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### VMCCA/AACA Revival Glidden Tours

2012 October 21-26 Brenham, Texas  
Directors: Jamie & Pat Crandall

2013 Sept. 8-13 Cantral, Vermont  
Green Mountain Region

2014 Open

### Chrome Glidden Tour

2012 June 21-25 (new dates) Billings, Montana  
Directors: Greg & Deb Childs

### Heritage Tour

2012 July 15-20 Homestead, Iowa  
Directors: Russ & Marg Bees

### Muscle Car Tour

2012 May 13-17 Branson, Missouri  
Directors: Bob & Cathy Taylor

### VMCCA Membership Meetings

2012 Feb. 9-11 Punta Gorda, Florida  
2013 Jan. (Car Auction Week) Phoenix, Arizona

Photos contributed by Alice Oberender and Ann Fagan.

## Director's Message

First of all I would like to say it is great to work with this club. Everyone is so nice and helpful. It's like a family should be.

We had a great summer and the fall tour was well attended with friends and lots of fun. The couples that planned it did a lot of work and it showed. I think everyone enjoyed it. I know Chris and I did and my daughter and son in law sure did. They kept saying how everyone was so friendly. The club had a good showing at the Glidden tour in Cumberland or should I say the hill climb.

We have some great things in the works for next year. Carl Davis has stepped up and is working on plans for next year.

I want to thank Steve Smith for the annual dinner that we always enjoy. If it wasn't for the people that step up and do these events, we wouldn't have a great club. So more members need to step up for their club. Happy Holidays!

*Howard*

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## 2011 Annual National Awards

In the Sept/Oct *Bulb Horn* there is a nomination form for 24 national awards; some are for people and some are for vehicles. Think about cars and members you know and consider nominating them for a National Award. I'm sure Mike Johnson, Technical VP, will appreciate having nominations for all 24 awards. Just as a reminder, self nomination is also accepted.



Members on the 2012 Chrome Glidden Tour in Michigan.

## Dues are Due Now

On the last page of this newsletter is the form you need to complete and mail with your check for \$12 to renew your membership in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Make extra copies and put one in each antique vehicle to give to prospective members next year.

**You MUST be a national member to be in the Mid-Atlantic Region.**

It is just as easy to renew your national membership. A BLUE form and return envelope are included with the Sept/Oct *Bulb Horn*. Dues are due for 2012 NOW. So take a minute and fill out the form and mail it back. Or you can go online at [www.vmcca.org](http://www.vmcca.org) to pay national dues with a credit card.

## For Sale

**1979 Lincoln MKV.** Many Options: Factory CB, AM/FM 8 track, Moon Roof, Dual 6 Way Power Seats. Less than 26,000 Original Miles. Great Tour Car. \$12,500 Contact Stoney 410-877-7069 e mail [my56victoria@verizon.net](mailto:my56victoria@verizon.net)

**1964 Falcon Futura Convertible.** 6 cyl. Auto. New bucket seat interior. Body and paint done. New Ford crate motor. Brakes, trans done. \$11,500 OBO Nice tour car, sporty, comfortable and economical to run. Gary 610-982-5626

Photos of both cars can be seen on the website.

## Minutes of VMCCA Business Meeting

October 13, 2011

The meeting was held in conjunction with the Fall Tour. Director Howard King called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the home of Linda & Bill Bushey. Linda and Bill were thanked for hosting this meeting at their home after a casual catered dinner. An ice cream social featuring root beer floats followed the meeting. Club members were encouraged to wander around and enjoy the Bushey's extensive collection of '50's memorabilia.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the Newsletter. In lieu of reading, the submission of the minutes as written and printed was accepted by a voice vote of those present.

TREASURY: Treasurer Alice Oberender gave the treasurer's report.. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. This motion was passed by a voice vote of the members present.

NEWSLETTER: There was no Newsletter report. Doris is always looking for articles and photographs from the members about their interest in antique vehicles. E-mail her at [dmstone65@comcast.net](mailto:dmstone65@comcast.net) with your submission.

Member David Oberender then took the floor to move that the club sponsored one-half the cost of the dinner at the annual meeting for its members. Guests would pay full price. After discussion, this motion was carried by a voice vote of the members present.

Director Howard King initiated a discussion about the VMCCA booth at the Fall Hershey car show. Other members joined the discussion to describe the original intent of "manning" the booth, which was to interest people in upcoming VMCCA tours as well as membership in the National and local VMCCA organizations. It was noted that National pays the cost of the booth, but manning the booth is voluntary. The original concept was for a volunteer to be in the booth for a couple of hours, and then be relieved by another VMCCA member. This only works if the relief members actually come in. Another idea was vetted – that of having several (6 or 8 or 10) mini-booths around the Hershey field to increase exposure to VMCCA, as this year's location wasn't felt to be ideal.

Director Howard announced that Doris Stone had resigned her position at the National VMCCA level, and that there would be no representation of our Chapter at the annual meeting in Florida. Jim & Emilie Scheidel announced that they would be in Florida and would be attending the annual meeting. Howard offered to provide them with a letter stating that the Scheidels would be representing the Mid-Atlantic Region. Discussion

was held concerning the \$500 stipend the Club provides for the President's attendance. It was deemed important that the Mid-Atlantic Region should be represented by its Director; therefore it was moved that an allowance of up to \$1,000.00 would be provided by the Club. After discussion, the motion was approved that a one-time expense of up to \$1,000 would be made available for the Director's attendance at the next VMCCA annual meeting.

Director Howard thanked the Fall Tour Committee for pulling together such a fun, educational, and interesting tour. The Committee was chaired by Rickie & Billy Beardmore, and ably helped by Darcy Erion & Bobbie Cox, Jim and Emilie Scheidel, Bill and Linda Bushey, and John & Margaret McLean. Howard then mentioned that he was looking for volunteers to coordinate the Club's 2012 events – the Spring Tour, Picnic, Fall Tour, and Annual Meeting – and encouraged members to become involved.

A report was then heard from the Nominating Committee – Stoney Stonesifer & Yale Fagan. Stoney announced the following slate of candidates: Director – Howard King, Vice Director – David Young, Secretary – Ann Fagan, Treasurer – Alice Oberender, and Sergeant-at-Arms – David Oberender (by Directorial appointment).

### UPCOMING:

- **Holiday Dinner and Business Meeting:** The dinner will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at The Inn at Brookeville Farms, Brookeville, MD; the same location as last year. We will be able to arrive at the restaurant at 11:00 AM; a buffet lunch will be served at 12:00 PM.

Tour Director Billy Beardmore then took the floor to tell us about tomorrow's activities and give us some time-lines for arrival at our first stop, the Surratt house.

Member Chester Bradfield then asked the members to keep John & Doris Stone in their thoughts, as both, as well as Doris' mother, are having some health issues, and both have stepped down from their respective VMCCA offices.

NEW MEMBERS: Bob & Alison Pickeral are attending their first tour, as are Richard & Maureen Fortin. Guests Wendy Erion (Darcy's daughter-in-law) and her friend Liz were introduced.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on November 19th in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the business meeting; this was carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Submitted by Ann Fagan, Secretary

**VMCCA Mid-Atlantic Region Fall Tour**  
**“The Escape Route of John Wilkes Booth”**  
**October 12-15, 2011**  
**By Ann Fagan**

This fun and educational tour was held in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia. We were based out of the Holiday Inn Express in Prince Frederick, MD.

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Tour attendees were encouraged to arrive this afternoon to pick up our registration packets. Dinner was on our own, and at 7:00 PM we came back to our Hospitality Room at the hotel for an informative discussion and slide show. This presentation was given by a docent at the Surratt House, and set the stage for the first two days of our tour and our immersion into the story behind the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and the subsequent escape attempt of his assassin, John Wilkes Booth.

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> It was a damp, drizzly day as the 71 tour attendees boarded two coach busses for our trip into Washington, DC. The weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the tour members – we knew we were in for a good time! The busses were perfect – comfortable, roomy, and avoided the need to park in downtown DC – a challenge in the best of times, but definitely a challenge in the city taking our antique

vehicles into consideration. Our destination: Ford’s Theatre, where the deadly shot was fired that ended President Lincoln’s life. Our tickets included admission to the self-guided tour of the [Ford’s Theatre Museum](#), where we were able to explore Lincoln’s presidency from his inauguration to the very minute he arrived at Ford’s Theatre the fateful night of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1865. The actual



derringer single-shot pistol used by John Wilkes Booth to shoot the President is on display, as well as other artifacts such as posters, mannequins, and maps. We were then invited upstairs into the theatre itself, where a National Park Ranger gave an excellent presentation that described the key facts of the assassination. The box that the President and Mrs. Lincoln occupied is bunting-draped, just as it was 146 years ago, and is decorated with a picture of President George Washington, just as it was then.

Too soon this portion of our tour was over, but members could go across the street and tour the Peterson House – a former boarding house where President Lincoln actually died. This property is also a part of the National Park Service, and Rangers were available to answer all questions.

Lunch was on our own, and a few dozen of us went down the street to the Hard Rock Café to eat. The Hard Rock is always fun, and there was plenty of music memorabilia to look at there as well.

Next event – back on the busses for a short ride to the World War II Memorial. We were able to take a group picture here, and spend some time enjoying the memorial. This memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people. The memorial is flanked by the Washington Monument to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west, and is operated by the National Park Service as well.

Around 3:00 PM, we boarded the busses to follow the Booth escape route out of Washington, and then back to the hotel. At 4:45, we left the hotel for Bill and Linda “Bushey’s Brat Estate”, where we had a casual, picnic-style dinner and an ice-cream social. Bill & Linda have an extensive collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia, as well as a ton of other interesting things to look at and exclaim over. There was a short business meeting after dinner, and then we were treated to ice cream and birthday cake and yummy



root beer floats. Those floats really took some of us back in time. Yes, birthday cake – it was Darcy Erion’s birthday, so Bobbie arranged to have cake for him. There was also a 50-50 drawing ... and who won? None other than the Birthday Boy – it was a

good day all around!

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> After a leisurely breakfast when some of us played with the hotel’s pancake making machine, we left the hotel for a drive to the Surratt House & Tavern in Clinton, MD, where we toured the property in small groups. The house was built in 1852 as a middle-class plantation home, and also served as a tavern and hostelry, a post office, and polling place during the decade before the Civil War. During the war, it was a safe-house for the Confederate underground which flourished in Southern Maryland. It was the country home of Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the United States federal government after being found guilty of conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. To this day, debate rages about Mrs. Surratt’s involvement in the conspiracy.

The farmhouse and tavern were restored in 1976 by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning

Commission, and today the museum presents a variety of programs and events, recapturing the history of mid-19th century life and focusing on the fascinating web of the Lincoln conspiracy. The Robert Redford-directed movie “*The Conspirator*” tells Mary Surratt’s story. Our guides were extremely knowledgeable about this period of American history, and cheerfully answered all our questions.

After touring the Surratt House, we left for Waldorf, MD for a tour of the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd house and farm. John Wilkes Booth appeared at the Mudd seeking medical care, as he’d broken his leg somewhere along the way in his flight from Ford’s Theatre. There is



appeared home care, as leg along flight Theatre.

controversy about the actual events of the broken leg, too. Dr. Mudd was convicted and imprisoned for allegedly aiding and conspiring with [John Wilkes Booth](#) in the assassination of President [Lincoln](#). Controversy about Dr. Mudd’s involvement in the conspiracy still exists; the guides and family members to whom we spoke were adamant about his circumstantial involvement, but at his trial, he was found guilty and imprisoned at Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas, west of Key Largo, Florida. In the fall of 1867, there was an outbreak of yellow fever at the fort, and Dr. Mudd helped to treat the disease among the soldiers. For his efforts, he was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson. It was fascinating to hear the stories, as well as to be exposed to the differing opinions about what really happened during this time in American history. It generated a lot of discussion and opinions within our touring group as well! 146 years later, the discussion carries on – heatedly, one assumes.

We enjoyed a box lunch at Dr. Mudd’s farm, and then disbursed at our own pace to continue on the escape route to Blossom Point. This was where Booth crossed the Potomac River, aiming for Virginia, but somehow ending up in



Maryland instead. Ultimately, Booth made it to a farm in Virginia where he took refuge in a tobacco barn. Federal troops discovered him hiding there, set the barn on fire to force him out, and ended up shooting him. He died on April 26, 1865, 12 days after the President’s assassination. What an absolutely fascinating saga!

Dinner was on our own tonight; several groups found excellent restaurants in the area and enjoyed the rest of the evening while dining as well as in the hospitality area.

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> We drove to Solomon’s Island in southern Maryland for our last day of touring. It was sunny and breezy, and there were several choices of places to visit on the island. On the way south, some of the members visited the Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary, the northernmost limits in the US for bald cypress trees – these trees have *knees*!! This is an interesting and well maintained Nature Conservancy, and was well worth the stop. Afterwards, some members chose to go to the Calvert Marine Museum, while others chose the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, or the Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center. The Center showcases art from the Smithsonian Museum. All the Solomon’s Island choices were interesting and educational, and it was a beautiful day to be spending time near the water.

For our final group activity, the members drove to Vera’s for dinner. Vera’s bills itself as a Beach Club Restaurant and Marina in Lusby, MD on Saint Leonard’s Creek. We enjoyed the restaurant, the water views, and the camaraderie for one last meal together.

This was an excellent tour, conducted by tour directors (Photo at bottom left; L to R) Billy & Rickie Beardmore and assisted by Bobbie Cox & Darcy Erion, Emilie & Jim Scheidel, Linda & Bill Bushey, and Margaret & John McLean. From the attractive name tags and plaques to the incredibly detailed driving directions – with pictures – to the stuffed goodie bags; it was a wonderfully planned tour with interesting and educational stops along *The Escape Route of John Wilkes Booth*. Thank you to the Committee for their hard work and dedication in coordinating this tour.





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