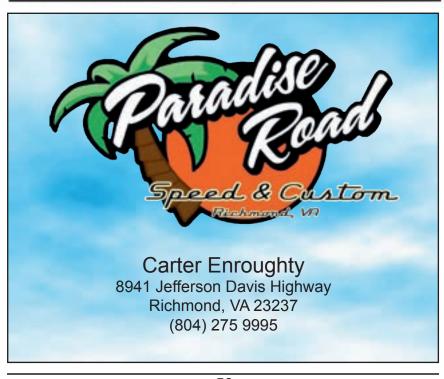
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