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The Car is the Star

By Peter Pandolfi

The Munsters is an American sitcom about the home life of a family of benign monsters that aired from 1964 to 1966 on CBS. The series stars Fred Gwynne as Herman Munster (Frankenstein's monster), Yvonne De Carlo as his vampire wife Lily, Al Lewis as Grandpa (Count Dracula), Beverley Owen (later replaced by Pat Priest) as their niece Marilyn, and Butch Patrick as their werewolf-like son Eddie. The family pet, named "Spot", was a fire-breathing dragon who lived under the main staircase. Produced by the creators of *Leave It to Beaver*, the series was a satire of American suburban life, the wholesome television fami-



The Munster Coach

ly fare of the era and traditional monster movies. It achieved higher Nielsen ratings than did the similarly macabre-themed *The Adams Family*, which aired concurrently on ABC.

In 1965, *The Munsters* was nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Television Series but lost to *The Rogues*. In the 21st century, it received several TV Land Award nominations, including one for Most Uninsurable Driver (Herman Munster).

The series originally aired on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. from September 24, 1964 to May 12, 1966. Seventy episodes were produced. The show was canceled after ratings had dropped to a series low in the face of competition from ABC's *Batman*.

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The President's Page by Randy Higgins

This months President's Page is a deviation from my usual reporting of club business to describe an incident that happened to me on Saturday, August 23rd. It's an antique vehicle owners worst nightmare replete with roadside troubleshooting under pressure, repairs outside the box, lessons learned, and, fortunately, a happy ending.

First, a little history. I retired from the Arlington County Fire Department in 2019, following a 35 year career. My father, uncle, and grandfather were also Arlington fireman, so I have a strong connection with the department which exists to this day. Also, many know that I have a 1967 Ford fire truck that is lettered as a tribute to Arlington fire apparatus of that era. I have owned the truck for 25 years and have participated in several funerals of former Arlington firefighters, including my father. On one occasion it carried the casket of a fellow firefighter to his final resting place.

Recently I learned of the passing of our oldest living retired member at the age of 95. Since I knew him very well, I didn't hesitate to offer the use of my fire truck to lead the procession from the funeral home to the cemetery. His family was very grateful and accepted the offer. In addition, I had the honor to serve as a pallbearer. The week prior to the funeral I spent hours washing, waxing, and detailing the truck. The oil was changed, the fuel topped off, and everything was double checked and ready for funeral duty. Many hours were spent calling, texting, and emailing folks at the fire department to ensure we had honor guard members available for the viewing and funeral along with fire apparatus to participate in the procession and a ladder truck positioned at the cemetery gate displaying the American flag. I spoke with the funeral director at both the funeral home and cemetery to advise them of what we were planning. I also made sure that the funeral home requested a police escort to the cemetery.

On the morning of the funeral a fellow retired ACFD member met me at my house in Manassas for the 30 mile drive to Arlington. The morning started ominously after pulling into my local Chick Fil-A only to find it closed for renovation. Bummer. We traveled across town to the next closest one and enjoyed a nice breakfast. The drive to Arlington was without issue along Route 29 (I avoid I66 at all costs).

Once the funeral service was completed, we ceremoniously placed the casket in the hearse. We had previously decided that the pallbearers, all dressed in our finest class A uniforms, would ride on the back of my fire truck as we led the procession to Columbia Gardens Cemetery, about 3 miles from the funeral home. As luck

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September Automotive Trivia Question

Who opened the first drive-in gas station?

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However, *The Munsters* found a large audience in syndication. A spinoff series ensued, as well as several films, including one with a theatrical release and several more recent attempts to reboot the show.

The Munsters are a Transylvanian-American family living at 1313 Mockingbird Lane in the fictional city of Mockingbird Heights. The series' running gag is that the odd-looking family with strange tastes considers itself to be an average American family. Herman is the family's sole wage-earner, although Lily and Grandpa make short-lived attempts to earn money from time to time. While Herman is the head



Show cast in the Munster Koach

of the household, Lily also makes many decisions. According to episode 44 ("Happy 100th Anniversary"), they were married in 1865.

Other than Marilyn, the characters' costumes and appearances were based on the classic monsters of Universal Studios films of the 1930s and 1940s, including the iconic version of Frankenstein's monster developed by Jack Pierce for the 1931 Universal film *Frankenstein*. As Universal jointly produced *The Munsters*, the show was able to employ the copy-

righted designs. Makeup for the series was credited to Bud Westmore, who pioneered many other makeup effects and designs for the studio's monsters after Pierce.

The show satirized the typical family sitcom formula of the era: the well-meaning father, the nurturing mother, the eccentric live-in relative, the naïve teenager and the precocious child. The show also references several real sitcoms of the period. In episode 45, "Operation Herman", Lily tells Herman to have a father-son talk with Eddie because "a thing like this is up to the father. Anyone who's watched *Father Knows Best* for nine years ought to know that," to which Herman replies, "All right. But Donna Reed always handles things on *her* show." In episode



Cast and cars pose for a photo op

47, "John Doe Munster", Grandpa describes *My Three Sons* as being about a "crazy, mixed-up family that's always having weird adventures."

The family car in the show is the **Munster Koach**. In the fourth episode ("Rock-A-Bye Munster"), Lily buys a hot rod and a hearse from a used-car dealership and has them customized into one car (the Munster Koach) as Herman's birthday present. The show's producers contracted George Barris to provide the Koach. Barris paid show car designer Tom Daniel \$200 to design the car, and had it built at Barris Kustoms, first by Tex Smith, but finished by Dick Dean, his shop foreman at the time. The Munster Koach appeared in over twenty episodes throughout the series' two-year run, and was also seen in the movie "*Munster, Go Home!*" using different wheels. Tom Daniel's original drawing of the Munster Koach had it supercharged with a hood scoop and thin, round disc lights. Barris chose the ten-carburetor setup with the ten air horns and lantern lights.



Munster Koach on display

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Editor's Notes by Peter W. Pandolfi:

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, downloading 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.



September Anniversaries

George and Susan Parker	September 10
Stephen and Jennifer Deitz	September 24

September Birthdays

Cathy Baker	September 3
Pam Drake	September 10
Liz Higgins	September 14
Scott Patton	September 20
Nicki Hudson	September 28

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

In Sympathy: With great sorrow I have to tell you that long-time member Jeanne Welch passed away on September 8, 2025. Jeanne became an Honorary member of the BRR shortly after her husband passed

away about 20 years ago. She kept in contact with Region members and has regularly been receiving the Clutch Chatter. About five years ago, she moved to Stafford to live with her daughter due to declining health. She was a wonderful lady and the Region will sorely miss her.

Award Winner: Congratulations to Jim and Edna Cross for receiving the Best of Show award at the All GM Show in Ashburn, VA. Pictured is Jim and Edna on the right with Cory Correll and their award winning 1933 Cadillac V-8 Limousine. We also congratulate John Zampino who won a Top 25 award at the same show with his 1967 Pontiac Firebird.



Welcome New Honorary Member: In the August meeting, we elected Russell "Rusty" Tozar as an Honorary member of the BRR. Rusty was a member until he moved to South Carolina. Since then he has continued his support of the Region by making substantial donations to the Region in support of the Rohr Show. While he would love to participate in person, as husband and caregiver to his wife Brenda, long distance travel is not possible. He is hoping to find a way to attend the 50th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet next year.

2025 Rohr Show Sponsorships: It is not too late, but they are going fast. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a show award for this year, please let Jon Battle know. We have four categories of sponsorship with the ability to sponsor multiple awards. Top 10 Awards: obviously 10 trophies at \$30 each. Best of Class Awards: 15 trophies at \$50 each. Best of Show Awards: 1 at \$75 with one of these awards already being sponsored by Rusty Tozar. Special Awards: 3 at \$100 each.

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Meeting Minutes
by Pete Pandolfi, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Bull Run Region was held on August 10, 2025 at the home of Gene and Jennifer Gilkey at 4 pm. This was our annual picnic meeting. 20 members were in attendance.

1. At 4 pm, Randy invited the membership to chow down on the burgers and hot dogs provided by the Gilkeys along with the various side dishes brought by the membership.
2. The business part of the meeting began at 5 pm with Randy thanking the Gilkeys for hosting the picnic.
3. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.
4. Randy stated that there have been a number of bogus emails going out to Region member in his name. He stated that he will never send out an email that uses terms such as "are you available to talk", "your urgent assistance is needed" or ask for money and other financial requests. These emails should be deleted and you should not open any attachments or click on any links. If you question the authenticity of an email from him, call him first to verify.
5. Next Randy informed the group of the Region's participation in the Manassas City First Friday celebration on August 1. The Region had a table at the event to promote the Rohr Show and membership in AACA. Seven member attended, five of whom displayed their cars. The event was an overwhelming success and will become a regular Region activity on a bi-monthly basis beginning next year. The Region will participate in the September First Friday on September 5. Members interested should contact Randy.
6. Randy produced three new banners for our operations. There are two portable banners for us to use at events and a new 20 foot banner to hang over Center Street in Manassas advertising the Rohr Show. The purchase of these banners was approved in a previous meeting, and the members present all liked the new and improved banners. He also learned that the City of Manassas has a program where they will award a \$2,500 grant annually to non-profit organizations. He is going to look into establishing the Region as a non-profit and subsequently apply for the grant.
7. As President, Randy has instituted a new feature to our business meetings by providing time for each Region officer to update the membership of any information or programs they are working on.
8. Show and Tell: Sam Alysworth said he attended a couple of car shows, one in Winchester and one in West Virginia, at which his VW Beetle was well received but did not win any awards. Franklin Gage reported that BRR members Jim and Edna Cross received a Best of Show award for their 1933 Cadillac V-8 and John Zampino received a Top 25 award for his 1967 Pontiac Firebird.
9. Rohr Show Update: The insurance issues with the City of Manassas have been resolved thanks to the help of AACA National Headquarters explaining to City officials the nature of our blanket insurance policy. Dash plaques for the show have been received and given to Steve Deitz for inclusion in the registration packages. The new show banner will go up over Center Street on September 8 and remain up for a week. The Boy Scouts will once again assist us with parking and the opening ceremonies. Pete Pandolfi requested a few minutes to recognize Vietnam Era veterans at the show. Randy suggested it be done following the presentation of the colors and National Anthem.
10. The ODMA Fall Tour will be held on November 20-22 in the Culpeper, VA area and will include Montpelier and other points of interest.
11. 50th Rohr Show: Pete Pandolfi and Bill Sessler updated the group on the planning for the 50th Rohr Show in 2026. Save the date flyers are done and will be put in this year's show registration packages. They will also be available for other events and the National Convention in February. Bill had pictures of the first show in 1976 and is writing an article on that show. Pete plans on using the article and pictures for a submission to Antique Automobile magazine as well as a quarter page ad and video presentation for convention and the show. If anyone had thoughts or suggestions for this show, notify Pete or Bill.
12. Old Business: Randy is working on two committees for the 2026 National Convention. There is some talk of a mini car show at the convention featuring BRR cars. The Christmas Parade is on December 6 and the BRR application is in.
13. Pete nominated long-time supporter Rusty Tozar for Honorary member status. It was approved unanimously.
14. Pete won the 50/50 and donated the winnings back to the Region.
15. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.



The Parking Lot

1977 Ford F-100 Styleside Pickup

See page 13 of this issue for details.

1965 Ford Mustang



Several modifications: Windsor junior heads, Edelbrock intake manifold and cam, four barrel carburetor, and dual exhaust. The 289 V-8 engine has been bored out to 305 CID. Brand new rear end with Posi-traction and a four speed manual transmission. All brand new carpet and new dashboard with Bluetooth radio 6 channel with 9 speakers. Also had a digital odometer, and digital distributor. Despite appearance in the pictures, it is actually dark blue and not black. Asking \$40,000. Contact Ronnie Riojas at Ronnieroijas@gmail.com or cell phone 512-560-6517.

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would have it, despite my previous request, the funeral home failed to request a police escort for our large procession. That was not good. Since we had several emergency vehicles in the procession we slowly proceeded to the cemetery while sounding our sirens and air horns at each intersection. It was a fitting tribute, since the final ride is typically in silence. I knew George was smiling all the way to the cemetery.

As we proceeded east on Route 50 the large American flag could be seen hanging from the ladder truck positioned at the entrance to the cemetery. We were just a few blocks away. Then it happened. My fire truck just shut off. No warning, no hesitation. It just shut off. I tried cranking it but it would not start. The procession came to a complete stop on Route 50 at noon on a Saturday. I told the pallbearers that they needed to "hoof it" to the cemetery as I flagged the rest of the procession around my disabled fire truck. I cannot describe how deflated I felt at that moment. I quickly placed several orange traffic cones behind the fire truck which was completely blocking two east bound lanes. Fortunately, an Arlington police officer arrived on scene and blocked traffic. Now I had to figure out what happened and if I could fix it. The first thing I noticed is I didn't hear my electric fuel pump running and this was confirmed by a lack of gas at the carburetor. Knowing that I had a fuel pump issue I had to determine if it was a mechanical issue with the pump or an electrical issue. The police officer had called for a heavy duty wrecker to get me moved out of the road. All I could see at that point were dollar signs. Those big wreckers are not cheap! Suddenly, the fuel pump started running and I was able to get the truck fired up. I decided the best course of action was to drive to the nearest fire station, which was less than a mile away. I could store the truck there and work on it. Unfortunately, I only made it about 500 feet before the truck shut down again. Luckily, I was able to coast onto a service road which got me completely off of Route 50. That was a HUGE relief which allowed me to focus on sorting things out versus getting plowed into by an inattentive driver. Of course, I didn't have a multi-meter or a test light in my tool box so it was difficult to troubleshoot the problem. To determine if the fuel pump

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The Car is the Star continued

The Munster Koach was a hot rod built on a lengthened 1926 Ford Model T chassis with a custom hearse body. It was 18 feet long and cost almost \$20,000 to build. Only one Koach was made for the television series and feature film. It was made from three Ford Model T bodies. The 133-inch frame was made by hand, as were the brass radiator and fenders. It has a blood red interior and black pearl paint. It took 500 hours to hand-form the ornate rolled steel scrollwork. The front end had a dropped axle, split radius rods and T springs. Its design featured a custom hearse body.

An unauthorized reproduction Koach was built on speculation and presented to Barris, but he declined to buy it. Tubbs Johnson, Barris' paint man, purchased the unauthorized Koach and later sold it to Jay Orhberg. Barris auctioned the original Munster Koach in 1983 with oversized gas lights and different tires and wheels. In 1984, Barris wanted a Munster Koach for the Hollywood Christmas Parade. He had Dick Dean build a second authorized Munster Koach.



Munster Koach and Dragula on display

Dick Dean's son, Keith Dean, helped build it. This Koach was restored in the summer of 2011 with new black pearl paint, pie crust cheater slicks, new brass lantern lights, torque thrust mag wheels, smaller skull radiator cap, and had the dummy crank lever removed and sealed. They did not have Bobby Barr Headers, and there is a wide opening where those headers were located on the original.

There were five walnut blocks between the spokes of the mag wheels in rear. The rear slicks were Firestone eleven-inch pie crust slicks. The Astro mag wheels were painted blood red just on the outside of the five spokes. There was no skull radiator cap on the original Munster Koach in the 1960s. Only later

did the Munster Koach get a skull cap. Both reproduction cars have been restored, but the original has not.

The engine was a 289 cubic-inch Ford V8 originally configured for installation in a 1964+½ Mustang. It was built with Jahns high compression pistons, 10 chrome plated Carter WA-1 carburetors, an Isky cam, and had a set of Bobby Barr racing headers. It had a three-speed top loader manual transmission. AMT



Dragula with Dennis Gage from My Classic Car

produced a plastic model kit of the car during the series run. It has been reissued several times since. Johnny Lightning has also produced a 1/64th scale die-cast model of the car.

DRAG-U-LA, along with the Munster Koach, was one of two cars on the television show *The Munsters* designed by prolific show car designer Tom Daniel while working for George Barris and Barris Kustom Industries. In the show, DRAG-U-LA was built by Grandpa in episode 36, "Hot Rod Herman". Barris built the DRAG-U-LA, as a dragster from a coffin (according to Barris, a real coffin was purchased for the car), which Grandpa used to win back the Munster Koach after Herman lost it in a race.

The fiberglass body of DRAG-U-LA was built from a coffin that Richard "Korky" Korkes, Barris's project engineer, was able to purchase from a funeral home in North Hollywood. Korkes said in 2013 that it was illegal to sell a coffin without a death certificate, so he made a deal with the funeral director to pay in cash and have the coffin left outside the rear door to be collected after dark.

This car had a 350HP, 289ci Ford Mustang V-8 engine with a four-speed stick shift. It had two four-barrel carburetors mounted on a Edelbrock Ram-Thrust manifold. The carburetors were mounted backwards in an effort to save space and the pull type

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was in working order I used a set of jumper cables directly from the battery to a small piece of wire that I connected to the fuel pump. It started working immediately. Fortunately, a fellow car enthusiast stopped to offer his assistance and he just happened to have a multi-meter. I quickly determined that there was no power in the wire supplying the fuel pump. Instead of spending time troubleshooting why there was no power, I used several short lengths of 14 gauge wire in my tool box that I cobbled together and ran directly from the battery to the fuel pump. As soon as I got the truck running, a large rotator wrecker from Redman's Fleet Services arrived on the scene. I spoke with the driver and explained to him that I just got the truck running and was confident that I could make it home without assistance. I thanked him for coming out so quickly and offered to pay for his time and fuel. As I reached for my wallet, he told me, "....you guys have had a bad enough day with the funeral and I don't want to make it any worse. You don't owe us anything, it's on the house." I was speechless. How awesome was that? And, of course I didn't have any cash on me to tip him. Once I was certain that my roadside wiring was secure, we drove the 30 miles back to Manassas without issue.

When stuff like this happens, I always ponder that it could have been worse. For example, if we had made it into the cemetery when the truck shut off I would have blocked the entire procession from reaching the graveside, which would have been disastrous. Breaking down on the road was definitely the best scenario.

Several lessons were learned and reinforced that day.

1. If you own a classic vehicle it WILL break down at some point.
2. You must be prepared to deal with these breakdowns. Having basic diagnostic tools is a must, and I KNEW that, yet I didn't have them. Always keep a test-light and a multi- meter handy. I have now order one of each for the fire truck tool box.
3. Having the ability to remain cool under pressure and systematically diagnose your situation will save you a tow bill and hopefully get you back on the road. Remember the three things, **fuel, air, and spark**, that you need to make your classic run and know how to check for them.
4. If you are not handy with the mechanical side of things make sure you have good roadside service.

As we all know, the Rohr Show is less than a month away. Preparations are going smoothly and all major items have been checked off of the "to do" list. A

group of Bull Run members will be meeting to determine a show field plan for this year's show and beyond. Members will be out placing posters and handing out flyers to local businesses.

A reminder that we will be setting up a booth at the Manassas First Friday event of September 5th. Folks that are participating need to be in place between 5-5:30. If you need additional information please reach out to me.

Hoping to see everyone at First Friday and on the 14th at our monthly meeting - 4pm at the Manassas VFW hall. That's all for now.

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

In the picture below, which of these two Lincoln cars is classified as an antique by the State of Virginia?



- a) The car on the left only
- b) The car on the right only
- c) Both cars are considered antiques
- d) Neither car is considered an antique

For the answer, go to page 12 and see if you were correct.



What's In a Name

By Peter W. Pandolfi

This article presents a badge or logo and provides a brief explanation of the item. The information in this article was derived from open internet sources.

Infiniti is the luxury car division of the Japanese automaker Nissan. In 1985, a group of Nissan specialists was combined into a team whose mission was to create a luxury car division for the production of a new product to be sold on the USA market. The brand began on November 8, 1989, initially in North America. As of 2020, there were 25 markets served by new car dealers, primarily North America, China, Taiwan, and the Middle East. The brand was created around the same time other automaker rivals Toyota and Honda developed their Lexus and Acura pre-



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2004 - 2023



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mium brands, respectively. As the Japanese government invoked voluntary export restraints, it became more effective for automakers to export fewer but more expensive cars to the U.S. market.

In essence, the Infiniti logo is a multifaceted symbol that reflects the brand's Japanese heritage, its commitment to luxury and innovation, and its aspiration to transcend boundaries and explore new horizons in the automotive world. The Infiniti logo, a stylized "A" enclosed in an oval, represents a road stretching towards the horizon, symbolizing infinity and the brand's pursuit of new horizons in the automotive industry. It also draws inspiration from Mount Fuji and the Japanese concept of "Ma," which refers to the space between things, emphasizing elegance, simplicity, and the creation of a human connection.

The logo has undergone a refresh, evolving from a two-dimensional design to a more three-dimensional

emblem, expressing dynamism, motion, and power. The last letter was decided to be "I", which made the brand name unique and memorable. The Infiniti logo plays on the name of the brand. The word Infiniti is derived from the English "Infinity", and the "I" at the end signifies "Me". The brand sign is a stylization of the infinity symbol, also made in one line. The cone inside the oval also symbolizes the road beyond the horizon, to infinity.

In 2004, Infiniti cars became officially available in Canada, and, in 2008, at the Geneva Motor Show, it was announced the entry of the Infiniti line into Euro-



1990 Infiniti Q45 sedan

pean markets. Over the next two years, Infiniti dealers appeared in 21 countries in Europe. Until 2012, Infiniti-branded cars were produced exclusively at the Japanese plant in Tochigi province, Japan. Today, Infiniti cars are produced at six plants: Tochigi and Kyushu in Japan, Aguascalientes in Mexico, Smyrna, Tennessee in the United States, and Dalian and Sanya in China.



Infiniti grille badge with blue highlights

The original Infiniti logo, introduced in 1989, featured the iconic oval emblem with the triangular cut-it element at the bottom, drawn in bold and flat black lines and accompanied by an uppercase wordmark in a narrowed yet stable geometric sans-serif typeface. The lettering was placed under the emblem and set in the same flat black lines as the graphical part.

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The redesign of 2004 added volume to the Infiniti logo, making the emblem three-dimensional and re-drawing it in gradient silver, with darker shades. The emblem was enlarged, while the black lettering under



2004 Infiniti QX 56 first year for this model

it got a bit more compact, with less space between the uppercase characters.

In 2023 the automaker decided to come back to its original minimalistic style and introduced a flat black logo, composed of the same two elements, but with the lettering part rewritten in a more full-shaped sans-serif font with distinctive contours of geometric stable characters. The emblem got slightly enlarged compared to the initial version too.

The Infiniti brand keeps the memory of its origin. The rounded shape and the style of the brand's logo make the Infiniti emblem look related to the iconic Nissan



2009 Infiniti M 35 sedan

badge. Even though, the simplicity of the lines and minimum of the elements only enhance the luxury subtext, working great as a representation of the brand and its philosophy.

The Infiniti wordmark uses all capital letters executed in a traditional sans-serif font, which is similar to Josef Pro Bold, designed by graphical artist Ingo Zimermann. It's straight and clear lines look great with the nameplate's wide spacing and four letter "I" that visually divide Infiniti into syllables.



2023 Cloisonne Infiniti Logo

The color palette of the Infiniti logo is a traditional monochrome, a reflection of elegance and confidence, the perfect choice for a powerful and progressive company — modest and strong. The iconic Infiniti emblem is the most recognizable element of the brand's visual identity. It is composed of a stylized infinity symbol, which is a horizontally placed numeral 8. As well as the brand's name features "I" instead of "Y" in the end, the lemniscate sign features a sharp angle instead of smooth curved lines of the "8". The Infiniti emblem is executed in metallic gray when



2019 Infiniti Qs Inspiration electric prototype

placed on the vehicles, and the color makes it look even more fine and luxurious. The brand also uses backlight for the badge on some of the models, then the emblem becomes vivid and looks mysterious and chic. The brand also alternates matte and glossy variations of the car badge, depending on the model and car color, which is a great reflection of individual approach and custom design.

The Infiniti badge is full of meanings and symbolism, it is an outstanding example of the automobile branding, which is modern, stylish, elegant and instantly recognizable.



2025 Silent Auction

By Jon Battle

Donate unwanted items to the Silent Auction. You gain space and the Region gets badly needed funds.

1. The Rohr Show is on Saturday, September 20. By September 14, please select all the items you want to donate, then contact Jon Battle at (540) 364-1770 (detailed@verizon.net) with your list. He'll need to know how many items to expect. You can then work out how to transfer the stuff, or you can simply bring it to the Bull Run meeting at the VFW hall on September 14 at 4 PM.
2. What kinds of things do we want? We'd prefer automotive-related items (new or antique). Quality outweighs quantity. Car parts are great if they're clearly identified with year and make or part number, and (preferably) are new and in the box.
3. Memorabilia, signs and advertising items are also welcome, as are sales brochures, factory bulletins, and parts and shop manuals (especially genuine "factory" manuals).
4. Dealership and repair shop items are wonderful: displays, parts cabinets (small), showroom posters and specialty tools.
5. Car books are welcome, especially when in excellent condition. If you have several magazines, bundle 10 or 20 together with twine or ribbon. (We may bundle some magazines and paper items together to be sold as single item.)
6. What DON'T we want? Big, heavy things.
7. Please clean items as best you can.
8. If you know the value of an auction item, please write it on a label taped to the item. We will use it to create a starting bid or a reserve price.
9. What if the stuff you donated doesn't sell? We do not have storage space so we ask you to take it home for next year.

What are you doing on September 20? We need a volunteer at the Rohr Show to help at the Silent Auction booth. You won't have to conduct transactions – Nicki Hudson has graciously agreed to do that. You would need to arrange the auction items on tables, attach a bid form to each item, and determine the winning bidders at the end of the Auction. Please contact Jon Battle if you're willing to be our auctioneer. We are grateful for your help!



The Car is the Star continued

throttle actuation modified into a pusher type. The rear tires were 10x15 Firestone racing slicks, mounted on custom 10-inch-wide Radir aluminum and steel wheels. Each hubcap was decorated with a large silver spider. The front tires were 4-inch Italian tires on Speedsport English buggy wire wheels. To extend the Gothic motif further, Barris installed four Zoomie style organ pipes on each side of the car in lieu of a standard exhaust pipe and mounted antique lamps on the front and rear.

The front of the vehicle sported a marble grave-stone—supposedly Grandpa Munster's license plate "from the Old Country"—with the inscription: "Born 1367, Died ?". A "hidden" radiator was topped with a small golden casket. The driver sat in the rear of the vehicle behind the engine, under a plastic bubble. Subtle changes were made to the automobile, such as the tires, for different aspects of filming for the television series and for the movie *Munster, Go Home!*

This car was sold at the closeout auction of the Chicago Historical Antique Automobile Museum in Highland Park, Illinois, in 1985. The original 1966 car was housed in Planet Hollywood in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where it hung from the ceiling. Upon the closing of the Atlantic City location, the car was auctioned off to John Sbrigato, who also owns a Munster Koach.

At the 2025 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale auction the 1926 Ford Model T Munster Koach replica sold for \$100,100 and the 1923 Ford Model T Drag-u-la sold for \$61,600 as part of the Dr. Stewart Berkowitz collection of movie/TV cars.



1/67 scale diecast models

The National Beat

By Peter W. Pandolfi

The following article entitled ["AACAA Youth Scholarships"](#) was written by Kyle Blake, AACAA Vice President—Youth Development and Awards. It was originally published in the Spring 2025 Rummage Box.

As we head towards the full swing of summertime, our thoughts turn to beach trips, family vacations and weekend car shows. The long days and warm nights make it feel like December is forever from now. However, it's not too early to start thinking about the December 1 deadline for AACAA Scholarships.

AACAA has a strong commitment to students who have demonstrated an active interest and participation in the antique car hobby through restoration, preservation and/or ownership of antique cars. AACAA awards three types of \$1500 scholarships. In addition privately funded scholarships are awarded as funds become available. Awards will be presented in February 2026 at the AACAA National Convention in Chantilly, VA. Applications are available online at aaca.org/scholarships with full details on each award available, as well as all requirements. Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2025 in order to be considered. Please note the below summaries are just that - summaries. Full details and requirements are available online.

The Young People's Award requires that the applicant be nominated by a Region or Chapter of AACAA. Children and Grandchildren of AACAA members are eligible, who are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program.

The AACAA Scholarship Award is granted to encourage individuals to further their education and stimulate interest in AACAA and the history of vehicles in general. This award has the same requirements as the Young People's Award, except nomination by a region or chapter is not required.

The John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship is for a child or grandchild of an AACAA member that is enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program. The applicant must demonstrate active interest in AACAA through participation in its programs or interest in the hobby of antique vehicles through restoration, preservation or ownership.

The Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship is a cash award to a student currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning leading to a degree in antique auto restoration or automotive

technology.

Hershey Region AACAA Automotive Restoration Scholarship is granted by the Hershey Region AACAA to students to further their education and stimulate interest in AACAA and automotive history. One or more awards may be presented each year. Selection will be made by the AACAA Scholarship Award Committee, the then current President of the Hershey Region and current chair of the region education committee.

The Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship is based on the same rules as the AACAA Automotive Technology award and is awarded as funds are available. It was instituted and funded by Dave and Marilyn Chiotti as a way to honor Louise and continue to support the hobby.

Please encourage your eligible students to send in their applications prior to December 1, 2025.

2025 Refreshment List

Month	Snacks	Drinks
September	Potluck Dinner	
October	Scott Patton	
November	Batchelder	Stakenborg
December	Potluck Dinner & Christmas Cookie Exchange	

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWER

Even though Bill Sessler considers neither of these car to be antiques, the answer is "c", both these Lincolns are considered antiques. The car on the right is a 1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III belonging to Scott Patton. The car on the left is a 2000 Lincoln Town Car Touring Sedan belonging to Pete Pandolfi, which is 25 years old this year.



2025 Bull Run Events Calendar Draft

National events are in blue text.

Sep 7-12—**Glidden Tour, Owensboro, KY**

Sep 14 – Show Prep Meeting, VFW Hall

Sep 20 – Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Old Town Rail Station, Manassas, VA

Sep 21-25 – **Founders Tour, Williamsburg, VA**

Sep 27—Grace Life Show, Bristow, VA

Oct 1-5—Fall Carlisle, Carlisle, PA

Oct 7-10 – **Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA**

Oct 11—Spotsylvania Eagles Show, Spotsylvania, VA

Oct 12 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall

Nov 8—Remington Show, Remington, VA

Nov 9 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall

Nov 20—ODMA Fall Tour, Culpeper, VA

Dec 6 – Manassas Christmas Parade

Dec 14 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
(Cookie Exchange & Officer Elections for 2026)



Member News continued

Christmas Parade: Christmas! It's only September! True, but it is not too early to start thinking about participating with the Region at the annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade. Once again, the Region is invited to participate in this very popular event. Our Region unit is complimentary since we provide the VIP cars for the parade dignitaries. So, if you have a convertible car or other topless vehicle with a back seat, please consider being one of our VIP cars. Generally we carry Manassas City officials, but we have carried Congressional Representatives and celebrities. The remainder of the Region unit can consist of any of our antique and classic vehicles. You can even decorate your car in a Christmas theme. Two rules: 1) No one except Santa can dress as Santa Claus, and 2) No throwing candy to the crowd from the car. If you want to provide treats to the spectators, you must have a walker. This is for safety reasons. The parade itself starts at 10 am and goes from Mathis Ave. through downtown Manassas. Since our unit is usually in the front of the parade, we are generally finished by noon. While the parade starts at 10 am, our show time for lineup is 8 am. After that the streets are closed down. The parade is rarely cancelled and goes on rain or shine or snow.

Ernie Newland is once again the chairman for this project, so contact Ernie and tell him you wish to participate and whether you will bring a VIP car. It is truly a wonderful, fun time

Rohr Show 2026: Planning for our 50th car show is progressing. A 'Save the Date' flyer has been drafted and will be finalized and put into the registrations packages for this year's show. It will also be distributed at the AACA National Convention in February. We want this show to be the best ever, which is a high bar to overcome. Several ideas have been suggested to include a 50th Anniversary T-Shirt, a commemorative gift for show participants, possibly an after show dinner, and a display honoring founding member Edgar Rohr. Please let Pete Pandolfi or Bill Sessler know any ideas you may have to make this show special. Bill is looking to have the Rohr's 1915 Ford Model T up and running to be at the show and hopefully the Rohr's 1912 Buick will be available.

Meeting Presentations: If you or anyone you know would like to give a presentation on an automotive experience, contact Randy Higgins. Presentations should be between 20-30 minutes in length. Also, our new "Show and Tell" segment give members an opportunity to give a brief talk on something of automotive interest in 5-10 minutes. Bring your ideas and items to any meeting.

Articles: Pete is always looking for input from members for the Clutch Chatter. If you have attended any automotive events or just had a unique experience in your car, write it up and submit it to Pete. Lots of pictures is always a plus. Additionally, Randy is always looking for input to the website, so anything you send to Pete can also be sent to Randy.



September Trivia Question Answer:

Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.



For Sale
1977 Ford F-100 Custom
1/2 Ton Pickup

Specifications:

300 CID inline 6 cylinder engine
Three speed manual transmission on the column
Styleside body style
Two wheel drive
Pickup bed is Rhino lined
Excellent condition, but has not been run in 5 years
113,000 miles
Shop Manuals and spare parts with sale

Asking \$14,000 as is OBO





The Bull Run Region of AACA

Presents



49th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet

Charity Car Show benefitting Fisher House



Saturday, September 20, 2025

8am – 3pm (registration closes at 11:00)



Historic Manassas Rail Station

9431 West St. Manassas, VA 20110

Free Parking * Dash Plaques * DJ Chrome Dome * 50 Trophies * Door Prizes * Silent Auction * 50/50 Raffle * Vendors * Model T Demonstration * Free Tailer Parking

Register by mail or online: \$20.00 pre-registration \$25.00 day of show per vehicle



Register Online

Visit our website <https://BullRun.AACA.com>

General Info: Randy @ 703-853-2235 or Registration: Steve @ 703-577-3349



Visit Website

2025 Rohr Show Registration Form

Online pre-registration \$20.00 per vehicle (plus processing fee)

➤ Go to <https://CarShowPro.com/events/view/2315> or scan the QR code



Mail-in pre-registration \$20.00 per vehicle – check only

Day of show registration \$25.00 per vehicle - cash or check (no credit cards)

Car Coral pre-registration \$30.00 per vehicle - mail in or day of show - cash or check

10' X 15' flea market vendor space \$35.00 – mail-in or day of show - cash or check

Trailer Parking: Trailered vehicles can unload and park at Osbourn High School. NO trailers allowed on show field. Contact Randy Higgins at 703-853-2235 with any parking questions.

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The deadline for receipt of mail-in registration is by COB September 17th

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Car #1 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ @ \$20.00

Car #2 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ @ \$20.00

Car #3 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ @ \$20.00

Car Coral X _____ cars @ \$30.00 ea.

Flea Market Vendor X _____ spaces @ \$35.00 ea.

Pre-registration fees are non-refundable unless the show is cancelled by Bull Run Region

Mail registration form with payment to: Steve Deitz 8183 Hillcrest Dr. Manassas, VA 20111

Make checks payable to "Bull Run Region AACA"

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

GRACE LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

CAR SHOW



\$25 REGISTRATION INCLUDES AWARDS, DASH
PLAQUE, T-SHIRT, & BREAKFAST

★ SEPT. 27 2025
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



9560 LINTON HALL RD BRISTOW, VA 20136

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHLEEN.CAUDLE@GRACELIFECC.ORG

★★★ ON-SITE REGISTRATION 7:30 - 9:00 AM • RAIN DATE OCTOBER 4, 2025 ★★★
MORE INFORMATION & ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT GRACELIFECC.ORG/CARSHOW

2025 Eastern National Fall Meet



Hosted by the
Hershey Region AACCA

October 7-10, 2025

(Tuesday to Friday)

Hershey, Pennsylvania

SPOTSYLVANIA EAGLES #4391

1ST ANNUAL CAR SHOW



FOR THE KIDS

SPOTSYLVANIA SHERIFF'S OPERATION BLUE CHRISTMAS

RAINDATE: OCTOBER 12TH

OPEN TO ALL MODELS

TOP 25 AWARDS

BEST IN SHOW 2000 - PRESENT

BEST IN SHOW 1970 - 1999

BEST IN SHOW 1969 - BACK

BEST TRUCK

BEST MOTORCYCLE

SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHOICE

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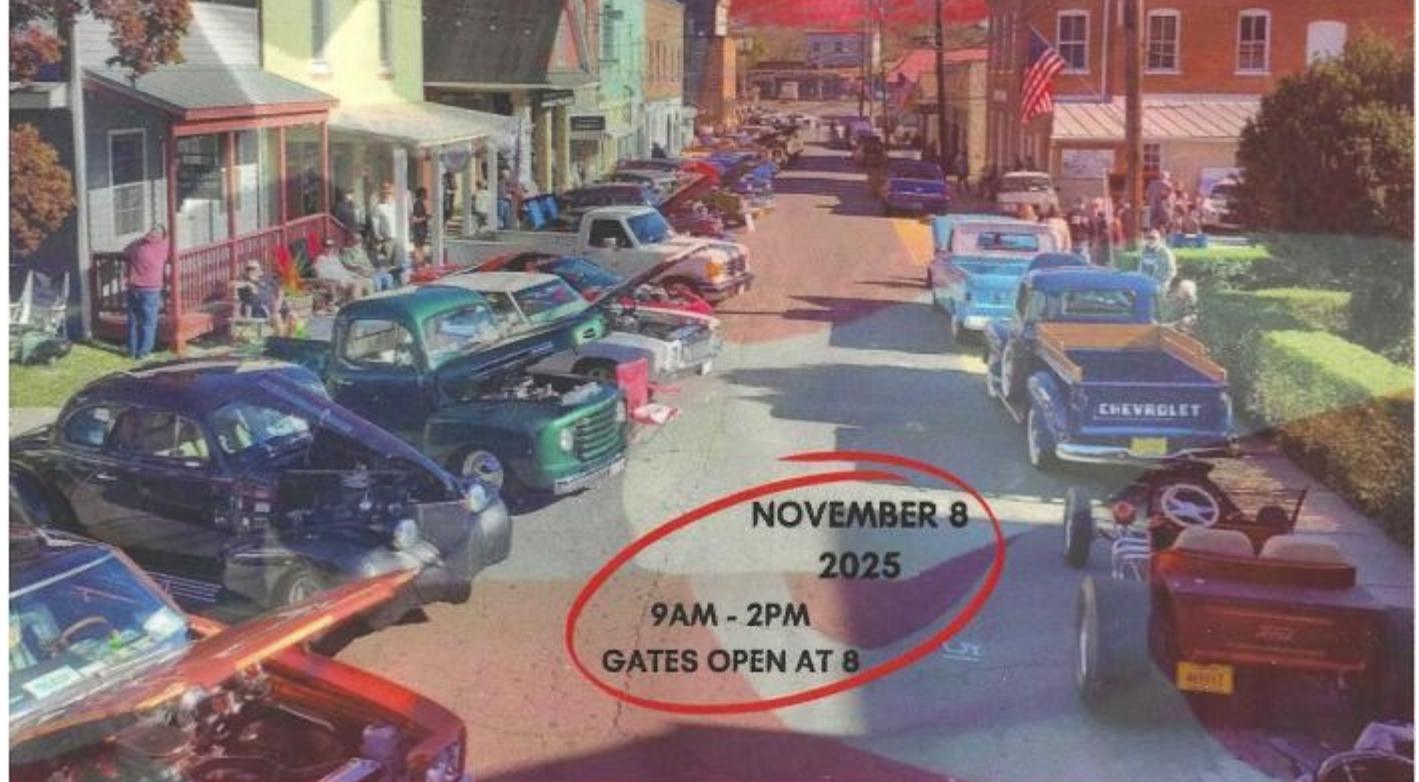
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TOWN OF REMINGTON CAR SHOW



NOVEMBER 8

2025

9AM - 2PM

GATES OPEN AT 8

Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, and Tractors

RAFFLES, MUSIC BY WEARETHE2DJS, DOOR PRIZES, FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS

\$20

REGISTRATION
AT THE GATE

FIRST 100 REGISTERED VEHICLES RECEIVE DASH PLAQUES & GOODIE BAGS
TROPHIES AWARDED TO TOP 25 - BEST CAR - BEST TRUCK - BEST RAT ROD
BEST BIKE - BEST IMPORT - PATRIOT AWARD AND MORE



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