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AACA 2007 Annual Meeting Was Busy & Fun

This could have been an interesting situation – the guys and gals from Charm City meet in the City of Brotherly Love. To tell the truth, the AACA's Annual Meeting was a fun event, as usual, with a jam-packed schedule over two days. The weather outside was clear and sunny, but it sure was cooold! But, we were all too busy inside to worry about charm and brotherly love, or the frigid temperatures.

Among the thousand or so attendees, the Chesapeake Region was represented by the following members who we saw at various times during the two days: Gladys and Sterling Walsh, Mildred and Al Lawson, Franklin Gage, Ted Schneider, John Young, Tom Young, and Terry Bond..



1948 Indian Chief

There were AACA members in for the weekend from all parts of the country and with a diverse mix of interests within the hobby. The seminar subjects emphasize the diversity: Documented Race Cars, Tops and Upholstery, The Amphicar, Recruiting Young Adult Members, History of License Plates, Mopeds and Powered Cycles, Residential Automotive Lifts, Early Buicks, and Publications – are a sampling of more than 40 seminars offered.

Seminars were offered both Friday and Saturday. The Trade Show also ran both days on the ballroom level where the registration, morning refreshments, and box lunches were available.

Saturday morning started with judging schools: National Judging for members with fewer than 16 credits, Advanced Judging for members and team captains with more than 15 credits, and chief judges and registration. In the National Judging school there were more than 250 in attendance. At 2 PM the General Membership Meeting was held. We heard a summary from all the national officers about their area of responsibility. And we learned about the direction that the national club will be taking over the next year.

The Trade Show hall was decorated with several AACA member's vehicles, some of which appear on page 2. The 1911 E.M.F. Racer, shown below, won the Past President's Racing Cup - Eastern Division, an



1911 E.M.F. Racer

AACA National Award. Car #33 was one of three sent by E.M.F. in 1911 to the Tiedeman Cup Race in Savannah, GA, which was a preliminary race for small cars at the Vanderbilt Cup races. It placed third in the race, with the other two E.M.F.s placing first and second. In recent years #33 has competed in many vintage car races.

Saturday evening there was a reception before the Annual Awards Banquet, which gave everyone a chance to mingle and catch up with the past two days.

Attendance at the Awards Banquet was estimated to be more than 350 members and guests. After a fine

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meal, the 2007 AACA National Board was introduced headed by Dave Berg as the 2007 AACA President. National Awards were given out while a dual projector system showed the vehicle and the trophy on which the award winner will have their name

engraved. The full list of National Award winners can be viewed at <http://www.aaca.org> by clicking the link under News on the front page.

Editor's Note: the 2006 AACA Annual Report will appear in the April Chesapeake Bulletin.



1952 Ford Custom



1908 Stanley Racer



Trade Show Entrance is Busy



Tom Young & John Young at the reception Saturday



Members Pick Up Tickets



1919 Pierce Arrow



1956 Mercury Montclair