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Antique Automobile Club of America • Hershey, Pennsylvania

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Bringing Automotive History and People Together

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AACA Library & Research Center

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Monday – Friday

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As a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit corporation, the AACA Library & Research Center, appreciates your donations whether in the form of a bequest, gift of cash, collectibles, or literature. Gifts of vehicles and automotive collectibles are welcome. All contributions are deductible from state and federal income tax to the extent allowed by law.

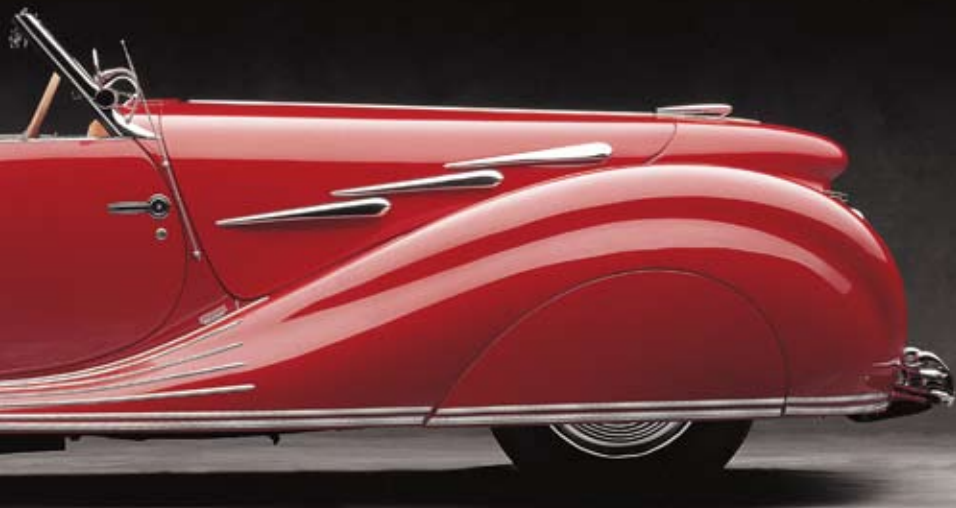
Your generous support will help to preserve our automotive heritage and will further the AACA Library & Research Center's goals to maintain our extensive automotive research facility, to serve as a valuable resource, to provide historical research concerning the origins and the development of motorized vehicles, to assist hobbyists, and to aid in restoration and preservation efforts.





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Passion



At the AACA Library & Research Center, we share your passion for the preservation of automotive history.

Recognized as a world-renowned resource for the collectible vehicle community, we strive to continue setting the standard in celebrating, collecting, preserving and sharing automotive legacy.

The Center opens its doors to everyone... including Archivists, Authors, Artists, Business Owners, Collectors, Club Members, Curators, Entertainers, Enthusiasts, Filmmakers, Historians, Hobbyists, Journalists, Librarians, Mechanics, Professors, Photographers, Reporters, Restorers, Students and Teachers.

We are eager to welcome YOU and assist YOU with your inquiries and research needs!



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Collection



Born in 1977 with the acquisition of the Alfred S. Lewerenz Collection and through the generous donations of patrons and friends, the AACA Library & Research Center collection and facility has grown into one of the leading automotive library and research centers in the world.

You will be amazed at the variety of reference information available from 1890 to the present day!

Here are some examples of our vast and diverse collection:

- Nearly 400,000 pieces of sales literature, photographs, owners manuals and clippings
- More than 3,000 shop manuals and parts books
- 6,000+ reference books
- 40,000+ advertisements
- Thousands of periodicals including *The Horseless Age*, *MoToR*, *The MoToR Show Annuals*, *Cycle & Automobile Trade Journal*, dating back to the late 19th Century.
- Current subscriptions to numerous publications with more than 220 periodicals received on a regular basis
- Blueprints, wiring diagrams, annual reports, specifications and technical drawings
- Accessory catalogs, folders, programs including racing and auto show events
- Color chart books and boxes of color chips
- Maps, postcards, calendars, cartoons and humorists

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Collection continued

More examples of our exceptional collection:

- Files on miscellaneous parts including carburetors, magnetos, and assorted accessories
- More than 900 legal size document cases housing sales literature, photographs and advertising material
- Vehicles owned and displayed include a 1906 Mitchell, 1929 Harley-Davidson, 1940 Ford and 1925 Overland
- The AACA Library & Research Center reaches out and maintains relationships with many historical organizations and clubs around the world; proud to connect and collaborate with those who share our passion and are devoted to similar objectives.





- Presently, the Center serves as a depository for several prestigious collections: the Society & Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America, the libraries for the Pontiac-Oakland Club International, Museum of Bus Transportation, the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation, the National Corvette Restorers Society, the Society of Automotive Historians' Ralph Dunwoodie Archives, the Buick Heritage Alliance, Pierce-Arrow Society, and Antique Motorcycle Club of America.

Visit our Library & Research Center to experience the wealth of information and unlock your passion!





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Service

Whether you visit us in person, by phone, mail, fax, email or the internet, our professional librarian and full time staff are dedicated to providing you with exceptional service.

Our AACA Library & Research Center doors are open free to the public. We invite you to use our spacious reading room and enjoy the pleasant surroundings while you discover the collection.

We can accommodate groups and offer tours of our state-of-the-art facility.

As a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit corporation, our archival information and research services need your support to continue as a free public library.

Research Services are available both on and off-site. Services on-site include use of public access computer. If you are able to visit the Library during normal operating hours, the only fees



incurred will be for photocopying, if requested. Patrons who are unable to visit us personally may request research services online, by phone, mail or fax. A research request form is available online — www.aacalibrary.org — or can be forwarded if requested. Processing, research and copy fees will apply.

Duplication Services: Both black & white and color photocopies are available for a nominal fee. On mail, fax or electronic inquiries processing and library research fees apply.

Through a generous matching grant from the Collectors Foundation, the AACA Library & Research Center created an online reference catalog. While strictly a partial listing of our holdings (chiefly sales literature, manuals, advertising material and automotive books), it is an ongoing project with entries added daily! This gives us an avenue to help automotive enthusiasts worldwide. Take a spin on www.aacalibrarycatalog.org

The AACA Library & Research Center, a free public library, receives funding through AACA National Headquarters, general contributions, and its Endowment Fund. In an effort to ensure long-term financial stability, the AACA Library & Research Center established the Endowment Fund in 1985. The Endowment is a permanent charitable fund that will ensure the preservation of our automotive history well into the future. All contributions are tax deductible as AACA is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization.

The principal balance of the Endowment Fund will never be touched so it is important that we increase the size of the Endowment to 3 million dollars. If the Endowment grows to 3 million dollars, the interest that we receive can finance the library's entire operation. Without this critical funding, our automotive literature may not be preserved. Researchers will have extremely limited access to materials, and research requests will take much longer to answer.

We hope that you realize what an important asset the AACA Library & Research Center is to the automobile hobby. It is important that we maintain our current collection and service levels, but also expand our operation to include 21st century tools and technologies that will allow us to offer our services to interested parties across the globe. We hope that you will make a donation to the Endowment Fund that will help strengthen our already strong financial position.

In addition, there are other library funds that you may wish to contribute to that are more specialized. There are also naming opportunities as a way to memorialize a member.

Your donation will help ensure a bright future for automotive enthusiasts. You can donate to the Endowment Fund at any time during the year, and please consider including the Library in your estate planning. If you have any questions regarding our Endowment Fund or other funds please contact our Head Librarian or Executive Director.

Thank you for investing in the future of our hobby.



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