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NEXT MEETING:

Saturday March 10, 2018

10:00 AM

DiDomenico Hotrods

11 Alcap Ridge

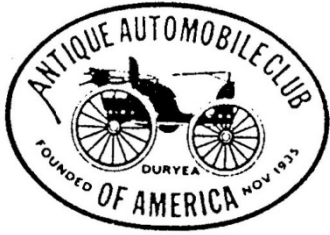
Cromwell, CT 06416

**Our host is Jeff DiDomenico who
specializes in automotive
customization and restoration**



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From the editor....

Please notice that we have a couple of openings on the Board of Directors. Please contact Travis or any board member if you are interested in serving on the board and helping to guide our club in the future.

Be sure to attend our next membership meeting Saturday March 10th at 10:00 am at DiDomenico Hotrods in Cromwell. All the details are in this Distributor.

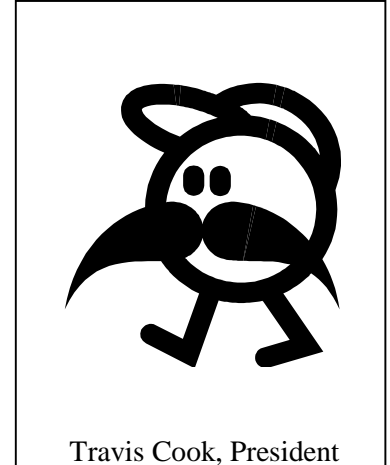
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President's Message**March 2018**

It's unfortunate that we had to cancel our February membership meeting at Cerone Automotive but sometimes things happen that are beyond our control. We will try to reschedule this meeting later in the year. It is definitely one that our members will enjoy.

Our March meeting will be at DiDomenico Hotrods, 11 Alcap Ridge, Cromwell, CT 06416 where they build customized hot rods, perform restorations, metal fabrication, custom paint and more. Our host is Jeff DiDomemico and you can find more information on his business by going to DiDomenico Hotrods on Facebook. The date is Saturday March 10th at 10:00 AM. Our friends at VCCC are invited and other clubs are receiving a special invitation. Many thanks to CCR vice president John Bieback for setting this up.



John is also setting up the Maple Sugar Breakfast tour to the Maple Corner Farm, 749 Beech Hill Rd., Granville, MA 01034 on April 7, rain date April 8th. This is a driving event and all are invited to participate. You are encouraged to drive your old car but your modern hot rod or even your daily driver are welcome. Just come out and enjoy the day with us. And of course, bring the whole family, grandkids, friends, neighbors and anyone else that would be interested. See the flyer in this issue for all the details including the meeting places and times. And, of course, anyone living closer to Granville is welcome to meet us at Maple Corner Farm around noon if the meeting places are not convenient.

The Covenant Village Car Show will be held on May 19th in Cromwell in memory of CCR member Pete Alison. This was Pete's show for many years and his family continues it in his memory. It is a great show and more details are in the calendar.

Please let me know if you have a suggestion for a meeting place.

Most importantly, car show season is quickly approaching and we need someone to step up as Car Show Chairman and members to work on committees related to the car show. Bob Hand is retiring as car show chairman after 20 years but is looking forward to working with the new team to get off to a good start. There is plenty to do and the task of presenting a great show is much easier if we have more people involved. Please let me know if you are interested.

We still have 2 openings on the Board of Directors. We would like to have some new members with new ideas join the board and help guide the club into the future. We also need to fill the position of club historian.

**Next Meeting: DiDomenico Hotrods
Saturday March 10, 2018, 10:00 AM
11 Alcap Ridge, Cromwell, CT 06416**

Until next time – safe motoring!
Travis Cook, President CCR-AACA
860-462-1067 cell phone

**Central Connecticut Region AACA
Board of Directors Meeting
February 5, 2018, 7:00 PM
Fox Laminating, West Hartford**

Secretary's report – None, no meeting last month

Treasurer's report was for 2 months read and accepted

The following members attended the February meeting:

Paul Bosco, Fred Glabau, Nick Nesci, Ray Lichota,
Bob Hand, John Bieback, Travis Cook, Jack Gasper, Bill Ullmar

Old Business

Travis brought up the idea that he would like to see the club bring back the Ad Book. This past year we dropped. Our revenues went way down. The problem is getting people to sell ads and getting paid for them in a timely manner. The members who sell ads are tired of chasing vendors to pay for the ads. They do not understand that we have a time schedule that has to be met. We have a deadline to get the ads to the printer so we may have the books for our meet.

New Business

Once again, let it be known that Bob Hand is retiring as Show Chairman. We need a Show Chairman.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE A SHOW CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE NO SHOW That is the bottom line.

Jack Gasper asked the board what direction are we going in. That's a good question.

Most of the board members have served the Region in one way or another. We need new blood.

We need places to visit for our monthly meeting. John Bieback will try and set up a tour with the Connecticut Valley Region out of Massachusetts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Paul C. Bosco, Secretary

Al's Trivia March 2018 (answers on page 5)

1. What car first referred to itself as a convertible?
2. What car used the first successful production of hydraulic valve lifters?
3. What auto company offered a trunk-lid-lock control, operated from the driver's seat in 1955?
4. What year was the last LaSalle car produced?
5. What year was the hit tune "In My Merry Oldsmobile"?
6. What country manufactured the Auburn?
7. What name was given to the fan belt on the 1984 Corvette?
8. Why is the Wankel engine different compared to the conventional engine?
9. What was the average automobile factory workers wages in 1946 per week?
10. What caused \$255 million in damages in Connecticut in 1979?

CCR-AACA Calendar

1/11/18	Movie Night with the Valley Collector Car Club at The Old Well Tavern, 20 Tariffville Road, Simsbury, CT 06070, 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Dinner, movies and a good time (Rich Dabrowski)
2/22/18	Cerone Automotive, 140 Day St., Newington, CT 06111 Thursday 6:30 PM (Travis Cook) Canceled, to be rescheduled.
3/10/18	DiDomemico Hot Rods, 11 Alcap Ridge, Cromwell, CT 06416 Saturday 10:00 AM (John Bieback)
4/7 or 4/8	Maple Sugar Breakfast tour, Maple Corner Farm, Granville, MA 01034. Driving tour, Saturday 4/7, rain date Sunday 4/8, see the flyer in this issue for all the details. (John Bieback)
4/21/18 *	Klingberg Family Centers Car Show #1, 370 Linwood St, New Britain, CT, Saturday 9 – Noon General admission \$10, seniors \$8, children under 12 are free.
Apr 2018	CCR Spring Banquet – date and location to be determined
May 2018	Need meeting location
5/15/15 *	Jackie G's Cruise Night, new location for 2018, East Windsor Reservoir Park, 27 Reservoir Ave., Broad Brook, CT 06016. Every Tuesday, May 15 thru September, weather permitting, 5PM-dusk, 860-970-2094. More info to follow...
5/19/18 *	Covenant Village Car Show, 52 Missionary Rd, Cromwell, CT. 860-635-2690 Saturday 10 – 2. In memory of CCR member Pete Alison, Rain or Shine
Jun 2018	CCR Car Show? or other meeting location?
Jul 2018	Vacation Month - No Meetings
Aug 2018	Need meeting location
Sep 2018	Need meeting location
10/7/17 *	Cartoberfest 2018, 37 Greenwoods Rd, New Hartford, CT, 10 – 3PM, Sunday by "Time Was Garage" to benefit New Hartford Fire & Rescue. Always the first nice Sunday in October.
10/10/18 *	Hershey Flea Market & Car Show. October 10, 11, 12, 13, 2018. Always a great time at Hershey. Takes the place of the CCR October meeting. No Board of Directors meeting in October.
Nov 2018	Need meeting location
Dec 2018	Annual Election of Officers and dinner – date and location TBD

** Indicates this is not a CCR sponsored event but may be of interest to our members.*

Meetings will usually be canceled if it snows or if the weather is questionable. You can call Travis Cook at 860-462-1067 or Bob Hand at 860-690-2378 for confirmation.

Ideas for meeting places always welcomed. Call Travis at 860-462-1067. Thanks

Answers to Al's Trivia – March 2018

1. The 1904 Thomas Flyer. It had a removable top
2. The 1930 Cadillac first production V-16
3. Cadillac
4. 1940
5. 1905
6. United States
7. Serpentine belt
8. No pistons and no cylinders
9. \$43.00 per week
10. A tornado

CCR Market Place
(For Sale/Trade/Wanted/Free, etc.)

FOR SALE

1929 Ford Model A Sport Coupe

Older ground up, still nice, L.B. interior, numbers matching, \$16,500.
Call Ray at (860) 633-6561.

1940 Dodge 2 Door Sedan

All original, \$12,500. Contact Jim Finnance (860) 463-3369.

1933 Original Ford V8 Engines (2) Unrestored

Various other Ford 33-34 front end parts.
Call Jack at (860) 208-0131 for more information.



WANTED

Need parts to complete a 1929 Model A Roadster Pickup. Many parts from Cowl forward are same as 1928 roadster. Any assistance would be most appreciated. Tom Gormley 203-405-1893 E-mail t27sedan@aol.com

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- Electrical
- Glass/Chrome Work



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Maple Syrup Tour



THIS WILL BE A Multi-Club TOUR:

- **CT Model "A" Restorers Club (East Berlin)**
- **Valley Collector Car Club (Simsbury)**
- **CT Valley Region AACA (MA, CT, VT, & NH)**
- **Central CT Region AACA (West Hartford)**

DATE: Saturday, April 7, 2018, rain date is Sunday, April 8; if questionable, please call John (860.916 3582)

MEETING PLACES: There will be 2 meeting places. **Please be prompt!**

9:30 Departure Time: McDonalds in Newington on Berlin Tpk. – intersection of Rt. 15 & Rt. 287 (Robbins Rd.)
GPS address: 2375 Berlin Tpk. Newington, CT.

10:30 Departure Time: McDonalds in Canton Rt. 44/202 (Canton Village).
GPS address: 220 Albany Tpk. – Canton, CT

TOUR: Maple Corner Farm – Granville, MA., for a pancake breakfast.
GPS address: 749 Beech Hill Rd. – Granville, MA.

TOUR ROUTE: From McDonalds in Canton, head west on Rt. 44/202 to Rt.179 N towards Canton Center. Stay on Rt. 179 N to East Hartland. We will make a "pit stop" at East Hartland Fire Dept. We will continue on Rt.-179 N to Rt.-57 and onto North Lane and to Maple Corner Farm.

RETURN ROUTE: At about 2:00 pm we will leave Granville, Rt-57 to Rt-189 to Granby, Rt-202 to Simsbury, Rt.-185 to Mountain Rd. to West Hartford Center.

TENTATIVE COUNT: If you are planning on going, please call John/Lin (phone numbers at bottom) the week before (3/28 – 4/6) as the farm would like a preliminary count. They will reserve tables based on our count.

TOUR INFO: For your convenience, we'll have two places to meet. The 1st meeting place will be at McDonalds in Newington and we will depart there at 9:30 to meet up with the 2nd group at McDonalds in Canton Rt.- 44/202 (Canton Village). We'll leave at 10:30 from Canton for the tour to Granville. We plan on arriving at the Maple Farm around 12:00 for breakfast/lunch. There will be an informative tour of the sap processing at the new sugar shack. At about 2:00 we'll head back to West Hartford Center for an Ice Cream stop.

I will be looking for a couple of extra tour guides to separate the cars into groups instead of one long train of cars. Call me and I will go over the route.

TOUR LEADER: John Bieback 860.916.3582 cell
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