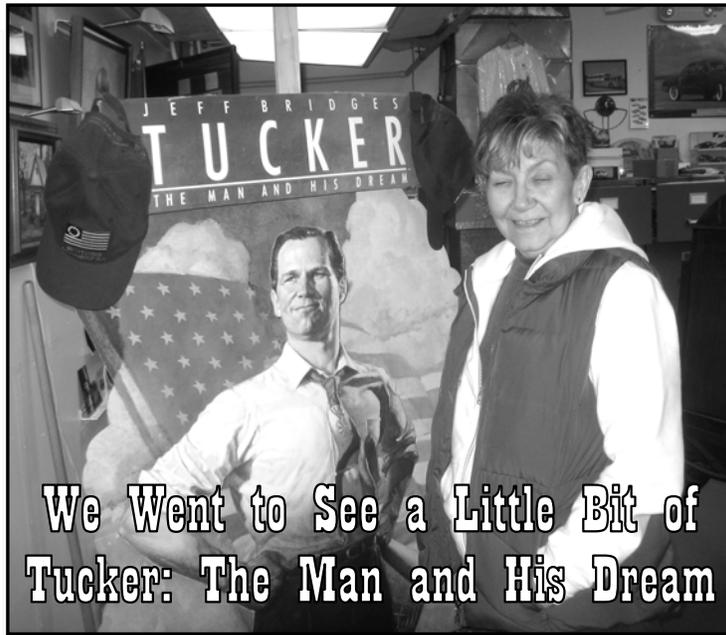


**By Ted Schneider**

If you are bitten by the antique car hobby, what do you do during March besides go to Swap Meets or work on your cars? One possibility is to go to a Museum, which is a great idea if you're within easy driving distance of the best Tucker collection in America.

So on March 19<sup>th</sup>, twenty-one Club members and friends met at the Maryland Visitor Center on I-95. We caravanned over to Old Town Alexandria, VA to see David Cammack's collection of three restored Tuckers, development prototypes, promotional and sales items, and hundreds of photos and Tucker memorabilia.

We first stopped for an early lunch at the Old Country Buffet and then went into Old Town to find the alley, which leads into the parking area for the museum. You can't use a GPS to find Cammack's place, because, as he



**We Went to See a Little Bit of Tucker: The Man and His Dream**

*Miriam Zentgraf would have liked to meet Jeff Bridges, but settled for a photo with the Tucker movie promotional cutout.*

pointed out, it doesn't have any street address; it's behind a fire station buried in the back yards of the row houses lining the streets.

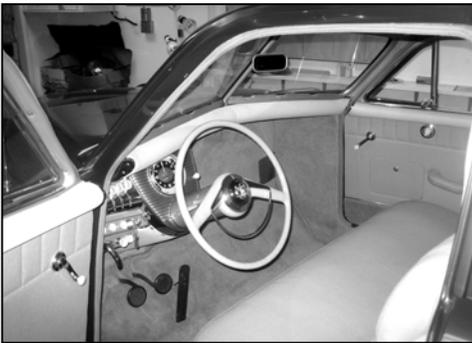
This visit to Cammack's museum was our third since 2002. He keeps adding new pieces to his collection. There is so much displayed that it's easy to overlook some of the memorabilia.

The wonderful feature about visiting Cammack's museum is the interest he takes in giving guided tours. Dave's depth of knowledge about the life and times of Preston Tucker is unique. He explains in revealing detail the progression of mechanical and design development of the Tucker automobile.

Having studied and collected everything Tucker for much of his life, Dave can keep any group really engaged as he moves among the displays sharing his knowledge.

Since our last visit, Dave has enhanced the Tucker engines that are displayed on stands. It's amazing how what started out as a helicopter engine can be revised and refined for automotive use. Of course, we'll never know if the design could have survived the rigors of millions of cars in daily use.

Members and guests who came out on a nice early spring day to see this unique Tucker collection were: Henry Ver Valen, Tom Kenney, Jack O'Hara, Ken Stevenson, Henry Chaudron, Barbara Muldowney, Paula & Gary Ruby, Dave Cavey, Jerry Gordon, Buzz Diehl, Linda & Tom Young, Ted Schneider, Mary & Ed Allen, Terry & Dan Materazzi, Pat Wenderoth, and Miriam & Joe Zentgraf, Jr.



*Shown clockwise from the top left: The spacious front seating area; part of our group following Dave Cammack around the wall displays and learning more about Tuckers; the wall displays seem to go on forever; Tucker #1026, a maroon beauty; and Tucker #1022, a striking metallic silver.*