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## HIGH BEAMS

Summer is half over already and I can't believe we are getting ready for our Haddonfield show in September. Time does not seem to be our friend anymore.

We had our Smithville Victorian day event in May, our tailgate get together at Johnson's farm in June, and now it is July and you have to plan your own activity. Our next Ankokas event will be our 29th annual Haddonfield show September 19th. That is only a few weeks away and we are preparing. A notice will go out next month for a show committee meeting. Be ready to help out with the show. We only do one a year, so dive on in.

In some respects it has not been a good year for Ankokas, as we have lost a number of members. Over the past few years there have been about 10 or so Ankokas members who have passed away. The most recent was Jeff Brown. Just before that was Sandee Vogelson, Robert Steinberg, Richard Hurff, Tony Mancuso, Jere Duffett, Jack Nagel, George Reinis, Stan Wilkinson and both Ray & Kitty Katzel. If we go back a few more years we can add a lot more to that list. I guess my purpose in mentioning all of this is that were it not for Ankokas, we would never have had the opportunity to know, respect and become good friends with these people who have passed. Our relationships vary from acquaintances to best friends with so many Ankokas people. Death is inevitable with us all and we are not getting any younger. So, I propose you all have as many friends as you can handle, laugh, cry, have lots of fun and live life the best way you can. It is all too short a stay on this earth, so make the most of it.

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, I hope to see most of you at our show committee meeting, then our regular meeting in Haddonfield on Sept 17th and then the Haddonfield show September 19th. The show flyers are being mailed out shortly and of course you can also download one from our web site. Go check out our Ankokas web site. It has been vastly improved for our reading pleasure.

Have a great rest of the summer.


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# In Memory of Some of our Ankokas Family that we have Lost



## Sandra Vogelson, 73, civic leader

On Tuesday, June 2, Sandra Klinshaw Vogelson, 73, of Cherry Hill, a public relations executive who established the Camden County College Foundation in 1992, died of cancer at home.

After working at the casinos in the early 1980's where she met her husband Allan, she later co-owned with Allan two retail stores, in Echelon Mall and Haddonfield, both known as Sandee's Sweaters & Things.

In the early 1990s, she was the dining room manager at Franchine's, a supper club in Cherry Hill. Later that decade, she was marketing and public relations director for the Harbor League Club, a private meeting place in a Camden high-rise.

And she was a board member of Cooper's Ferry Development Association, which morphed in 2011 into the Cooper's Ferry Partnership, whose website states that it works to revitalize and promote Camden.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Vogelson is survived by daughters Susan Spivak, Sharyn Bucci, and Sherry Dawson; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Sandee was an active and beloved member of the Ankokas family and will be dearly missed.



## Jeffrey S. Brown, 73 • Funeral Director

Merchantville, On June 26, 2015, after a brief illness, at Cooper Hospital. Beloved father of Cynthia A. Brown and Stephanie C. (William) Schultz, special pop-pop to Allison and Riley. He is the brother of Joseph Edward (Annie) Brown and the late Dennis Brown, and brother-in-law of Toni Brown. Jeff is also survived by his former wife Barbara A. Brown, nieces and nephews and Lydia H. Brown. He was born in Fountain Hill, PA and grew up in Pennsauken.

Jeff served in the US Marine Corps as an infantry platoon sgt. Jeff was civic minded and belonged to and was active in many area organizations, both politically and fraternally. In addition to be an long time Ankokas club member, Jeff was a long time Member of and participant in Vintage Sports Car Racing, and Member of and on the Board of the Vintage Sports Car Club of America, and enjoyed racing the vintage cars over the years.

## RICHARD P. HURFF, PhD, 73, Teacher

Of Haddon Heights, NJ passed away at home on Friday, April 17, 2015. Richard, a graduate of Ursinus College and Lehigh University, was born in Camden, NJ and was a lifelong resident of this area. He was a beloved English Literature teacher at Audubon High School, where he supported countless former students through his contributions to their education.

He was an antique automobile collector who had a passion for Studebakers in particular. Photography, the Victorian era, genealogy, and a quest for knowledge were among his many hobbies. He was an avid world traveler whose journeys took him to all corners of the earth in search of culture and adventure. He shared many of his travel stories and pictures with Ankokas club members.

Richard, son of the late Melvin A. and Eleanor Hurff, is survived by his brother Burton S. (wife Helen) of Medford, NJ; niece Georgia S. Woodruff (husband Michael); nephew Burton J. (wife Leslie); grandnieces Emily, Sophie, Leah, and Grace; grandnephew Henry Richard, Dante, and Virgil II.

## James A. Gimbel, Father to Carol McLarney

A broadcasting pioneer who turned his service as a radioman during World War II into a career as a top sales executive for RCA, died May 10th, 2015 in Delray Beach, FL. Jim was born April 7th, 1925 in Philadelphia, the fifth son of Elizabeth and Francis Gimbel. Jim was 90.

Jim started at RCA in Camden, NJ as a broadcast equipment salesman in the Middle Atlantic States. He rose to become director of marketing for broadcast equipment throughout the United States. Among the positions he held prior to assuming that position was sales manager for broadcast equipment in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, an assignment for which he and Doris were stationed in London. Following his retirement in 1986, Jim and Doris moved to Waretown, NJ, on Barnegat Bay, and then to Florida.

During the war, James was a master sergeant in the Army who's unit helped Gen. Douglas MacArthur return to the Philippines.

In addition to his wife, Doris, Jim is survived by four daughters, Carol McLarney (and husband, Tom) of Delran, N.J.; Jeanette Shultz (and husband, Rich) of Lawrence, Kan.; Gwenn O'Neill (and husband, Ed) of Delray Beach, FL; and Nancy Gimbel, of Copenhagen, Denmark; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## Robert Steinberg, Brother to Howard Steinberg

July 18, 2015, of Marlton, NJ. Husband of Susan Steinberg. Father of John (Carol) Rooney and Michael (Alison Wilkey) Rooney. Grandfather of Tori, C.J., and Cade. Brother of Howard (Judy) Steinberg and Harvey (Josephine) Steinberg. Brother-in-Law of Barbara Knudson (Richard). Uncle of Meredith (Scott) Seligman, Jennifer (Mark) Hirsch, Jay (Mia) Carrington, Michelle Wu (Kevin) and Eric Knudson. Excellent basketball player and collector of sports memorabilia and cars. Co-owner of Camden Truck Parts.

## Anthony J. Mancuso 94, Mechanic and Business Owner

Of Vincentown, passed away on Monday, 11/3/14, nine days after surgery in Virtua Hospital, Mt. Holly. A World War II veteran, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps immediately after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was an aircraft mechanic on B-25 Bombers serving in Africa and Italy and was assigned to the 446th Bombardment Squadron of the 321st Bomb Group. He worked on some of the legendary Jimmy Doolittle's planes and was very proud of the fact that none of the planes he worked on ever returned to base due to mechanical failure.

Born and raised in Maple Shade, he settled in Vincentown 30 years after marrying his sweetheart, Alberta Klaus. For many years, he and his father Anthony and his three brothers James, Rocco, and Joseph operated A. Mancuso and Sons, an auto repair shop, on Fellowship Road in Maple Shade. After closing the business, he purchased a Snap-On-Tools franchise and was very successful until his retirement at the age of sixty-five.

Tony loved old cars, especially Fords, and was very proud of his vintage 1927 Model T and 1929 Model A. He loved to go on car tours with other Antique Auto Club of America club members and was particularly fond of Glidden Tours which were held exclusively for cars built before WW II. In addition to his interest in cars, Tony was very interested in helping others by serving as a volunteer at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown.

He also served as an usher at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Maple Shade. Tony loved gardening and could fix anything. He was always working on something and was never content to sit around and do nothing. At the time of his death, he was helping a close friend restore a1947 Ford Pickup. He is survived by his brother James, his niece Alberta and her husband Larry, his nephews Jimmy Joe, and Tommy and his niece Pat Fiume and several other nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Alberta, and his brothers Rocco and Joseph.

## Victorian Times at Smithville

If you did not attend our Ankokas outing at Smithville in Eastampton on May 21st, you missed a pleasant afternoon. The weather was questionable at first, but then turned into a wonderful New Jersey day. The grounds at the mansion were soothing and comfortable. Our display of Ankokas member's cars was on the way to the mansion and was the first thing seen by all of the visitors. Out of 11 cars, 10 were convertibles. How about that?

The staff at Smithville was gracious and treated all to dancing (in Victorian dress), singing, a Punch & Judy show, tea etiquette parties, strolling characters and even "Queen Victoria". Throughout the park were demonstrations of basketry, spinning wool, children's games from Victorian times and of course food and craft vendors. There were also tours of the mansion and even carriage rides.

The activities of the day were from 12-4 and following that our Ankokas group headed off to Red Lion Diner for an evening's meal. All seemed to have a good time and what's not to like with fun, food and good fellowship?

Thanks to the following people who attended with and without antique cars. Some were not able to stay for dinner and others arrived during the afternoon and joined us for dinner and some stopped by

to say hi. I believe it was a successful Ankokas outing. If you have any ideas on other activities, please let it be known.

**(Barbara Duffett, Bob & Donna Schuman, Howard & Judy Steinberg, Sharon & Carl Grossman, Bob & Kathy Petters, Rose & Joe Talarico, Jane Taylor, Bernie & Arlene Shuster, Jack & Nancy Hotz, Dave & Lois Traino, Kyle Blake, Coles Roberts & Ginger, Larry Brandolph, Jeff & Madeleine Schulte, Frank & Madonna Calderoni, Fran & Bruce Prichard, Howard & Ruth Scharr)**









# The Car is the Star

*A series about cars from movies and television*

## Christine - "Born To Be Bad"

*Written by Diana Antinucci*

"Christine" is a familiar story to anyone who has ever loved a car. A guy finds "the car", the perfect car. To him, at least. Everyone else sees a pile of rust. He spends a lot of time with the car, lovingly restoring it and naming it. Okay, maybe the main character of the movie, Arnie Cunningham, took obsession a little too far and got possessed by the car. And then the car killed some people for him. We may not feel quite as intensely about our cars, but a lot of us have great affection for cars in movies and television. And most, if not all of us, remember a car named Christine.

The car in the film is identified as a 1958 Plymouth Fury, but the advertising for the movie identified it as a '57. Truthfully, the '57 and the '58 were largely the same.

The 1957 Fury saw a complete remodel from the '56. It was longer by three inches, wider, lower by five and a half inches, had large tail fins and a new front suspension (torsion bars instead of coil springs). The anodized gold wheel covers found on previous models were gone, but an anodized gold front grill was added. Bumper extenders were standard, as was a two-tone steering wheel and variable speed wipers. Options included power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, electric seats and windows, whitewall tires and dealer-installed safety belts (a rarity in '57). The "V-800" engine put out 290 horsepower and 325 pound feet of torque. Motor Trend's test car went from 0 to 60 in 8.7 seconds, with an estimated top speed of 120 mph. A three-speed manual transmission was standard, but there was an option for the new three-speed "TorqueFlite" automatic transmission with push button controls. The base price was under $3,000, but most sold just over that. A total of 7,438 were produced. Unfortunately, the Fury (both the '57 and '58) had a problem with rust, one of the reasons survivors are so rare today.

The 1958 Fury was given quad headlights, a tube grill with under-bumper stone shield and smaller taillights. The "V-800" engine was still available, but a new optional engine was added to the lineup. Called the "Golden Commando", it was a 350 cubic inch engine that could produce 305 horsepower. Horsepower could be increased to 315 with optional fuel injection. Motor trend put the '58 Fury up against that year's Ford Fairlane 500 and Chevy Impala. The Fury completed its run in 7.7 seconds, smoking the second place Chevy (at 9.1 seconds) and leaving the Fairlane in the dust (10.2 seconds). Plymouth, like other car makers, was hit hard by a recession in 1958 and only 5,303 Furies were produced. Sadly, this would be the last year for the Fury.

Because 1958 Furies were so hard to find and so expensive when filming began for Christine in 1983, Belvederes and Savoys were also used and model years ranged from 1956 to 1958. The Fury only came in one color in 1958, "Buckskin Beige", but the Belvedere did come in a "Toreador Red" and "Iceberg White" combination with silver trim (as shown in the movie). Of the approximately twenty-five cars purchased for the movie (estimates vary from twenty-three to twenty-seven), only sixteen were used on screen and a handful of those demolished during production were actual rare 1958 Furies. The cars used for the film were heavily modified. Following the opening production line scene (which was filmed first so that only one car was red), all of the cars were painted red and white. Prior to the filming of the production line scene, all of the cars had their trim painted silver, or had trim custom made for those cars that did not have the correct trim. If you look closely, you can see that all of the cars on the assembly line have silver trim, when the '58 Fury actually had gold trim. For stunt cars, interiors were stripped, roll cages were added, along with plastic racing seats and a five-point harness. None of the cars filmed were driven by remote for stunt sequences. The windows were painted black so the audience would not see a driver, and only a small, heavily-tinted area was left for the driver to see forward. There was no side or rear visibility. For cars that were going to crash, radiators were moved to the trunk. The door locks shown on camera are also incorrect. The 1958 Fury was locked from the inside by rotating the door handle counter-clockwise. The car in the movie has lock "buttons" on the door panel.

Some of the stunts and effects required a little more creativity. The car used for the alley scene had a rubber front end and was pushed forward by a bulldozer (the bulldozer was later removed in post-production). In scenes where the car is on fire, rubber cement was poured on the car and ignited. In scenes where Christine smokes her tires, smoke can be seen coming from the wheel wells, directed down toward the tires to create the illusion of much more smoke. The effect of Christine repairing herself was achieved by hydraulic pumps on the inside of the panels, which were used to pull the panels inward. John Carpenter then used the footage in reverse.

After filming, only three unharmed Christines were left. These did the circuit, promoting the movie, and were then sold to private collectors. These are the only documented Christine film cars. Another was saved from the wrecker, but is undocumented as a genuine film car.

There is a Christine Car Club with about 200 members. The club is for owners of actual movie cars, Christine clones and fans of the movie or car. All Christine clones must be painted the trademark red and white. (www.christinecarclub.com)

For those of us that love cars, movies and television, the cars we see on screen hold a special place in our hearts and minds. Do I get a small chill when I see a “Christine”? Sure do. Would I own one? Sure would. The question is, what car would I put in the garage with it?

Tune in again next time for another thrilling episode of “The Car is the Star.”



Christine - *picture taken by Diana Antinucci, Carlisle, PA, July 2013*

# 29th Annual Haddonfield Show

Saturday September 19, 2015 will be our 29th annual Haddonfield Auto Show on Kings Highway. Historic Haddonfield is the proper setting for historic automobiles. The show field is the length of Kings Highway from Haddon Ave. to the PATCO Speedline. Come and see some of the finest cars you won't see anywhere else. Flyers will be mailed out or use the one in this newsletter.

Dear Member's, Our premiere event, the Haddonfield Car Show is fast approaching, and at this time, we are asking you for your support in judging the 250 cars we hope to have this year.

Please let me know ASAP if you are available to help as we need as many Judges as possible.
This is our premiere event of the year, so please come out and lend your support!!
As always, thank you for your continued support! Carl Villone, Chief Judge – 856-227-3006; cvillone21@comcast.net

## Ankokas Tailgate Meeting June 19th

We had our annual June meeting in a different parking lot this year. Johnson's farm has a much better and interesting parking lot. Ankokas had 15 cars on display and a few more members who arrived without an old car but joined in the "party". There was good music, food, fellowship and over 200 cars on display. You could have brought your own food or enjoyed their hot dogs, burgers or barbecue and other fixins. We had a short meeting to discuss the Haddonfield show, the Morano tour in October and the sad loss of so many Ankokas people in the past few years. We had a brief shower to get the convertible tops back up, but that did not last too long. It was a good get together for our group.

## Ankokas provides rides for Erlton 2015 parade

Ankokas was once again contacted to provide 5 convertibles for the annual Erlton evening parade on July3rd. This was our 5th year in doing so. The members providing cars were Allan Vogelson with his 1957 Cadillac, Bob Petters with his 1953 Oldsmobile, Bruce Prichard with his1955 T-Bird, Jeff Schulte with his 1947 Buick and Sam Mento with his 1990 Mustang. Thanks a lot guys.

## Other Club News

We had two new members join the club last month. First is Ray and Arlene Daniels. Second is Bill and Diane Marter. They are both listed in the online roster with their cars and email address and we hope to see them at future club meetings and events. Please introduce yourself of you meet up with them.

We had some people receive awards for their cars in May. The website NEWS page has information about Bob Petters, Sam Mento, and Kyle Blake receiving their AACA awards. Also, Carl Villone won a Best in Class award for his 1958 Lincoln Continental Mark III at the Silver Diner Memorial Day show on Monday May 25. Steven Soppe was a class winner for his 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T at the Collingswood May Fair on Saturday May 23, 2015.

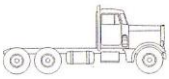
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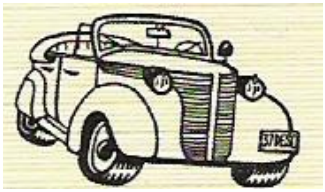


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Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm on the second floor of the Haddonfield Municipal Building.

Director meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the home of one of the officers.

All are welcome.

NOTE: No meetings in July, August, or December

# ANKOKAS REGION, AACA

Presents the 29th Annual

## HADDONFIELD, NJ

# AUTO SHOW

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Rain Date September 26, 2015 • Rain Info (856) 767-8372

### NOTE TO REGISTRANTS

Please join us for a fun-filled family day of antique, collector and special interest motor vehicles, shops, food, street entertainment and happy music.

### JUDGED CLASSES

Class 1 - Fords to 1931
Class 2 - Veh. to 1939
Class 3 - Veh. from 1940-1949
Class 4 - Veh. from 1950-1956
Class 5 - Veh. from 1957-1959
Class 6 - Veh. from 1960-1962
Class 7 - Veh. from 1963-1964
Class 8 - Veh. from 1965
Class 9 - Veh. from 1966
Class 10 - Veh. from 1967-1969
Class 11 - Veh. from 1970-1972
Class 12 - Veh. from 1973-1990
Class 13 - Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF original unrestored vehicles 1900-1990
Class 14 - Trucks, Fire Engines, Military (All Years)
Class 15 - Foreign Cars (All Years)
Class 16 - All Ankokas to 1963
Class 16A - All Ankokas from 1964-1990
Class 17 - Future Showcars 1991-Present
Class 18 - Senior Vehicles National Award Winners, AACA, CCCA, VMCA, HCCA, NCRS
Class 19 - Feature Brass Cars to 1916 & Classic Cars per CCCA

Classes 1-17 will be judged by Ankokas members. Multiple awards will be presented in these classes. Classes 18 & 19 will not be judged and will receive Dash Plaques and Recognition Awards. SORRY NO "FOR SALE" SIGNS.

**THIS SHOW IS FOR STOCK VEHICLES ONLY. NO MAJOR MODIFICATIONS**

# 80 TROPHIES

**SHOW IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO 250 VEHICLES. IF PRE-REGISTERED AND CANNOT ATTEND THE RAIN-DATE, FEE WILL BE REFUNDED ON REQUEST. DAY OF SHOW REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO FIELD CAPACITY OF 250 VEHICLES. PICK UP PACKETS 9 AM - 11 AM. SHOWFIELD OPENS AT 9 AM, JUDGING BEGINS AT 11 AM, TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED AT APPROXIMATELY 3 PM. WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE AWARDS. RETURN REGISTRATION FORM BELOW TO ANKOKAS REGION, AACA, 382 THURMAN AVENUE, WEST BERLIN, NJ 08091. PRE-REGISTRATION: $15.00. DAY OF SHOW REGISTRATION: $20.00.**

For Information call Allan (856) 429-8372 or Bub (856) 767-4438

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## PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

Detach at dotted line and return with your check for $15.00 payable to **Ankokas Region AACA. Mail to Ankokas Region, AACA, 382 Thurman Avenue, West Berlin, NJ 08091. If you can't attend the raindate, the fee will be refunded on request. Day of show registration: $20.00.**

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**CLASSES 1, 2 AND 19 WILL BE REGISTERED FREE OF CHARGE**

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**Your August/September ANKOKAS Region AACA Newsletter has arrived...**

**Next Club Meeting will be on Thursday, Sept 17th, at Haddonfield Boro Hall, 7:30pm**