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Editor's Note: The Car of the Month feature will be on hiatus for the next two months to allow me to present a two part article on the Founder's National Tour. Car of the Month will return with the September issue. Thank you.

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2021 National Founder's Tour—Part I

By Peter W. Pandolfi

Reflections of a First Time National Tourist

What distinction does east central West Virginia have? Well in 2021, it was the location of the AACA Founders Tour. While I have participated in numerous local tours, ranging from day trips to three day tours, this was my first national tour. This unique experience also provided me a new definition for the word "tourist". I have always considered tourists as sightseers who boosted the local economy. While true, I also now realize it can be defined as someone who participates in a tour.

If you have never been on a tour with you classic car, you need to try it. The first thing to consider is what vehicle you are going to tour in. Will it be one of your antique vehicles or a modern car? While this decision is situationally dependent, the most fun is in



My 1991 Rolls-Royce Silver Spur II at Spruce Knob

sharing your antique vehicle and experiences with your fellow enthusiasts as well as the local public. I decided to take my 1991 Rolls-Royce Silver Spur II given West Virginia's variable spring weather and the fact that the fuel gauge on my 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible is not working. As you will see from the

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It was great to see an increased attendance at the June meeting. I realize we are all beginning a slow return to normal so keep up the good work. Our next meeting is July 13 and I hope to see more of you there.

Speaking of meeting attendance, it was good to see long-time member Mary Loren at the meeting, her first since her husband Tom passed away. It was also extremely nice to see George Richardson at the meeting whose wife, Joann, passed away just a few days prior to the meeting. George and Joann have been members of the Bull



In Memory of Joann Richardson

Run Region for more than 30 years and have been very active in club activities. They have received every award the Region offers. Joann has always been a ray of sunshine in our activities and even was chairperson of the Sunshine Committee. She served as Region Vice President and Secretary for several years, organized meeting refreshments, and was the driving force behind our annual cookie exchange in December. She worked nearly every Rohr show assisting with registration, the silent auction, door prizes and recruiting new members. Despite her increasing infirmities, she remained a driving force in our group. I could go on with her many accomplishments, but anyone who knew her can attest to her spirit and drive. She will be sorely missed by the Region and I know our condolences and support will go out to George as he faces this transition.

Happy Fourth of July!

Pete 



Founders Tour continued

pictures, there was a wide range of antique vehicles to be enjoyed on this tour.

So let's get started on our adventure. Day one began with driving from my home in Culpeper, Virginia to the Canaan Valley Resort outside Davis, West Virginia, a 175 mile drive. My wonderful GPS program got me to Davis with no problems, but then directed me and my immaculately clean blue car up a washed



Canaan Valley Resort

out, dirt road instead of the resort. Two miles up the dirt road, the road ended, which meant a two mile return trip down the dusty, potholed road. Finally back on pavement in the town of Davis, my blue car had turned gray with road dust covering every inch of the exterior. With a recalculation on the GPS, I arrived at the resort a few miles away all on paved highway.

The Founders tour was hosted by the Mountain State Classics Region, AACA, and the Tour Master was our own Franklin Gage, who is a member of both the Bull Run Region and the Mountain State Classics Region. Check in went smoothly and we had a couple of hours to relax, get settled and clean your car before the first activity. I learned that there are no car wash facilities in the Davis area and rain was not in the forecast. Just so you know, moist towelets are a difficult way to clean a big car. At 5 pm we all met at the Davis Volunteer Fire Department for a ca-



Davis Volunteer Fire Department



Yokum's General Store

tered dinner featuring ham, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn, green beans, salad, drinks and dessert, a true down home meal. Franklin announced during the dinner that there were 93 cars on the tour, with 40 first timers. Most significantly, we had three couples that have attended all 32 Founders tours. One of these couples have used the same car on every tour, a 1957 Porsche Speedster. We had a total of 181 people attending from 22 states. The oldest car was a 1937 Buick and the newest was a tie between a 1996 Chevy Impala and 1996 Lincoln Town Car. There was also a handful of modern cars necessitated by breakdowns with their antiques. Two people attended with no car and rode



Twisty West Virginia mountain roads

with friends. Three National Directors of AACA were participating in the tour. The dinner concluded at 7:30 pm with old friendships renewed and new ones made.

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July Automotive Trivia Question
Where was the first drive-in restaurant?
 See answer on Page 12

Your Hobby, Your Newsletter, Your Stories

I welcome any contribution members would like to submit. In this issue you will notice an article by a member on a car museum he visited. This is the kind of item I am looking for. Especially desired are articles on National meets and tours you might attend. Email is the best way to submit items, but if the files are large, burned to a CD/DVD or thumb drive is perfectly fine. I will even take them hardcopy if necessary. This method would be very labor intensive, but I will make it work. Submission deadline and contact information is below. Please use MS Word if at all possible. Thanks in advance for all your support.

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The deadline for submissions for inclusion in the next issue is the 25th of the month.



July Anniversaries

Chip & Nancy Rohr July 28

July Birthdays

Colin Chinn	July 3
Chip Rohr	July 5
Louis Cumberland	July 12
Jeanne Welch	July 14
David McGlothlin	July 21
Rick Pozdol	July 25

Note: Your birthday or anniversary not listed? Please let me know the date(s) by email. Spouses as well. Years are not necessary since we are all 29 at heart. Thanks, Pete



Member News

2021 Car Show: Work continues for this year's Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet on September 18. Dash plaques have been received and registrations are coming in. There will be show flyers available at the meeting and Jon Battle and his team are getting the word out electronically. Luke Stakenborg has volunteered to be the emcee for this year. We are also look-

ing for a club member with some graphic design talent to create an advertisement poster for the show. We will reproduce the poster and ask store owners in old town Manassas to display it. Interested members should contact Jon Battle for details. Anyone willing to fill remaining vacant positions or just pitch in please notify Pete Pandolfi as soon as possible.

Picnic Meeting Information: Our annual picnic meeting will be held at Pete Pandolfi's house in Culpeper, VA. The date is August 8 at 4 pm. Barbeque by Chef Phil is on the menu. Directions to Pete's house are simple. Take VA Route 29 either north or south depending on your departure point. Get off at the Mountain Run Lake Rd. exit. This exit has a Chrysler dealership on the northbound side and an Exxon station and Chevy dealership on the southbound side. Pete's house is the first one on the left right behind the Chevy dealership. The address is 11090 Mountain Run Lake Rd., Culpeper, VA 22701. Look for the bunting at the driveway entrance. Please remember to bring your own drinks and dinnerware. Also bring a side dish or dessert to share. You may also want to bring some chairs just in case.

Technical Sessions: Luke Stakenborg is heading up a new effort to focus on maintain and restoring your vehicle. Details will be announced soon, but if you have any ideas or a project you are working on, let him know.

Presentations: Jon Battle has a few presenters lined up for our 2021 meetings, but is always looking for more people willing to speak on automotive issues. The speaker does not have to be a member of the Region to be invited to present. So, if you are interested or know someone who would be interested, contact Jon and let him know. He can use help in booking presentations.

Club Store: The Gilkey's have Region items for sale and samples of other items the vendor can make. Contact Gene or Jennifer Gilkey at 703-830-5313 for price and size availability or any ideas for additional items to stock.

Website: Harry Dinch has redesigned our Region website. Make sure you take a look and pass on any ideas on to Harry to make our site even better. Great job, Harry! We appreciate all your hard work.

Membership: Both the national AACA and our Region are continually looking for new members to join with us. As members, we all serve as ambassadors for our organization. If you know someone who enjoys classic vehicles, invite them to become a member. Our Region meetings are always open to visitors so suggest perspective members to attend one. You do not have to own an antique vehicle to join.

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Meeting Minutes

by Jessica Pozdol, Secretary

The meeting of the Bull Run Region was conducted on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at the VFW Hall in Manassas. President Peter Pandolfi led the meeting with 16 members in attendance.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Treasurer's Report
4. President's Report
5. Introduction of new members - none present
6. AACA Raffle Tickets
7. National Convention- emphasis on membership, especially young members, Pete won repeat award for editor, many seminars & judging schools, Hershey 2021 will happen!
8. Clutch Chatter submissions - running out of cars to write about, please send photos & info to Pete
9. Website - make sure your cars are in the gallery, send photos to Harry Dinch
10. ** Special mention - Joann Richardson RIP, funeral 6-24 details emailed.
11. Founders Tour- 182 people, 18 states and 93 cars, all good! About 40 first-timers! You can go even if you don't have a car, and make sure to watch your deadlines so you don't miss out.
12. ODMA No Report
13. Rohr Show- do pre-registrations if you're planning on bringing a car, scouts have been contacted, will not have a food vendor. Email is coming soon to let sponsors know what they can sponsor. Suggestion feather flag showing where to direct cars - sign on pole and cone sign.
14. New Business- No Sully show on Fathers Day this year. Fourth of July Culpepper car show first year all proceeds go to charity. Leesburg fall show is on. Warrenton Fathers Day show re-scheduled to September. '
15. Presentation
16. Adjourn



Founders Tour Continued

The next morning we all met at 8 am in the hotel lobby for a drivers meeting and set off to our first destination. I headed off stopping at Yokum's General Store for breakfast. From Yokum's we traveled up a

typical, narrow and twisty West Virginia road to Spruce Knob, the highest point in the state. The panoramic views were amazing. Then it was back down



that mountain road and a stop at the Gateway Diner for lunch. The tour group virtually took over the place. Their staff put together a fine meal of an open face roast beef sandwich with sides and a drink. From the Gateway, it was on to

Seneca Rocks. This is a large outcropping of bare rock that forms a ridgeline soaring into the sky. A Park Ranger was on hand to address any questions, but with COVID-19 restrictions still in place the visitor's center was closed. The day came to an end re-



turning to the resort having logged 85 miles.

The third day began as did every day with an 8 am drivers meeting. At the meeting Franklin approached me and asked if I would be willing to take a couple of tourists with me today as their car developed mechanical trouble. Eager to have some company in



A View from Spruce Knob

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Member News continued

Sunshine: Please remember to notify our Sunshine Committee Chair, Jessica Pozdol, of significant events in your life.

Refreshments: We have volunteers to bring refreshments to all the remaining meetings for the year. If you have signed up to bring refreshments but can no longer do so, please notify Pete as soon as you can. Per our by-laws coordinating this is the duty of our Vice President, so remember that for next year’s elections.

Month	Snacks	Drinks
July	Gene & Jenn	Gilkey
August	Picnic Meeting	Pete Pandolfi
September	Scott	Patton
October	Rick & Jessica	Pozdol
November	Nicki Hudson	John Price
December	Cookie	Exchange



The National Beat

By Peter W. Pandolfi

The AACA National Convention was held for the first time in Williamsburg, Virginia from June 3 through June 5, 2021. This event usually held in February in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was rescheduled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Planning for the convention occurs well in advance and when arrangements were being made, Philadelphia still had heightened restrictions with little hope of relief. National President Jim Elliott happens to live in Yorktown near Williamsburg and was able to facilitate this change of venue



Jim Elliott’s Chevy Truck

While the weather in Williamsburg in June is nicer than Philadelphia in February, we were greeted on our first day with rain and thunderstorms. After registering, our first event was a tour of Jim Elliott’s garage where a barbeque dinner was provided along with a tour of his collection and an ice cream from his Good Humor trailer.



Inside back part of Jim’s garage

The next day was filled with the First Lady’s Breakfast and several seminars. Dave Kinney presented a seminar on what the car collector hobby might look like over the next 10 years. Following that talk, Walt “Koz” Kostrzewa gave a fascinating talk on collection auto memorabilia. This was followed by Richard Lentinello discussing today’s car magazines. The last seminar of the day was a presenta-



Time for dinner

tion by Darci Tucker on sites to visit in the Williamsburg area. After dinner Richard Lentinello, Tom Cox and West Peterson conducted an open panel discussion looking at today’s car hobby and what the future may hold for car collectors.

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Founders Tour continued

my cavernous car, I gladly said yes. Don and Diana Balint were from Dearborn, Michigan and had driven their 1965 Chrysler 300 to the tour only to have trouble with its brakes. While it was still drivable, they did not want to risk the mountain roads. We started



Another View from Spruce Knob

out to our first stop of the day, Elkins, WV. We parked our vehicles around the old railroad station and were met by the Mayor of Elkins who invited us to take in the local color and enjoy donuts and coffee from the local bakery. Here we were able to walk around the various displays in the station and could make a short walk to the Elkins Railroad and Forestry museums. While they are separate museums, they are co-located in the same building beside the railroad



Gateway Diner

tracks. A big treat was the display of the 1946 Cadillac railcar. No this is not a railroad car built for Cadillac executives to ride in. It is an actual 1946 Cadillac modified years ago to ride the rails. The town is in the process of restoring this unique vehicle which is near completion. They drew on our participants' experience and contacts to help them locate some hard to find parts and other advice on completing the restoration.



Tour Cars at the Gateway

Our time in Elkins was advertised to the local community, so our parked cars provided a show and shine event for the populace. Whole families came to see the wide range of vehicles we had brought. The museums were interesting covering the impact of the railroad on Elkins' development and providing information on West Virginia forests. Forestry is exceed-



Seneca Rocks

ingly important to West Virginians. In addition to coal, lumber is a primary resource in the state. Elkins annually hosts the Mountain State Forest Festival every October at Davis and Elkins College. This week long celebration highlights the importance of the forests, featuring centuries old methods for using lumber and the logging industry. There is even a pageant with Queen Sylvia and her court of princesses who come from all areas of the state. (As an aside: I met my wife, Pam, at the 1973 Forest Festival when she was one of the princesses and I along with my ROTC Detachment served as escorts. Oh, yeah, some guy from Washington DC named Richard Nixon was a guest speaker that year.)

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June Presentation

By Jon Battle

Thetan Ogle regaled his audience at the June 13 Bull Run meeting with a spirited narrative of the 10,000 mile trek he took in his 1917 Model T Ford during the summer of 2019. Ogle's energetic presentation, illustrated with dozens of slides, provoked a lively reception from his audience, which peppered his talk with a constant stream of questions.



The 1917 Ford, ready for the road

Ogle, who fabricates hard-to-find metal parts for antique cars in his Winchester, Virginia shop, decided in 2019 to take part in the “2019 Ocean to Ocean Rerun”, a 110th anniversary reenactment of the 1909 “Ocean to Ocean Automobile Endurance Contest”, America’s first transcontinental automobile race. While the original race was a competition between competing marques, the Rerun featured only Model T Fords – thirty of them. It was sponsored by the Model T Ford Club International. Its route ran from Tarrytown, New York to Seattle, Washington, covering eleven states and traveling a distance of 4,000 miles.

Thetan acquired the ‘17 in original but much-weathered condition. But while many of the Rerun’s drivers set out in fully restored Fords, Thetan elected to keep his car in authentic, weathered condition for the event, even ruling out an electric starter upgrade. He did, however, go over the complete running gear,

steering and suspension, bringing everything back to at least the original condition, and fabricating new parts where necessary. He also added a period-correct set of Rocky Mountain rear brakes for safety, and a Ruxtell (dual-speed) rear-end for speed – both



Leaving Manhattan at the start of the tour

of them “period” accessories. In some ways he actually added to the weathered look of the car. For example, when a colleague decided to install a new canvas top on his “T”, Thetan Ogle gleefully installed the friend’s old, tattered one on his.

The “Ocean to Ocean” commenced in Tarrytown on June 15. However, Thetan – craving authenticity – had elected to start a couple days earlier in downtown Manhattan, site of the original 1909 getaway, and he caught up with the others in Tarrytown.

For all his careful preparations, Thetan had one gaping omission: he didn’t know how to drive a Model T. The planetary transmission was foreign to him. Fortunately his co-pilot – Greg Stewart, a fellow “T” buff – taught him how to work the Model T’s three pedals, and Thetan became an expert in short order.

The “Rerun” proceeded west, following as much as possible the original route of the Tour. Cars traveled in small groups, not one long caravan, with a top .

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Founders Tour continued

Departing downtown, we made our way to the Gandy Dancer dinner theater for lunch and a matinee performance. Lunch was huge with chicken, BBQ pork, butter potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, drinks and dessert. The speed and efficiency of the service was a show unto itself. After the meal, we were treated to a two hour performance of music and dance. The first hour provided a range of country music and folk dancing. The second hour was a time travel with songs and dancing ranging from the 1930's through the 1990's. The entire production



Elkins Railroad and Forestry Museums



Seneca Rocks

was performed by a talented and versatile troupe of five men and five women. The lead male and female performers are a married couple who own the Gandy Dancer. With full stomachs and the music replaying in our heads, we drove back to the resort having driven only 65 miles but creating lasting memories.



1946 Cadillac Railcar



Elkins Old Town Train Depot



Inside the Gandy Dancer

What's In a Name

By Peter W. Pandolfi

I have always been fascinated with automotive logos and badges. This article will present a badge or logo and provide a brief explanation of the item. My primary source for this information is "Car Marques: A Graphic Guide to Automotive Logos and Emblems" by Simon Heptinstall and published by Quintet Publishing.

The DeLorean Motorcar Company was actually founded in October of 1975 by John DeLorean, who is best known for the development of the Pontiac GTO. The company produced cars from 1981 through 1983. The only model was the DMC-12.



DeLorean Logo

Only a few thousand of these ambitious stainless steel, gull-wing doored coupes were sold. In their day, they were found to be heavy, underpowered and noisy with the driver and passenger sitting just in front of the engine. The pioneering mid-engine Italian-designed car was actually built in Northern Ireland. The company eventually folded due to financial difficulties.

The choice of a DMC-12 for the *Back to the Future* movies established its celebrity, which lives on to this day. The logo with its simple DMC block letters mounted in the middle of the narrow horizontal grille was designed by Detroit artist Phil Gibbon. The corpulence of the letters demonstrates the corporate greed of the 1980's, but there is no denying that by losing the stem of the "D" on the logo design has the

immediacy and symmetry of a classic palindrome. That is why the logo has sold as badges and stickers all over the internet for more than 30 years.

Interestingly, a company in Houston, Texas purchased all the DeLorean parts including frames, engines,



The DMC-12


doors and everything needed to build a brand new 1981-3 DMC-12. If you are looking for parts for your DeLorean, you can look them up on the internet. If you are interested in owning a piece of automotive history, they will build one for you. Do not expect to get it for the \$27,000 sticker price from the 1980's.



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Every Ing for small business. And, of course, shipping.

June Presentation continued

cruising speed of nearly 40 miles per hour. Each night's motel arrangements had been arranged, but everyone was on his own for meals. (One favored method of cooking: wrap the main course in foil and heat on the engine's exhaust manifold until ready!)

Everything went smoothly, and the group entered Seattle on July 15, on schedule, with the loss of only two cars from the original 30, due to breakdowns. At the celebratory banquet some minor awards were presented, but unlike the 1910 race, there were no cash prizes. Merely to finish the Rerun was to win.



Thetan addresses Bull Run members on June 13

At that point most of the "Ocean to Ocean" entrants loaded their Fords on trailers and headed home. But for Thetan Ogle the adventure had only begun, for he decided to head back to Virginia in the "T", by him-



Drive-through in California

self, using a different return route. Although his co-pilot had gone home, Thetan continued in the company of fellow Rerun participant Doug Houge, driving his own "T". Leaving on July 16, Thetan planned to



On a desert outside Pahrump, Nevada, in low gear

travel south from Seattle into California, then head east passing through the southwest and southern states.

Travel on the return leg of the trip was a bit more precarious without the protection of the Model T convoy. At night, Thetan and Doug would remove the front and rear seat cushions from their cars and set them on the ground as mattresses; their "tents" were tarpaulins stretched between the top of the rear seat back, and the ground. The morning regimen would include breakfast followed by maintenance time: greasing and oiling the car, checking fluid levels and tire pressures. The heat from the engine could be intense, so Thetan drove barefoot most of the time to stay cool. Indeed, with so much of him being exposed to the sun, he noted that he'd gotten the best tan in his life on the trip.

Outside Pahrump, Nevada, the two intrepid drivers encountered 26 miles of sandy, unpaved road running through a desert. The tires would sink into the ground, so Thetan had to keep the car in low the whole time. This is an especially painful procedure in a "T", for it means the clutch pedal must be fully depressed – forcefully – for mile after mile. At a speed of three or four miles per hour, 26 miles took a long time to cover.

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2021 Bull Run Events Calendar

Bull Run Region Calendar:

- July 11—Regular meeting, Manassas VFW Hall
Aug 8—Annual Picnic Meeting -- TBD
Sep 12—Rohr Show meeting -- no speaker
Sep 18— 45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas Museum
Oct 17—Regular meeting (delayed for Hershey), Manassas VFW Hall
Nov. 14—Annual business meeting -- no speaker
Dec. 12—Regular meeting, Manassas VFW Hall

Area Calendar:

- Sep 3-5—Virginia Festival of the Wheels, Boar's Head Resort, VA. See flyer on Page 18.
Oct 21-23—ODMA Fall Tour, Winchester, VA

National Calendar:

- Jul 11-16—Vintage Tour, Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA
Jul 22-24—Grand Nationals, Ulm, MN
Aug 20-21—Western Fall Nationals, Loveland, CO
Sep 9-11—Southeastern Fall National, Greenville, SC
Sep 12-17—Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Saratoga Springs, NY
Oct 6-9—Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA
Nov 11-14—Special Western Nationals, Phoenix, AZ
Nov 14-17—Western Divisional Tour, Phoenix, AZ



The National Beat continued

Saturday was perhaps the most important day. The morning was filled with two sessions of the National Judging School followed by the Team Captains School. If you wish to become a certified AACA judge you must attend a National Judging School.

After lunch we all met for the General Membership Meeting. Many important issues were discussed. The new headquarters facility is finished and will open in June. Thanks to the generosity of the Regions, Chapters and members, the facility is nearly paid off, but continued effort is still needed. The major focus of the meeting was recruitment of members, especially youth members. The financial report for 2020 was presented and despite the impact of the pandemic, the association is in a sound financial position. Region

representatives were given the opportunity to speak on activities planned by their respective Regions and were able to offer opinions on their different outreach



Inside the business meeting

programs to attract new members. I informed them of our Edgar Rohr Memorial Car meet in September and highlighted our effort to have youth participate by assisting our operation and having a Youth Choice Award at the show.

The day concluded with the Eighty Fifth Annual Awards Banquet. This black tie affair was held in the hotel ballroom and began with a mixer in the lobby followed by dinner of either New York strip steak or jumbo lump crab cake. For those of you thinking of attending in the future, do not fret over the black tie. While some of us went formal, most of the attendees

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July Trivia Question Answer:

Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.



July Presentation

By Jon Battle

The Edsel in the Shed

On a weekend in 2002 Ernie Newland was visiting his father in Bristol, Virginia, when they decided to go out for a cruise through the countryside. While driving down a winding, two-lane road, Ernie's dad spotted something that caught his eye, and he asked Ernie to turn the car around and go back.

What Mr. Newland had seen was an automobile in a shed. A fairly rare automobile. Specifically, a 1959 Edsel Ranger sedan.

Ernie's father was interested, and asked the landowner if the car was for sale. It was, but it was also in rough condition. This didn't bother the elder Newland, who'd owned nearly sixty cars already. He knew he could handle practically anything! And anyway, this was not to be a professional, frame-off restoration but just a "driver quality" job. So he made an offer. "The owner quickly agreed to a price", says Ernie. "I believe he was happy just to get rid of it!" Mr. Newland asked a friend to tow the Edsel back to his home, and he immediately began to restore the car. The project would involve not only Ernie's father



1959 Edsel Ranger Sedan

but a number of his friends, and it would take two years. The Edsel would also be the last antique car he purchased. But the outcome would be rewarding!

Ernie will relate the saga of his father's Edsel at the July 11 meeting of the Bull Run Region, at the Manassas VFW hall at 4:00 PM.



The National Beat continued

wore a nice outfit or regular suit. The awards presentation began after dinner starting with introductions, President Elliott's message and recognition of the 2021 National Board. The first presentation was the awarding the AACA Scholarships to three highly deserving young people. This was followed by the Master Editor Awards with yours truly being the first



Banquet Reception

one to be called up to receive this prestigious trophy. Don't be fooled. I went first because the order is alphabetical by Region name. This was followed by the Master Webmaster Awards and then 60 other individual vehicle awards. It was a marvelous time.



Awards Banquet Entrance



June Presentation continued

Fortunately, this torture was soon followed by the triumphal entry into Las Vegas, and three days of rest, restaurant food and relaxation in the swimming pool. However, at this stage of the trip Doug Houge had to depart, so for the first time Thetan was really on his own.

Of course when one is driving a Model T across the United States, one is never truly alone. On many occasions people had greeted Thetan, talked to him about his adventure, and offered to help In any way they could.



Entering civilization in Las Vegas

In many instances these conversations led to invitations to dinner, and people even invited Thetan into their homes and RV's to shower, eat, and stay the night. A Model T – especially one that's seen hard use – is a

real conversation starter and brings out the generosity in people.


Thetan had grown a full beard for his summer driving adventure, giving him a certain “homeless” appearance, and on one occasion some young school children at a Navajo reservation sized him up and concluded that he was a vagrant!

Thetan covered the rest of the route in good time and on August 7, 2019 he reached home in Winchester. The entire trip – coming and going – had covered 33 states in 53 days. The Ford's problems were negligible: two flat tires, a bad coil box and a muffler bolt. It was a remarkable demonstration of endurance from a then-102 year-old car. And Thetan himself was none



Home!

the worse for wear, either.

Looking back at his cross-country adventure, done at the leisurely pace of less than forty miles an hour, Thetan Ogle says that “traveling at half the speed of smell was the greatest decision of my life!” 

The Parking Lot

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45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet Saturday, September 18, 2021

Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA.

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Car registration 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

All attendees must comply with current COVID-19 restrictions and advisories



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Charity Event benefiting the Fisher House in cooperation with Cruisin-For-Heroes

- * 1996 and older collector vehicles including street rods/modified
- * Dash plaques for first 175 registrations
- * Total of 50 awards presented plus Door Prizes and Silent Auction
- * Participant Judging for Top 35 Class A & B awards, 1 Class C Award
- * 50/50 Charity Raffle by Cruisin-for-Heroes benefitting the Fisher House
- * Free admission to the Manassas Museum and Flea Market
- * Free trailer parking at the Osbourn High School
- * Model T assembly/disassembly demonstrations
- * One block from Old Town Manassas dining and shops
- * Nearby International Food Festival and Farmers' Market
- * Rain or shine

Visit past shows on the web at www.bullrunaaca.org

1955 Dodge Custom Lancer
Owners: Steve & Judy White
2019 Arthur Ault Award Winner

We honor Steve & Judy who both passed away in 2020. Thanks to their son, Jeff, for displaying the car.



MEET RULES:

- All show vehicles will be classed as Stock, Modified, or Post 1996 upon arrival by Bull Run Region and decisions are final.
- Stock vehicles, Class A, must reflect equipment available for the year and model vehicle except for minor upgrades and safety modifications.
- Modified vehicles, Class B, must be 25 years old or older based on the vehicle's state registration.
- Post 1996 vehicles, whether stock or modified, are in Class C
- Vehicles may be displayed as the owner wishes within the space allotted and must not interfere with other participants or the flow of traffic. Hoods must be open for best of show judging.
- All vehicles must have a fire extinguisher.
- Vehicles must be driven onto the show field under their own power
- **Once parked, vehicles must remain turned off until the meet is over approximately 3:00 pm.**
- Vehicles needing to exit earlier must be escorted off the field. Contact a Bull Run member to arrange escort.
- Cars with "For Sale" and/or "Raffle" signs must be in the Car Corral and registered for the show as such.
- Results of the vote tally are final.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- No food sales unless authorized in advance by Bull Run Region.
- Pre-registration fees are non-refundable except for show cancellation by Bull Run Region.

Awards*

TOP 35 Class A & B

Class A – All Stock vehicles up to 1996

Class B – All Modified vehicles up to 1996

Class C – Post-1996 Vehicles, 1st place only

Best of Show Ford

Best of Show GM

Best of Show Chrysler

Best of Show Independent

Best of Show Foreign

Best of Show Modified

Best of Show Stock Pre-War

Best of Show Stock Post- War (1946 to 1967)

Best of Show Post-War (1968 – 1996)

Best of Show Original/Unrestored

Youth Award – Selected by Boy Scouts/Explorers

Mayor's Choice Award – Selected by Manassas Mayor

President's Award – Selected by Bull Run President

Edgar Rohr Memorial Award – Selected by Chip Rohr

*Class awards are based on vehicles receiving the most votes. The number of awards in classes A & B is determined by the percent the class represents of the total vehicles at the show. Best of Show awards are chosen by Bull Run Region Chief Judge's Committee.

DIRECTIONS

From I-95: Travel I-95 to Exit 152B - Route 234 North (Manassas). Drive about 14.5 miles and make a right at the second light onto Business 234. Drive another 2.5 miles and take a right at the light onto Prince William Street, (before railroad underpass) — follow signs to show car entrance

From I-66 (coming from the west): Travel I-66 to Exit 44 - Route 234 By-Pass (Manassas). Drive about 6 miles and make a left at the light onto Business 234 (Dumfries Rd.) Go another 2.5 miles, take a right at the light onto Prince William Street, (before railroad underpass) — follow signs to show car entrance.

From I-66 (coming from the east): Take I-66 to exit 53A and follow Rte. 28 south, 7.8 miles into Manassas. Turn left onto Grant Ave. (Business 234), go under railroad overpass and left onto Prince William Street at first light. Follow sign to show car entrance.

From Prince William Parkway (Dale City / Woodbridge): At Liberia Avenue light (where Parkway makes left turn) continue straight onto Wellington Rd. Go 1.3 miles to Grant Ave., and turn right. Turn right at second light onto Prince William St.; follow signs to show car entrance.

Trailers: Instructions above are for show cars. Trailered cars should enter into the Osbourn High School parking lot off Main Street, just south of Prince William Street. Show cars can then be driven to the show entrance.

REGISTRATION

Make checks payable to "**Bull Run Region, AACA**"

Send all registration forms and payment to Jim and Sally Batchelder, 7702 Cashland Ct., Alexandria, VA 22315

Bull Run Region and Manassas Museum will not be responsible for damages or personal injuries on the show grounds. Bull Run Region and Manassas Museum reserve the right to refuse admission. Multiple vehicles require separate registrations. Payment can be total of all registrations.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Circle one: Stock Modified Modern Flea Market Vendor Car Corral

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Car pre-registration (received by 9-14-2021): **\$20**
Show-day registration: **\$25**
Car Corral registration: **\$30**
Flea Market vendor registration: **\$30** for 10' x 15' space
Registration includes \$5 donation to Fisher House