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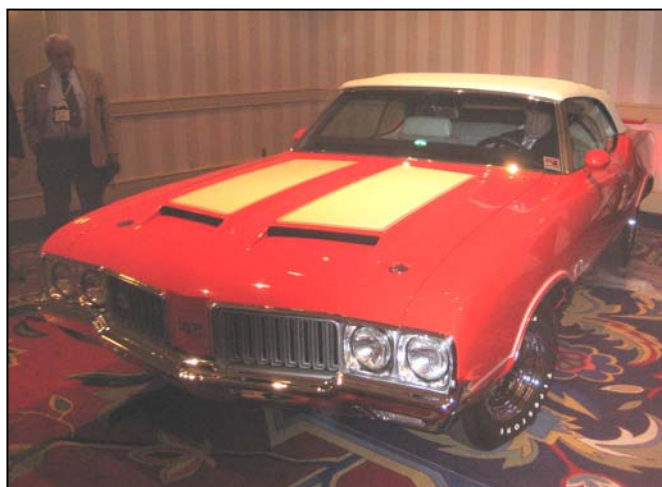
## AACA Annual Meeting Launches The Club's Year

By Dave Benson & Tom Young

The 73<sup>rd</sup> AACA Annual Meeting was held in Philadelphia on Valentine's Day weekend February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Attendance seemed to be comparable to recent years, and we were told Friday that 1,020 members had pre-registered. The walk-in crowd Saturday increased the count.

We learned during the general membership meeting Saturday that the result of a year of focusing on strategic plan formation for AACA National, the AACA Museum, and the Library and Research Center has given the organization a unified outlook and direction. The AACA now has a new

Another long-standing member of the AACA, Sterling Walsh, received the AACA Museum, Inc. Award, given to the person whose dedication and personal service has contributed to the general welfare of the organization. And Ted Schneider received a Master Webmaster Award for the Chesapeake



*Decorating the banquet room Saturday evening were these two cars. On the left: a 1950 Allard J2 that raced at Pebble Beach in 1951. It was originally powered by a 1950 Mercury flathead V-8, but now has a Chrysler Hemi V-8. It was restored in 2003 and is a Concours d'Elegance competitor. On the right: a 1970 Oldsmobile 442, which won the AACA Ransom E. Olds Memorial Award. It's owned by Richard Mosteller, Warminster,*

The Trade Show was completely filled by vendors and exhibit cars, a much better showing than last year. There were some new vendors with interesting offerings.

For those of us who enjoy the learning process there were 44 seminars Friday and Saturday, plus the Saturday Judging Schools. Some of the popular how-to seminars included "How to Choose a Trailer and Trailer Safety", "Tips for Restoring Muscle Cars", "Basic Trouble Shooting with a Digital Ohm Meter", and "AACA Judging for Vehicle Owners."

mission statement: "America's premier resource for the collectible vehicle community."

One of the AACA's long-standing resources, Kim Miller Gardner, has retired as Librarian after 29 years. Kim started the Library from basically a few books in an upstairs room and oversaw the expansion and improvement of the Library to its current level of excellence. Kim received the AACA Editorial Award and was requested to give her many admirers and supporters a farewell speech at the Banquet – quite rare for any award winner.

Region's website.

The new AACA National Board assignments for 2009 were announced at the Banquet. Elected AACA President by the Board was Michael J. Jones. The Executive Vice President will be Terry L. Bond, a Chesapeake Region member, although he lives in the Tidewater area of Virginia. And Sharon M. Lee will be Secretary/Treasurer. The rest of the assignments and the committee members can be found on the AACA website: [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org) under "About"

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Chesapeake Region members at the AACA Annual Meeting were: Susan & Terry Bond, Dave Benson, Mildred & Al Lawson, Al Storrs, Tom Young, Ted Schneider, and Franklin Gage.

The AACA has a new monthly communication tool that is sent to members on a request basis. It's an e-mail update letter called *Speedster* – a quick, easy to read news publication designed to keep members up-to-date.

Plus it has numerous links and reminders. This useful tool can be yours for the asking. All you have to do is call National headquarters (717-534-1910) and give them your e-mail address; or e-mail [speedster@aaca.org](mailto:speedster@aaca.org).



*AACA Museum booth featured the Plymouth Prowler Raffle*



*AACA booth with loads of merchandise for sale*



*Display of four Allard competition cars 1948 to 1952*



*1953 Henry J with original advertising*



*Registration desk on the upper level*



*London to Brighton Veteran Car Run 1903 Ford*