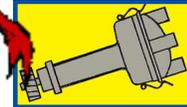


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A DIFFERENT LUNCH BUNCH

by Ned Nabb

On Tuesday, October 22, 11 Bay Country Region members and a guest/prospective member got together for a short drive and a picnic lunch.

Jeanne and Max Avey, Ken Briers and Sally Donner, Neil and Carol Grant with their guest Ken K., Ned and Betty Nabb, Andy and Agnes Wilhelm, and Diann Prahll met at the Hyde Park parking lot. The group left shortly after the planned 12:30 pm departure time because our Mercedes threw the tread off the right rear tire. The tire change went quickly so we were only about five minutes late.

Betty and I led the group along secondary roads to Tuckahoe State Park's Cherry Lane Pavilion. It was about a 25-minute drive. Diann noted that there was a shorter, quicker route, but Betty explained that the chosen route was more scenic, and we were not in a hurry.

At the park we moved the picnic tables around, so everyone was close, but at a socially safe distance. The small group allowed everyone to join in conversations. Ken had opportunities to photograph the event rather than rely on others for pictures. He commented that this was only the third time he has attended a club function on a weekday (he attends the Christmas Dinner and hosts the summer picnic). In conversation, Ken learned that Jeanne Avey attended Seaton High School, an all-girls school in Baltimore, where he had many friends. Ken went to Poly, where Jeanne had many friends.

After everyone finished the lunch they had brought, Betty, passed around muffins for dessert. We broke up around 3:00 pm to go our separate ways. Betty and I had to go to Ridgely, and Diann gave us directions for a short cut. Her directions were spot on, so we came into Ridgely right to our destination. Diann even called to be sure we made it.

It was pleasant afternoon. Betty and I enjoyed being in the company of club members in person—not by email, phone, or Zoom.

Hopefully, we will have another such event soon, so we can enjoy the company of our members again.

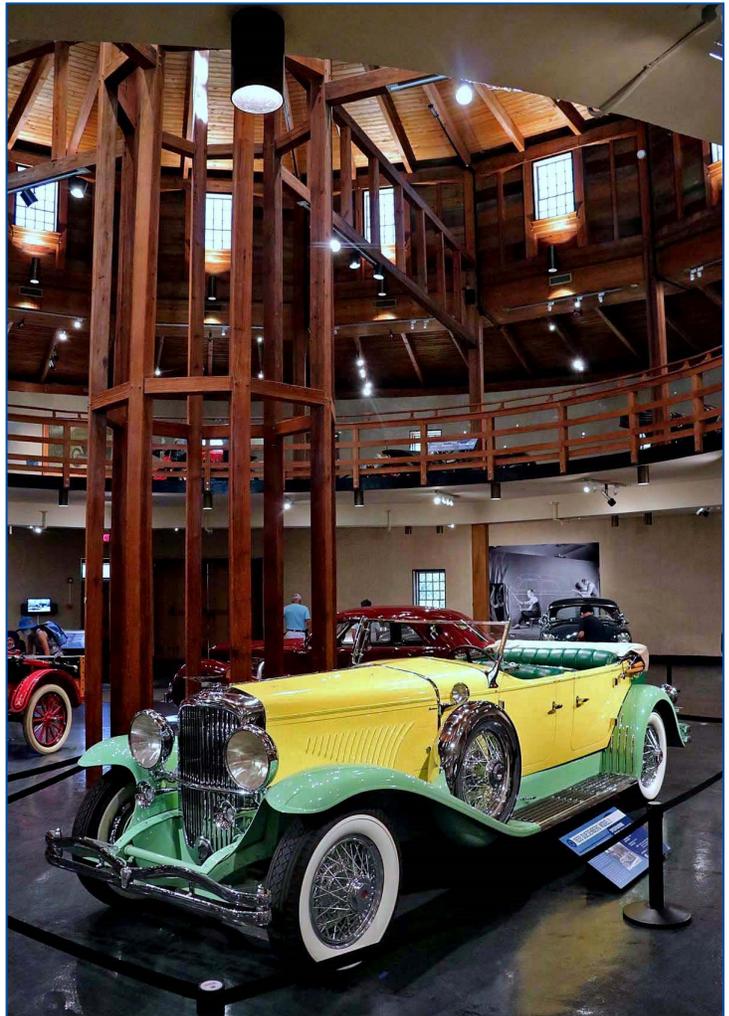
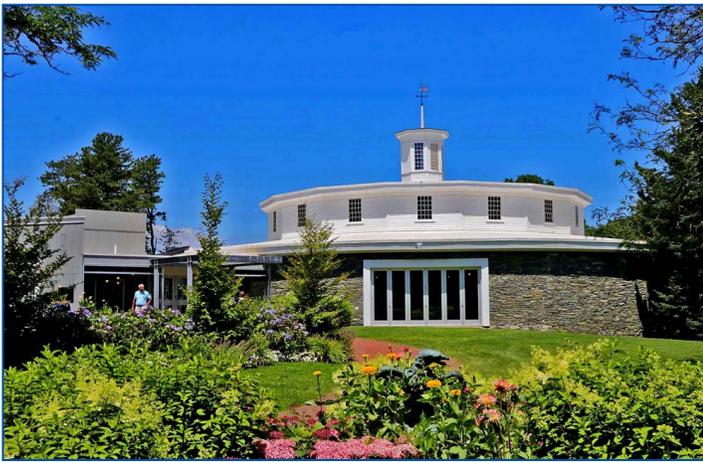


THE HERITAGE MUSEUM AND GARDENS SANDWICH, MASSACHUSETTS

Sally and I go to Cape Cod every summer. One of our favorite places is the Heritage Museum and Gardens, in Sandwich, Massachusetts, where we are members. In addition to the extensive gardens and an art museum, they have a wonderful collection of antique autos, housed on two levels in a round Shaker barn. Several times a year they host a **Gearhead Garage Tour**, where members can see additional cars, not currently on display. Some are moved outside and driven around.

My favorite is actor **Gary Cooper's 1930 Duesenberg Model J**.

Here's two examples of cars in the collection.



1930 DUESENBERG MODEL J

SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER Duesenberg, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana (1920-1937)

PRICE NEW \$14,000 (estimated)

1930 AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME \$1,388

COST TO BUY IN 2020 DOLLARS \$215,623

ENGINE Straight 8, overhead valve configuration actuated by dual overhead camshafts, 4 valves per cylinder, 427 cu. in./6.9 liter

HORSEPOWER 265



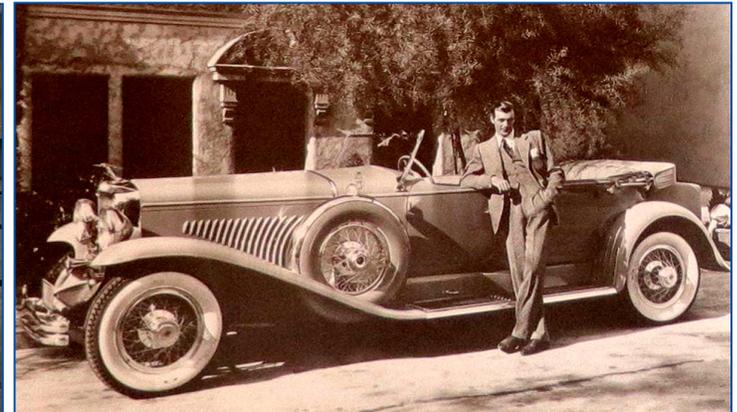
When E. L. Cord purchased Duesenberg in 1925, he challenged mechanical engineer Fred Duesenberg to design the best car in the world. Fred set out to build an automotive masterpiece. The resulting Model J had unparalleled engineering and custom body styling. Duesenbergs were, and still are, one of the coolest and most coveted cars ever produced in America. They inspired the saying "It's a duessie!"

Restored to its original color scheme of Primrose Yellow and Parkway Green, this car appears just as it did when it was purchased by actor Gary Cooper. From the 1920s to the 1950s, he was one of Hollywood's most consistently popular and beloved stars. Cooper owned this car for at least five years, and raced it often. It is fitted with a custom tourster-style body by

the famed coachbuilder Derham. Among its high-end, unusual features is an instrument panel with an altimeter and service reminder lights!



Model J by Gary Cooper, the car's original owner, poses with the Duesenberg Model J.





1922 FORD MODEL T HOWE PUMPER

This fire truck was put into service in New Portland, Maine, a community of about 300, in June of 1922. Big fire trucks were not practical, both in size and expense, for rural communities. To fill this need, fire equipment manufacturers built lighter-duty apparatus on car chassis, in this case that of a Model T.

The Howe Fire Apparatus Company installed a large three-cycle piston pump on this vehicle that could move water at a rate of 250 gallons a minute. The suction hose for the pump, draped across the front of the truck while driving, permitted the drawing of water from a well or pond if available. A booster tank mounted under the hose reel allowed the firefighters to carry a small supply of water.

New Portland suffered a devastating fire on April 28, 1919 in which 18 houses and a school burned. Perhaps in the wake of that event, local officials considered a new fire truck to be a wise purchase.

Gift of Andrew W. Edmonds



© 1922 Ford Motor Company

SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan (1903-present)

PRICE NEW unknown due to conversion

1922 AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME \$1,201

COST TO BUY IN 2020 DOLLARS unknown due to conversion

ENGINE 4-cylinder flathead, 177 cu. in./2.9 liter

HORSEPOWER 20



THE FIRST ANNUAL OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER ROAD RALLY

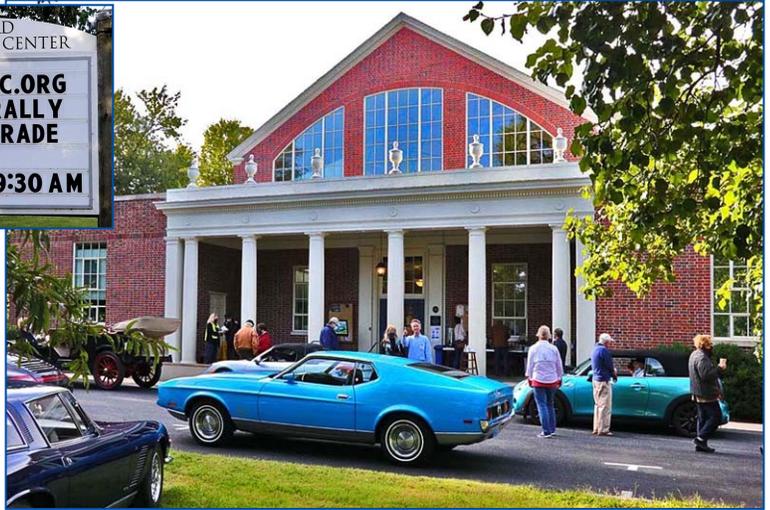
The Oxford Community Center held a first annual road rally on September 19th, with 61 cars participating. Sally and I participated in my truck, and George and Kim Hatcher were also along in their 1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1. Vintage and special interest cars were preferred, and the group was dominated by late model



Porsches. Leading the procession was a 1910 Thomas Flyer, which we followed for a time at a steady 55 mph. Included was breakfast and a 62-mile drive over scenic back roads, to Chestertown. We ended at the 98 Cannon Riverfront Grill,

so named because that is the address, where a box lunch was offered. It was a beautiful fall day, and proceeds went to support the Community Center.

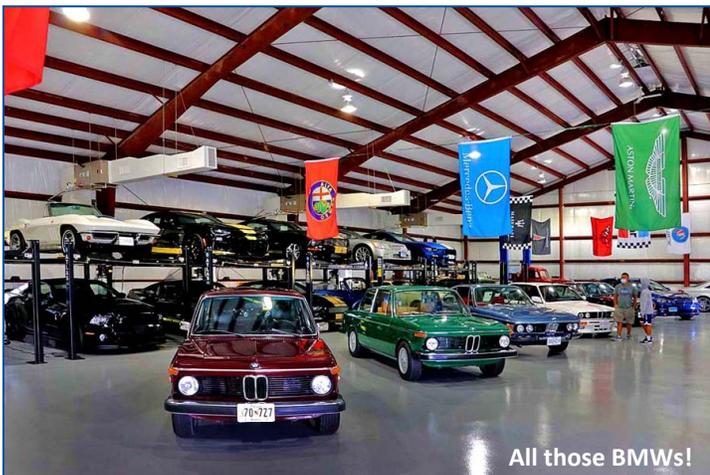
Ken



THE PRESTIGE AUTO VAULT

As part of the Oxford CC Rally, we were offered a look inside the Prestige Auto Vault, near the Easton Airport. The facility offers climate controlled storage and 24 hour access for \$300 per month, for a medium-size car space (8 x 18 x 20). There was an interesting variety of cars, up to a 1948 Bentley, reputed to have recently been purchased for over \$1 Million. There was an overwhelming number of BMWs, but naturally I gravitated to the 1935 Ford Phaeton and the Circa-1947 Ford truck, made even nicer with the Socony Mobil graphics.

Ken



All those BMWs!



...and that Bentley.



But, what a cool truck!



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN!

The General Membership of Bay Country Region AACA elected me as President at the October General Membership meeting. Normally the change of command (the passing the gavel) would take place at the Christmas Dinner/Installation Banquet, but the event has been cancelled. So, I am taking over now.

On behalf of myself and the club, I want to thank Lee for his two years of service as President. This year has presented a lot of challenges, and he created solutions to keep the club going. Also, a Thank You! to the other officers, directors and committee chairmen that served in 2020, and to those that have agreed to serve in 2021. A tip of the hat to Danny Morris, who managed to fill the slate of elected officials, save one director spot. We continue to seek a volunteer for the position.

There are no official functions left for 2020. We are welcome to participate in the **Laying of the Wreaths at Beulah Veterans Cemetery on December 19th** at 10:00 am, pending any restrictions on gatherings by the government. The club supported the event through donations collected from members, for wreaths, and is forwarding the funds to the underlying organization. The total donated by club members was \$435 (29 wreaths). Hopefully, you got your donation to Betty by November 12th. There will be no lunch after the event, as we have done in the past, because of COVID restrictions. Betty and I plan to attend, and I hope to see other club members at the cemetery.

Donations for Mid Shore Recovering Veterans are coming in. We are nearing the \$400 mark, which the club will match. Betty asks that you have your donation to her by December 19, the day we would have had our Christmas Dinner, so she can get the donations, with the club match, off by the end of the year. Make your check payable to **MSRVG/MSCF** (short for Mid-Shore Recovering Veterans Group/Mid-Shore Community Foundation) and send the check to Betty at 44 Algonquin Rd., Cambridge, Md. 21613-1001. She will forward all the checks.

Now, a not so gentle reminder, **GET YOUR REGION DUES AND RENEWAL FORM** to Lou Doll. You can still use P.O. Box 418, Royal Oak, Md. 21662 even though she has moved. AACA demands that the roster and list of officers and directors be in by March 1. We have set the deadline of February 1 to allow Lou and Ken Briers time to organize the list and get it to national. Please take care of your membership promptly so Lou doesn't have to pester you and scramble to get the roster in on time.

What should we expect for 2021? Despite the political rhetoric, I don't expect that we will be back to meeting in person for the first part of 2021. The Board will decide whether the club will have general membership meetings for at least the first part of 2021, and how the meetings will be conducted (most likely by Zoom). Lee had success using Zoom for the October meeting, courtesy of Craig Duerling's coordination through his Zoom account.

The only planned function for 2021 is the AACA Eastern National Tour that was postponed from 2020 to June 2-5, 2021. At this time the event is still on but it remains subject to further review as AACA and various government agencies decide on how to deal with the pandemic. The small planning group will continue to work, and will call on the membership for volunteers as the date nears.

I would like to see some form of Lunch Bunch trips next

CLASSIFIEDS

BAY COUNTRY REGION

Car Literature for sale, from a long time collector's widow (AACA Member). Sales brochures and ads for most years, makes, and models, including prototypes. There are also a few dealer albums and showroom posters. To find out if we have what you are looking for, please email Bay Country Member Michael G. Murray at mgm27153@aol.com or call (410) 726-3553, and leave a message.

'41 Ford Super Deluxe Fordor Almost a barn find. His grandfather bought this car new, in Chambersburg, PA in November 1940, and had a Ford Rebuilt engine installed in the late 1950s at 55,000 miles. It was given to him in 1964. It now has 89,000 miles, has been garaged since 2000. Engine runs, body is sound. Needs new upholstery, and some cosmetic work. Garaged in Chantilly, VA. \$6,000 OBO. pinback1614@gmail.com. Video at <https://1drv.ms/v/s!Au3Mtp9B74LtiPVcOGaEAamDsYoFCg>

Note: BCR member Roger Bylsma brought this car back to roadworthy condition in 2010, and it has been garaged ever since. It's a sure HPOF! **Ken**

KENT ISLAND CRUISERS

'27 Ford Model T Roadster Pickup hot rod, turn key, 302, C6, 12 bolt, almost all Ford, \$16,500.

'40 Packard Coupe Hot Rod, Amazingly solid project, Crate 350, 700R4, tons of parts \$15,000

'41 Ford Super Deluxe Coupe, Flathead V8 with goodies, Running and driving! \$25,000.

'51 Ford Custom Tudor, Flathead V8 with goodies, needs fuel system flushed, and detailing, \$24,500.

'56 Thunderbird, Very solid project, both tops, cont. kit, shaved, manual trans, stuck motor from sitting \$10k
68 Mustang Coupe, 6cyl, 3spd, decent car that needs a little TLC, \$5500..

88 4x4 Chevy Suburban parts truck \$1100

Bob, 443 496 2887, or with pics at bchevy7@yahoo.com

year. It will take some "out of the box" thinking, such as the picnic we did in October, but we have some inventive minds in the club. Consider planning such an event as a challenge. I am open to suggestions.

I don't think we will try to plan a Spring Overnight trip for 2021, and I leave it to the Newcombs and Danny Morris, or any other volunteers, to come up with a "Dust -em Off Tour" for the spring. Again "out of the box" thinking may be necessary. Although it is still far off, we can start considering plans for a Summer Picnic, a Fall Overnight Tour, and a Christmas Dinner. Obviously, everything is subject to social restrictions. Let me know if you have suggestions for any of these events.

I look forward to working with the officers, Board and club members in 2021 and I can't wait to see what inventive ways members come up with for us to enjoy each other's company.

Betty and I wish you a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Ed Nabb

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

13 Preston Lions Club Parade

19 **Laying of the Wreaths** at Beulah Veterans Cemetery

JANUARY

5 **BCR Board Meeting, 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of Cathy Prouse (Tentative)**

Use the **BAY COUNTRY REGION HOTLINE** to:

- find out about activity changes, club emergencies, etc.
- pass along urgent information to all club members

Contact **Lee Caplan** at 919-636-0955 or lcaplan@icloud.com

THE BAY COUNTRY REGION, AACA

The purpose of the club shall be the preservation, use, and enjoyment of self-propelled antique, classic, and special interest vehicles and related parts, materials, and services. The Board of Directors of the Region shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise specified. Membership meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August. Meeting announcements will be carried each month in the newsletter. Articles for the newsletter are welcomed and members are encouraged to submit news about personal interest items to the editor by the 20th of each month.

ITEMS FOR THE DISTRIBUTOR should be submitted by the 20th of the month. Submissions from members are greatly appreciated. Tell us about, or show us, your cars (and trucks) and what you are doing with them. If you're planning an event, here's the place to describe it.

Electronic submissions are preferred. Having avoided learning how to type all these years, the Editor doesn't want to have to learn now. On the other hand, photos and illustrations can be scanned, with no typing necessary, so send anything that you would like the membership to see.

RAILROAD STATIONS IN GETTYSBURG

While assisting at the AACA Grand National, I went to take a picture of my truck in front of the railroad station. It turned out there were two. One for the Western Maryland (1859), left, where Lincoln arrived for the address, and one for the Gettysburg and Harrisburg (later Reading, 1884), at right.



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Coming up:

**Not much
again!
Stay Safe!**

FIRST CLASS MAIL

INSIDE: A DIFFERENT LUNCH BUNCH

BIRTHDAYS

11/19	FAITH BROWN	1/2	CATHY MAXWELL	2/3	WALTER TRICE
11/26	TERESA MCCANN	1/11	CAROL GRANT	2/8	JEAN BROWN
11/27	DONNA GLIME	1/19	NORMA HUBER	2/19	CHARLOTTE MORRIS
12/2	ADA BLYSMA	1/22	JOE GLIME	3/7	CRAIG DUERLING
12/6	NORMA JEAN BRADLEY	1/28	JIM NEWCOMB	3/8	SARA BURTON
12/9	FRANK ADAMS	2/2	CHARLES REICHARD	3/15	MARIE SCHMIDT

BCR CLUB NOTES

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

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2021 BCR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership. Please update your information on your renewal form, and send it in, with a check. The form is included with all instructions. If you need another one, contact Editor Ken and he will send it.

Thanks to all who have already paid up.

Lou

BURTON JUNCTION HO MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY

Buck Burton's annual train display has pulled into the station again, in the Burton garage on Bonhill Drive, in Salisbury. The display will be ready by Saturday, Dec. 26th and will be up through the end of February.

There won't be regular running times but he'll be happy to get them rolling for a special showing for you, and your family and friends. To set up a time please contact Buck Burton:

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- GROUPS OF NO MORE THAN SIX
- MASKS ARE REQUIRED

