



# HEADLIGHTS



## South Jersey Region AACA

Club Website [www.sjraaca.com](http://www.sjraaca.com)

April, 2017

### The M. Allen Swift 1928 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Reprinted from the Wood Museum of Springfield History, Springfield, MA



After World War I, Rolls-Royce, the British luxury car maker, decided to set up a manufacturing center in the United States. This was in response to the high demand for Rolls-Royce cars in this country. Due to the highly skilled workforce in Springfield, Massachusetts, the Company chose this region as the location for the plant. Over the course of the decade of the 1920s more than 3,000 luxury automobiles were produced in the Springfield factory.

The late M. Allen Swift of West Hartford, Connecticut, was known for his dedication to the family gold leaf business, M. Swift & Sons. Born in 1903 and growing up during the budding automobile era, he had a natural interest in cars. At the age of twenty-four he obtained his first automobile, a 1917 Franklin. His second car was a Marmon. He next acquired the automobile which made him famous among Rolls-Royce collectors, the 1928 Phantom I, S273 FP which he owned for 77 years.

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Questions?? Feel free to contact any officer or board member and they will be glad to help.

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## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- **SJRAACA dues are \$10 per year (due by Jan 1st).**
- **Must be a member of AACA National.**
- Meetings are at Woodstown Borough Hall at 7 p.m. the 1st Monday of every month except **4th of July & September then it is the following Monday.** Call any board member for meeting cancellation notices during weather emergency.
- **CLUB WEBSITE: [www.SJRAACA.com](http://www.SJRAACA.com)**  
**There is always more to see on our Website.**

### CLUB JACKETS OR SHIRTS??

Placing a shirt & jackets order soon.  
 The cost is on the members. See Linda  
 Golf Shirts: S-XL \$22; 2X & 3X \$24  
 Spring Jackets: S-XL \$42; 2X \$44 & 3X \$46  
 Winter Jackets S-XL \$70



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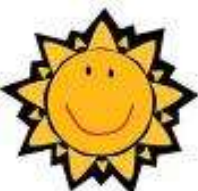
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



**April Birthdays**  
 4-3 Linda McFarland 4-9 Cindy Sutton  
 4-5 Ron Scott 4-12 Alexandria Chin  
 4-7 Chris DeHaan 4-17 Scott McFarland

BIRTHDAYS NEEDED! If you haven't been to a meeting lately and never gave me your birthday, then I don't have it. E-mail or mail your birthday to me so I can make sure it's in the newsletter.

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## SUNSHINE

Bonnie Green was on vacation and Miriam Willis reported that a sympathy cards were sent to Rich & Elaine Faunce and Angie Letterman. A get well card was sent to Phil Kinsey & Bill Wynne.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Ray McFarland*



Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our 2017 Swap Meet a huge success. This was a team effort, working together and overcoming the traffic problems thrust upon us very unexpectedly. We are thankful that

both men will make a complete recovery from their injuries sustained in the accident.

From my perspective each worker did a great service for our club. With the very large turnout of vendors in tailgate and the large amount of cars for sale in the car corral together with the great number of spectators helped us make this Swap Meet very profitable. Wow what a meet! We couldn't have done any of this without our dedicated members helping to make this possible.

Please check out all the planned events in the newsletter as we enjoy our rides and friends.

Your smiles and friendly attitudes will continue to bring in new members to our region.

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR



April is finally here and we cannot wait to get our cars dusted off and out. We are looking forward to the numerous activities that are on our calendar.

Take a minute to check out our website, especially our "Club Events" page. It has been given a fresh new look which includes our Bobbitt & Kountry Kitchen dates.

Green Technology always does a terrific job with the content that I provide to them.

Our Swap Meet was a huge success and thanks to our hard working members who worked one or both days we did well. We certainly have a great hard working group.

I hope you enjoy some of the photos on pages 6 & 7. I look forward to seeing many of you at our April activities. Friendship & Food, Bobbitt Cruise, Kountry Kitchen Cruise or the AACA Museum Tour.

Happy Motoring!

Linda McFarland

**Always check out our Website**  
**[WWW.SJRAACA.COM](http://WWW.SJRAACA.COM)**  
**For up to date information on all**  
**our activities.**

# South Jersey Region Events & Activities

## AACA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### APRIL

- 3 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 13 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD**  
Golden Palace Restaurant (across from Armory)  
2623 S. Delsea Dr., Rt. 47, Vineland, NJ
- 19 5:00-8:00 BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT**
- 22 4-8 PM KOUNTRY KITCHEN CRUISE**
- 29 8:00 am TOUR TO AACA MUSEUM HERSHEY**  
Meeting at the Pennsville Burger King.
- 30 4-8 PM SWAP MEET WORKER DINNER**  
Masso's Crystal Manor,  
210 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro, NJ

### MAY

- 1 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 11 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD**  
Fireside Family Restaurant  
401 Woodbury Glassboro Rd., Sewell, NJ
- 13 10AM-2PM CARDINAL VILLAGE CAR SHOW**
- 17 5:00-8:00 BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT**
- 27&28 WHEELS & WINGS CAR SHOW 9am-5pm**  
Millville Airport, Millville, NJ
- 29 Glassboro Memorial Day Parade**

### JUNE

- 5 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 15 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT**
- 21 5:00-8:00 BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT**
- 24 9 AM—2 PM Annual Ocean City NJ**  
Dave Blyler & Herb Godfrey Memorial Antique  
Auto Show & Boardwalk Parade
- 24 4:00-8:00 KOUNTRY KITCHEN CRUISE NIGHT**
- 25 8:00 AM WOODMEIER FARM Car Show & Pig Roast**  
Meeting for Breakfast at Malaga Diner

Listed below are some upcoming National tours and meets you may be interested in attending:

- **April 6-9, 2017** Southeastern Spring Meet—Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte, North Carolina
- **April 25-28, 2017** Western Divisional Tour (up to 1992)- Mother Lode Region, Sonora, California
- **May 11-13, 2017** AACA Special Spring Meet, Auburn, Indiana
- **May 26-27, 2017** AACA Eastern Spring Meet—Huntington Region, West Virginia
- **June 4-9, 2017** Founders Tour (1932-later) Gettysburg Region, Gettysburg, PA
- **June 15-17, 2017** Annual Grand National Meet-Kansas City Region, Independence, Missouri
- **July 17-21, 2017** Vintage Tour (1931 or earlier) - Wellsboro, PA
- **August 17-19, 2017** Central Fall Meet-Mississippi Region, Bettendorf, Iowa
- **September 17-22, 2017** AAA Glidden Tour (AACA hosted)- Nebraska Region, Hastings, Nebraska
- **October 4-7, 2017** Eastern Fall Meet— Hershey Region, Hershey, PA

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## **APRIL FRIENDSHIP & FOOD NIGHT OUT**

**Thursday, April 13th**

**6:30 PM Golden Palace  
Restaurant (Across from Armory)  
2623 S. Delsea Dr., Rt. 40, Vineland, NJ**



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**Saturday, April 29th**

**AACA Museum Tour**

**Meeting at Pennsville Burger King at  
8:00 AM with a**



**Breakfast stop at Dutchway Restaurant**

**365 PA-41, Gap PA, then traveling to Museum.**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**

**CALL LINDA @ 609-202-3907.**

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## **SWAP MEET WORKER DINNER**

**Sunday, April 30th 4-8 PM**

**MASSO'S CRYSTAL MANOR**

**210 S. Delsea Drive, Glassboro, NJ**

**PLEASE RSVP TO**

**Linda if you plan to attend**

**609-202-3907**



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**Edward W. Fuller, III**

**Of Pilesgrove, NJ**

**Ed owns a 1913 Model 'T' Touring and  
a 1969 Chevelle SS**

**Meeting Highlights of the  
South Jersey Region  
Monday, April 3, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Ray McFarland. All stood for the Flag salute. Ray asked for any new members or guests in attendance. Ray introduced Bob Thomson, a new member who joined last month and who worked at our Swap Meet both days. Ray then asked for a motion to accept Bob into membership. The motion was made and approved by everyone. Another new member, Edward Fuller, sent in his application, but was not in attendance. A motion was made to accept his membership and approved by all present.

Becky Counsellor gave the Secretary's Report. A motion was made and approved to accept her report. Edna Norris gave the Treasurer's report and a motion was made and approved to accept her report. Bills were also approved for payment.

Sunshine: Becky Counsellor gave the Sunshine report in Bonnie Green and Miriam Willis absence. Bonnie was on vacation and Miriam Willis was unable to attend. Sympathy cards were sent to Rich & Elaine Faunce and Angie Letterman; Get Well cards were sent to Phil Kinsey and Bill Wynne.

Chuck Gibson reported on the Swap Meet and thanked everyone for all their help. He reported that both men involved in the accident will make a full recovery. Chuck noted that he was going to call into WVLT-Vineland station on Tuesday evening to thank all who came to our Swap Meet and explain the problems with traffic caused by the accident and also the lack of restrooms due to the Fair Grounds updating their system. He noted that Fair Grounds were very pleased with our clean-up and also spoke with the sod farm owner so we can use the back road for exiting next year. A motion was made and approved that we give Hal Wentzell of Red Oak Disposal a \$125 gift card as he always donates the dumpsters for the Swap Meet. Leon Erdner also noted that we need to send a "Thank You" letter to Wild Oaks Country Club for the use of their golf carts.

Chuck Gibson reported regarding our Budget for this year, which will be on the Fiscal Year beginning May 1st thru April 30th. Final information on the Budget will be forthcoming when all the Swap Meet expenses are received.

The Swap Meet Worker Dinner will be at Masso's Crystal Manor, on Sunday April 30th from 4-8 PM. Please RSVP to Linda at 609-202-3907 if you plan to attend. All who have worked the Swap Meet are eligible to attend. If you would like to bring a spouse the cost per guest is \$30.

Friendship & Food night out will be Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 PM at the Golden Palace Restaurant, 2623 S. Delsea Drive Rt. 47, Vineland, NJ. This is across from the armory.

Ray noted that we have 4 free AACA memberships available to new members. Bring out anyone who is interested in joining our club and they can join AACA for 1 year for free.

April 19th is the first Bobbitt Cruise, April 22nd is the Kountry Kitchen Cruise.

Saturday, April 29th is the Tour to the AACA Museum, please RSVP to Linda if you plan to attend.

Ray also show everyone the National Master Website Award that was presented to Linda McFarland for her work on our Website.

Eileen Niedzialek noted that the AACA Library would like old video games that may be sitting collecting dust at your house. They are particularly interested in car related games.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 PM.

***Have a story about your Special car?  
How about writing something for our newsletter?  
Send it to Linda McFarland  
sjraaca@gmail.com***



**SOUTH JERSEY REGION AACA  
2017 CRUISE NIGHTS**

**Bobbitt Auto**

**595 Salem Quinton Rd. Salem, NJ**

**3rd WEDNESDAYS 5:00-8:00 PM**

**April 19th**

**May 17th**

**June 21st**

**July 19th**

**August 16th**

**September 20th**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th 3:00-6:00 PM  
TOYS FOR TOTS CRUISE  
Bring a NEW unwrapped TOY**



**Hot Dogs & Beverage for all drivers who bring out  
their antique auto**

**Come on out and enjoy the music by  
Ed Counsellor and see old friends.**



**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Ray McFarland 609-202-3906  
Martin Erdner 856-935-0537**

**Check out our website [www.sjraaca.com](http://www.sjraaca.com)**

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**South Jersey Region AACA  
CRUISE NIGHT at the  
KOUNTRY KITCHEN  
373 Harding Hwy, US Rt. 40  
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318**



**Saturday, April 22nd - 4-8 PM  
Saturday, June 24 - 4-8 PM  
Saturday, July 29 - 4-8 PM  
Saturday, September 23 - 3-7 PM**

**Great Music & Food  
Buffet Dinner Special \$12.99  
20% discount to those bringing  
their antique car**

**For information contact:  
Ray McFarland 609-202-3906**

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## The M. Allen Swift 1928 Rolls-Royce Phantom I (Cont'd.)

The car was a gift from his father on his 26th birthday in return for his staying with the family business, thereby enabling his two younger brothers to pursue college educations. He was allowed to pick any car he wished and he chose Rolls-Royce. Thinking it the best car made, he confirmed this after a visit to the Springfield factory where the American version of Rolls-Royce was manufactured. Swift commented in a 2003 interview:

“Someone had advised me to go to the Springfield plant and I did. I went all through it and watched them making the parts. It reinforced my idea that it was well made. I saw all the ways they tested the cars. Every engine was tested. Then when they got the engine finished they set it up on a concrete block and ran it a specified number of times and a specified number of hours .... Someone would come around periodically with a stethoscope and listen to it and so forth. Then it was completely dismantled and checked and reassembled and put back in to the chassis. Then a bench was mounted on the chassis and a test driver drove it 200 miles before it was released..”

After he selected the car he chose a Piccadilly body made by Brewster & Co. Coachworks, NY a well-known chassis maker of the day. He chose two-toned green, and he had his initials placed on the doors.

After he purchased the car, Swift visited the Springfield plant several times for service, adding that they were always very helpful. He also did some of his own maintenance, changing the oil, and once taking the engine apart. Reportedly the vehicle never broke down. Mr. Swift used the car for his daily commute until 1958. He also made many long- distance trips. He estimated that by 2003 the car had 172,000 miles on the road.

M. Allen Swift owned his 1928 Rolls-Royce longer than any other Rolls owner. In recognition of this, in 1994 Rolls-Royce Motors presented him with a crystal Spirit of Ecstasy. Just two months before his death in October 2005, he gifted funds to the Springfield Museums toward the purchase of a building to house a new museum of innovation. This museum, now known as the Wood Museum of Springfield History, is a 40,000-square-foot space presenting exhibits that interpret Springfield history. A centerpiece is its gallery on early transportation. It is here where the Springfield Rolls-Royce gifted by M. Allen Swift is proudly displayed.

*Thank you to the Wood Museum of Springfield History, and the Springfield Museums, Springfield, MA*

**2016** was another great for YOUR AACA Library & Research Center. Two highlights include receiving the Don O'Reilly collection and the completion of our homebuilt 16mm film scanner.

The Don O'Reilly racing collection includes thousands of early NASCAR programs, photographs, entrance forms, tally sheets and more. We took receipt of the collection in Eugene, Oregon and needed a 54-foot trailer to get all of it back to Hershey! Work continues on the sorting, cataloging and the eventual digitization of the collection. If anyone is interested in getting their hands dirty with this project, please reach out to library staff.

Our 16mm film scanner is a homebuilt unit and we used a crowdfunding campaign to finance the project. With your help we raised more than \$11,000 for the scanner. We are currently in the process of digitizing our collection of over 300 films. Once the films are digitized, we are uploading them to our YouTube page where anyone with an internet connection can watch for free. Of course, if you still need a film on DVD for a region or chapter meeting or event, we'd be happy to supply you with one.

As we look into 2017, we are extremely excited to announce that the AACA Library Bookmobile will hit the road this year! Our 1955 Chevrolet bookmobile originally served the residents of Anderson County, SC from 1956-1990. It was donated to us in 2012 and underwent a total restoration. After it makes the rounds at AACA events, it will become an amazing ambassador to the old car hobby as it visits schools, parades, retirement communities and (hopefully) a local event near you.

Our general reference collection, the heart of the library, continues to grow with over 1-million pieces of sales literature, manuals, ads, photographs and more. In addition we have close to 6,500 reference books on our shelves. The collection also contains early automotive periodicals such as Cycle & Automobile Trade Journal, MoToR, Motor Age, Autocar and Commercial Car Journal. You can explore our Online Catalog at [www.aacalibrarycatalog.org](http://www.aacalibrarycatalog.org).

The Library is now open six days a week; Monday thru Saturday, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. We invite everyone to stop by to do research, view the facility and see our 1906 Mitchell, 1929 Harley-Davidson and 1940 Ford. If you can't visit the library in person, be sure to take advantage of the 1 1/2 hours of free research that every AACA member is entitled to.

The Library & Research Center is a wealth of knowledge and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

*From the Buzzard's Breath Touring Region March Newsletter*

## 2017 46th Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral

The South Jersey Region 46th Annual Swap Meet and Car Corral started off on Saturday, March 25th with approximately 40 members and friends attending a Swap Meet Set Up Breakfast at the Woodstown Diner. We then went over to the Salem County Fair Grounds where everyone pitched in and set up the buildings and the fields to get ready for Sunday's Swap Meet. Most everyone was finished around 2 pm.



**Our Members & Friends at Breakfast**



**Janet Erdner, Bonnie Green, Elaine Faunce, Marven Chin & Russ & Maryjane Shipman**



**Chuck Gibson & Gary Green our organizers**

Sunday, we started the day with a bang, a big bang! There was an accident that occurred just outside the Fair Grounds gate on Route 40 around 4:50 am. Most of us were just beginning to arrive. Two trucks collided and one person had to be taken via helicopter to the hospital. Fortunately both men will make a full recovery. This kept Route 40 closed in front of the Fair Grounds until approximately 10:30 am. Traffic was detoured and backed up for miles. Our people got permission to open the back road to the Fair Grounds, utilizing the sod farm road. This enabled people to slowly enter the Swap Meet and other drivers were able to detour by another road around the Fair Grounds. Once the accident was cleared, traffic resumed and everyone got into the Fair Grounds as usual.

As you can tell from the photos, the number of vendors and spectators were not lessened. In fact, we feel that this was one of our best Swap Meets ever.



**Marcy Lewis & Elaine Faunce in our Membership Booth. Eileen & Larry Niedzialeck also worked this booth.**



**Bob Harris & Ed Counsellor**



**Marven, Hok-Wai & Alexandria Chin taking a break in the warm office.**

More photos on next page.....

## 2017 46th Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral (Continued)

Sunday was a much colder day than the 70 degree day we had for our set-up on Saturday. Edna Norris made sure all the monies were collected and Janet Erdner helped with refreshments that were available for all workers in the office.



Janet Erdner & Chuck Gibson working in the office



Gary Green Jr & Luke Patrick taking aerial photos with Luke's drone.



Aerial photo from Route 40 looking over Swap Meet



Gary Green Jr, Luke Patrick and Gary Green Sr., taking aerial photos with Luke's drone.

We were very fortunate to have Luke Patrick come and take aerial photographs of our Swap Meet on Sunday. Once we saw the photographs we realized what a record crowd we had, despite the late start due to the accident. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our 46th Annual Swap Meet and Car Corral a huge success. We couldn't have done it without our hard working members.



Car Corral area was really full this year.



Tailgate section was very well attended, as it is every year.

## SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE 1964 PONTIAC GTO Hardtop**  
\$49,500

- Frame-Off Restoration w/ photo album
- Factory A/C, 4 Speed, Tri-Power
- Power Steering, Power Brakes
- Tinted Glass, Hurst wheels & radial redlines
- Silvermist grey w/black interior
- PHS documented
- GTOAA regional meet 1st place winner
- Owned 11 years



Contact Ted Ritter-856-451-3030 (day)  
856-455-4073 (eve)

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**FOR SALE - 1954 MERCURY MONTEREY SPORT Hard Top**

- Body needs restoring
- V8 motor rebuilt by Morley Pitman
- Radiator cleaned and tested
- Rechromed front bumpers and hood scoop
- Over-drive transmission; new side lower spears.
- Approx. 85,000 miles
- \$4,500



For more info call Bill Wynne 856-478-6103  
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**FOR SALE - 1970 OLDS 98 CONVERTIBLE \$900**

- Good Body & Interior with no rust
- Car has damaged front
- Parts needed to repair included.

Contact Bill Wynne 856-478-6103

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**FOR SALE - 1967 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE \$19,000**

- Red w/black interior
- V8 Engine Automatic
- 5,000 miles on rebuilt engine
- Power top & power steering

Contact Bill Wynne 856-478-6103

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**FOR SALE—1977 MERCURY MARQUIS \$1,000**

- 2 Door
- Sound Running
- Power Steering
- AM/FM Radio
- Air Conditioning
- Some surface rust
- Leather Seats
- No power Windows



Contact John Bobbitt 856-935-3222

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If you are in need of automotive batteries, call Ed Counsellor at 856-362-0001  
He carries Interstate Batteries.



## SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE 1929 FORD MODEL A Roadster Pickup**

- Steel body, fenders and bed
- 4 cylinder motor/trans are out of truck
- Good frame
- Includes headlights & misc. parts
- Great winter project
- \$5,200 with title

Contact John—856-468-5107

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**FOR SALE - 1965 IMPERIAL CROWN CONVERTIBLE**

(Matador Red with white top), \$25,000 or best offer

- 413 cu/350 hp engine
- All leather interior
- Factory Air needs compressor
- Power everything, right rear window only works from the back seat and is stubborn
- Needs windshield washer tank
- Contact Bob: 609-617-3927



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**FOR SALE—1966 AMC AMBASSADOR**

- \$5,000
- Nash 327 - 94,600 miles No Rust
- Super Clean
- New Battery & Wiring
- Extra Hubcaps



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**FOR SALE - 1970 LINCOLN MARK III**

- Excellent white paint
- Vinyl top, red interior
- Rust free
- Air conditioning
- Nice driver, excellent for tours, shows or parades
- AACA National DPC Award 2016
- \$6,500

For more info call Bill Wynne 856-478-6103

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**FOR SALE - CHEVROLET CORVAIRS & CORVAIR PARTS**

- Lots of parts, engines, transmissions (both automatic & manual)
- Trim, bumpers & other mechanical & body parts
- Parts cars: 1962 Monza 2 door hardtop with 95 HP engine & auto
- 1964 Monza convertible with 110 HP engine auto
- 1966 Corsa coupe with 140 HP engine & 4 speed trans
- \$800.00 for everything

Contact Chuck Gibson 609-221-5435 or  
GibsonORGNTNR@aol.com



### Answers to Automotive Quiz

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1. 1936                       | 6. 1933  |
| 2. 1934                       | 7. 1935  |
| 3. Graham                     | 8. 1929  |
| 4. 1932                       | 9. 1934  |
| 5. 1933                       | 10. 1939 |
| How many did you get correct? |          |



# SJRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE - 1983 Jeep Grand Wagoneer \$7,500

- Original/One Owner
- 66,650 miles
- 360 Engine
- Black w/wood trim panels
- Leather interior in excellent condition
- New headliner
- New window motors
- Rebuilt Carburetor
- New radio w/cassett but have original radio
- Very Good Condition
- \$7,500 negotiable

Contact: 609-567-3420

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## FOR SALE - 1962 Chrysler Imperial LeBaron \$16,000

- Original/One Owner
- 40,000 miles
- Black 4 door Hardtop
- Light blue leather interior
- Garage kept
- Excellent condition
- \$16,000 negotiable

Contact: 609-567-3420

## LET US HELP YOU SELL YOUR CAR AND/OR PARTS.

Contact Linda McFarland with your items for sale.

[sjraaca@gmail.com](mailto:sjraaca@gmail.com)

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## LOST WORDS FROM OUR CHILDHOOD

(by Richard Lederer & Submitted by Betty Funck

From Upton Motor News, Pennsylvania Dutch Region AACA)



Today we live in an age of technology with words like cell phone, text, twitter and Bluetooth. We have computers, with a user name and a password to email and we can use it to face book, Google and Skype. I'm sure you can think of many more but I want to tell you about some lost words from our childhood.

Would you recognize the word Murgatroyd? Heavens to Murgatroyd!

Lost words from our childhood; words gone as fast as the buggy whip!

The other day, a not so elderly (65) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said, what is a Jalopy? He had never heard of the word Jalopy! She knew she was old but not that old.

Well I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle. About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology.

These phrases included: "Don't touch that dial", "Carbon Copy", "You sound like a broken record", and "Hung out to dry".

Back in the olden days we had words like - Heavens to Betsy!

Gee whillikers! Jumping Johoshaphat! Holy Moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of behives, pageboys, and the D.A., of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap and before we can say, "Well I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or "This is a fine kettle of fish!" - we discover that the words we grew up with have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Where have all those phrases gone? Long gone: pshaw/ The milkman did it / Hey ! It's your nickel./ Don't forget to pull the chain/ Knee high to a grasshopper/ Well Fiddlesticks! / Going like sixty / I'll see you in the funny papers. / Don't take any wooden nickels. / Heavens to Murgatroyd!

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff!

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in a changeful time. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

"See ye later, alligator !!!"

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## AUTOMOTIVE QUIZ

How many can you answer correctly?  
(Answers on page 8)



1. What year did Ford have a grill over their horns?
2. What year was the last Ford four cylinder truck made in Edgewater NJ?
3. What was the first car in 1933 that was wider than its height?
4. What year did Ford offer a factory installed radio?
5. What year did Dodge change to 16" wheels?
6. What year did Ford skirt the front fenders?
7. What year did Chevrolet have four suicide doors?
8. What year did Chevy offer a 6 cylinder engine?
9. What year did a low priced Chevrolet car weigh more than 2 1/2 ton?
10. What year did Chevrolet hand brake hang under the dash?

Thank you to Bill & Valerie Wynn for this Automotive Quiz.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### APRIL

- 3 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
Woodstown Borough Hall
- 13 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD** Golden Palace, Vineland
- 19 5-8 PM Bobbitt Cruise Night**
- 22 3-7 PM Kountry Kitchen Cruise Night**
- 29 8:00 AM Tour to AACA Museum Hershey**

#### MAY

- 1 7:00 PM CLUB MEETING**  
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- 11 6:30 PM FRIENDSHIP & FOOD**
- 13 10 AM-2 PM CARDINAL VILLAGE CAR SHOW**
- 17 5-8 PM BOBBITT CRUISE NIGHT**
- 27&28 WHEELS & WINGS CAR SHOW 9AM-5PM**  
Millville Airport, Millville, NJ
- 29 Glassboro Memorial Day Parade**

