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**AACA's New Catalog Librarian**

In high school I dreamed of being a rock star with tattoos who worked on black 1969 Camaros in my spare time. Lacking musical talent, commitment to body-art design and a driver's license, were not to be. While I did obtain a driver's license, and I do have an eagerness to soak up all possible knowledge on a cool subject, I am very excited to be the newest librarian at the AACA Library & Research Center. Currently, my favorite old car is my own – a 1995 Thunderbird that I will be sad to see go the day it finally dies.

I recently earned a master of library and information science (MLIS) through the University of Pittsburgh, while spending a year working in the science libraries of Carnegie Mellon University, Carlow University, and the Pleasant Hills Public Library. Upon graduation, I was looking to continue to give Pennsylvania my business, and was thrilled to find not only a Keystone-state job, but also a neat career at the AACA Library.



I am not completely foreign to central Pennsylvania. I earned my BA in English Writing, with a women's studies minor, from Shippensburg University and I am very happy to return to the scene of the crime. I moved here with my fiancé, Andrew, a professional cruiser-weight wrestler.

I am bringing personality, enthusiasm, a fulfillment for turning piles of chaos into organized, cataloged items and I am a snappy dresser, too. I love old movies and classic tunes – Cary Grant, Fred & Ginger movies, and Ella Fitzgerald being favorites. I look forward to meeting everyone within the AACA and experiencing the Hershey Fall Meet hoop-la firsthand. – *SARA PARME*

**Farewell Kathy**

As we welcome Sara, we must take a moment to say farewell to Kathy Armstrong. Kathy worked at the AACA Library & Research Center for 16 years and entered the majority of existing records into our online catalog. Kathy also provided excellent proofreading skills for various publications and helped many of you

during your on-site visits to the library.

While we won't see Kathy every day at the library anymore, we will surely bump into her and her husband Sam at AACA events throughout the year. Thank you for your years of service, Kathy. You helped the library take its first steps into the modern age. – *CHRIS RITTER*

**Video Surveillance System Installed**

Thanks to an extremely generous contribution from Jim Schmidt (AACA life member and founder of National Parts Depot), the AACA Library was able to purchase a video surveillance system that was installed in March. The 10-camera system can be monitored by staff around the clock, on-site and remotely. Fear not, the installation of this system is not a reaction to any theft or problems. In fact, the AACA Library's reputation for the protection and retention of materials is second to none.

The surveillance system is part of AACA's commitment to update its technology and maintain the safety of what members donate. Coupled with the already-in-place temperature/humidity control and alarm systems, video monitoring helps make the AACA Library an ideal location for long-term preservation and protection of individual and club collections.

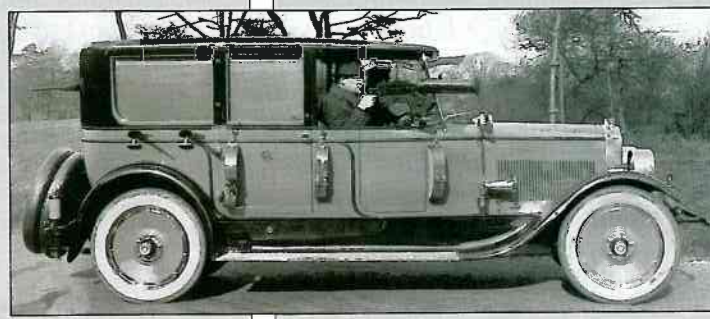
For information on how you can donate your personal collection to the AACA Library & Research Center or how your club can house its literature collection in Hershey, contact me at the address listed on the left.

– *CHRIS RITTER, LIBRARIAN*



These are some of the views that our new system can monitor.

**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 the recent images was this photograph from a Brooks-Ostruck portfolio. This custom-bodied armored Packard was built for General Chang Tso-Lin, governor general of Manchuria in the early 1920s. Cost of the car when built – \$35,000. While on the AACA Library site, don't forget to check the 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).

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**Literature Spotlight**

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Fill out a research request form to find out what the AACA Library houses on your favorite motor oil company. A form is available on the library's website.

**Lapel Pin**

Don't forget about obtaining an enameled "Friend's of the AACA Library" pin. With a donation of \$15, this colorful pin can promote and help the library in many ways, and also allows you to take an active part in its growth and future.

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