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Bluegrass Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America

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### 2017 Event Dates

June 24	Picnic Membership Meeting – Clay City, KY Jack Kubik to lead tour (Henry and Sandy Pettit will host again)
July 1	Lunch Tour to Hall's on the River (Round Trip Event, average speeds 35 mph) (Tony Dehner)
July 15	Concours d'Elegance at Keeneland - 7:30 am breakfast backside track kitchen - 9:00 am set up Ladies Luncheon – Gift Box Restaurant (Lo Arnold)
Aug 26	Progressive Dinner Tour (Phil Schneider and Lo Arnold)
Sept 22, 23	Greenville, TN / Jonesboro – (2 nights) (Mary Ellen Lutz and Diana Hanks) Phil Bachman Private Car Collection (Tony Dehner)
Oct 21	Beaumont Inn, Harrodsburg, KY (Brad and Reda Leasor)
Nov 11	Gibby's Restaurant and Capitol Tour Frankfort, KY (Jack Garabedian and Janet Hoover)
Dec 2	Holiday Dinner and Auction Party Membership Meeting at Spring Valley Country Club (Debbie Gresham)

The morning started with Debbie handing out treat bags for the trip along with information she and Bob put together about the area's history, which we would learn more about later in the day. On the way to Bradfordsville, we stopped at Shakertown at the aptly named Pleasant Hill in Mercer County.



*Stopping at Shakertown*

We pulled into Bradfordsville and parked behind the Country Store Restaurant on Main Street. Bradfordsville residents, including Mayor David Edelen, were on hand to extend a warm welcome and enjoy the diverse cars on display from the 1920s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 80s, 90s and 2000s. They had even posted a welcome for the three car clubs on the Bradfordsville Civic Center marquee!

### May 20 The Country Store Restaurant in Bradfordsville, KY

By Janet Hoover

What do the infamous criminal John Dillinger, confederate guerilla William Quantrill, delicious food and classic cars representing eight decades and three car clubs have in common? The car tour to Bradfordsville, Ky., led by AACA members Bob and Debbie Gresham, of course.

A total of 23 cars – 19 classic and four modern – turned out for the event attended by 47 members from the Antique Automobile Club of America Bluegrass Region, Southern Knights of Central Kentucky Car Club in Georgetown the Central Kentucky Model A Restorers Club and a few local residents. Many long-time AACA members said this was the biggest turn-out ever for an AACA car tour.



*Q: According to NHTSA, what percentage of people wore seatbelts in 2016? 86%, 95%, 54% or 78%?*

Inside the restaurant awaited live music provided by two young men from the Bradfordsville area. Cliff Denny (left in photo below) from the Model A Club surprised everyone by jamming on the banjo for a few songs.



At the Country Store Restaurant, we were fed well with delicious meals and awesome desserts. Then Mayor Edelen invited us to the old school across the street to tour the museum and enjoy a talk on local history. The presentation was opened by Kelli Hogan Evans, who beautifully sang the national anthem and gave everyone patriotic goose bumps.

Mayor Edelen told us about William Quantrill, who led a group of bandits that terrorized Kansas and Missouri during the Civil War and killed 200 civilians in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1863. Later, Quantrill led raids in Kentucky, including burning a large part of Bradfordsville before being mortally wounded by Union troops.

Diane Evans, a former teacher and principal in Marion County, filled us in on the unlikely connection between the peaceful hamlet of Bradfordsville and the notorious gangster John Dillinger. It seems that Dillinger hid out in the Gravel Switch/Bradfordsville area and robbed a Gravel Switch bank along with two local men before heading back to Chicago.



The "John Dillinger Look Alike Car" award

After the history presentation, judges looked at the classic cars for a special award. Jack Garabedian's 1940 Chevy was presented with the "John Dillinger Look Alike Car" award. As a very gracious gesture by the city, all attendees received a "Certificate of Appreciation" for visiting Bradfordsville as well as goody bags with homemade cookies and a knitted dish cloth. AACA would like to thank Bradfordsville for wonderful hospitality! A special thanks goes to Bob and Debbie for all their hard work in pulling together this very successful event.



On our way! Classic cars as far as the eye can see.  
Photo by Mary Anne Szeluga



Arriving in Bradfordsville

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### President's Column

By Jack Garabedian

The May 20 tour to Bradfordsville was great! Enjoyed the food and the people, and the weather was perfect. Thanks Bob and Debbie for putting on a great tour. I also want to thank the other car clubs for participating with us and feel free to join us on future events.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** – We'd like to encourage our members to invite friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors to participate in club outings and/or encourage them to become members. Ask them to come to the June picnic (see details in this newsletter). Feel free to hand them the enclosed brochure. The AACA national has provided us with three free national memberships for 2017. They must join the Bluegrass Region to get the free national membership. If interested, please contact Linda Kubik at 859.224.8050.

The Keeneland Concours d'Elegance is coming up July 15. As director of Paddock Parking, I'm looking for volunteers. See details in this newsletter as well as future issues. Also, find the enclosed "save the date" card.

Hope everyone can make it to the picnic. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### June 24<sup>th</sup> Picnic at Henry and Sandy's Place Membership Meeting Clay City, KY

By Henry and Sandy Pettit

Our annual summer meeting will be our picnic June 24<sup>th</sup> at our house in Clay City at noon. This will be a potluck as always so please bring a dish to be shared by all. The club will provide chicken, drinks and paper products. We need a head count, so please let us know if you are coming by calling 606.663.9576.

Jack and Linda Kubik will lead a tour to our house. The group will be LEAVING at 10:00am from the McDonald's 2271 Elkhorn Road, Lexington, KY, off Winchester Road near Interstate 75.

### June 26, 27 The Great Race in Bowling Green

By Ray and Mary Anne Szeluga

The Great Race is coming to Bowling Green, KY, on Monday June 26 and Tuesday June 27. This year a maximum of 120 cars will be entered. The cars should start arriving Monday afternoon between 4 and 5 p.m. downtown at Fountain Square. They will depart Tuesday morning between 7 and 8 a.m. from the same location. They hopefully will arrive and depart in one-minute intervals; hence, this will be a two-hour show of amazing antique cars. The majority of entrants are staying at either the Marriott Fairfield or next door at the TownePlace Suites. This is another good place to see the cars.

It's about a 2.5 hour drive via the Bluegrass Parkway and I-65. Mary Anne and I will leave at 10 a.m. from the Dairy Queen on Versailles Road (near the castle). We are spending the night at Marriott's TownePlace Suites. If you plan to stay Monday evening, please make your reservation as nothing has been reserved. Please join us as it would be fun to represent our AACA Blue Grass Chapter. The Bowling Green Visitor's Office has a place for us to park near Fountain Square.

### Keeneland Concours d'Elegance Volunteers Needed

By Jack Garabedian

I'm looking for Volunteers for Paddock Parking, which is the area for national and our local car clubs as well as other car enthusiasts to display their classic cars. This display is not for judging but puts you in the midst of cars from all over the world. This year's marquee car is the Rolls Royce.

Just give us three hours of your time and receive FREE admission, FREE Paddock Parking, FREE T-shirt, and refreshments will be furnished. Volunteers will be assigned a section, such as AACA parking, and will be directing cars to their designated parking areas. Before or after your shift, feel free to mingle and enjoy the entire show ... for FREE!

I will have more information in next month's newsletter, but right now I have openings for 6-9 a.m., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and 12-3 p.m. as well as 3-6 p.m.

If you wish to help, please contact me at 859.619.5885 or jnj2016@gmail.com.

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**June 3<sup>rd</sup> Cars & Coffee**

Saturday, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We will be meeting at the large parking lot in front of the Value City Furniture store, 2321 Sir Barton Way, Lexington, KY, in Hamburg

**June 4<sup>rd</sup> Cars & Coffee (non-club event)**

Sunday, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will be meeting at the large parking lot in front of the Value City Furniture store, 2321 Sir Barton Way, Lexington, KY, in Hamburg

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