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Annual Meeting a Success!

While the blizzard of February 2010 slowed traffic and business throughout the northeast, things were business as usual for the AACA Library & Research Center at the club's 74th annual meeting. Visitors to the trade show booth learned about library services, document preservation tips, had the opportunity to purchase some collectible automotive books, and to become some of the first members of our new "Friends of the Library" program. Visitors also had a chance to see the library's online catalog live. Expanding on the success of the laptop computer we brought in 2009, the library had a 32-inch flat panel monitor to show off our catalog. Trade show visitors could see the catalog in use from across the room and it was not uncommon to see several people crowded around the screen at various times throughout the weekend.

Sally Barnett stole the show at our information seminar when she entertained the crowd as Alice

Ramsey. "Alice" talked about becoming the first woman to complete a transcontinental trip in 1909, her experiences on the trip, clothing worn, and public reception. After "Alice" talked, librarian Chris Ritter showed participants the approach he would use to research the Alice Ramsey journey and the many resources available at the AACA Library. Following the seminar, moderated by Steve Heald, Fran Shore gave an endowment fund presentation.



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Library Committee Changes

The evolution of the AACALibrary & Research Center Committee is often bittersweet. Longtime volunteers and friends move on to new adventures while new faces and ideas join the team. Several members of the library committee are moving on this year including L&RC vice presidents Don Barlup and Peter Heizmann. Committee members changing course include Sally Barnett, Jenny Gauld, Marilyn Hunkins, Rick Marsh, and Fran Shore. New faces to the library committee include Jim Aberts, Sherm Carey, Bill Hallman, and Neil Sugermeyer. The

2010 L&RC vice presidents are national directors Sherm Carey and Steve Heald.

Many of our outgoing committee members have served the library for more than a decade and their hard work and dedication is a major reason why the library is so successful today. It is nice to know that although they won't be serving the library in an official capacity, their dedication and love of the library does not end and that we can consider them friends and loyal supporters forever.

The Library Is Looking For You

The AACA Library & Research Center is looking for a few good friends. We just started a "Friends of the Library" program that will be used as a base of volunteers for special events and projects at the library and at club events throughout the year. The Friends program allows you to take an active part in the growth and future of the AACA library.

Becoming a Friend is very easy; simply send in the application form that you can find on the library's webpage and Facebook page. If you prefer, you can also call or visit the library to join. We request a \$15 donation to join the Friends. With your donation you will receive a Friends of the Library pin, a quarterly newsletter similar to *Speedster*, special offers throughout the year, and the knowledge that your donation and support is greatly appreciated.

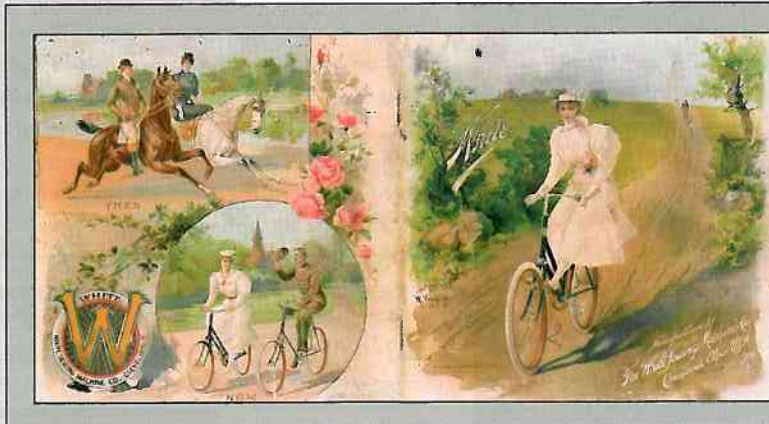


IMAGE OF THE WEEK

The AACA Library's website "Image of the Week" features an item from the library's vast holdings, which include sales brochures, books, postcards, sheet music, automotive photographs and AACA historical photographs. A link to the image is on the site's home page. One of our recent images was the cover of this White bicycle catalog. Dating back to 1897, the catalog includes illustrations that highlight how easy life is with a personal bicycle. While on the AACA Library site, don't forget to check our online catalog. Material is added daily. Access the library site from the AACA home page (aaca.org), or go directly to the library home page (aacalibrary.org).