

Misquamicut Springfest Car Show May 11, 2024

By Andy Clapham



Chant and I attended the 2024 Springfest Classic Car Show held in honor of Big John Hodis hosted by The Doc and 102.3 The Wolf. This was a free show. The weather was cold, cloudy, and windy. I got to the show early and saw many cars enter as I was parked near the entrance. The show was very interesting for Chant and I as there were many cars that we had not previously seen. We met many folks and told them about our WPRAACA club and our South County Car Show and gave them information about us.

In addition, there was a tremendous variety of cars and trucks. There were Cadillacs, GTOs, a beautiful split window '63 Vette, an XKE Jaguar, rat rods, beautifully restored trucks and cars, British cars and trucks, and many modified vehicles. There was also a 1948 caddy that appeared all original (or perfectly restored) that caught my eye.



A Visitor from the AACCA Board Makes a May 28, 2024, Club Meeting Special

By Gerry Lynn

We got a club meeting visit from AACCA royalty yesterday. Steve Rossi, editor and writer for the AACCA quarterly magazine and a national board member paid a visit to our well attended club meeting. He also writes articles on automotive history and new car reviews plus he organizes their national convention. Not only that, but he also worked for 25 years in the automotive industry. If that wasn't enough, he is also active in the Moto Guzzi motorcycle national. But the best part for us is that he lives in E. Haddam CT

He spoke about the national's effort to gradually increase membership, especially from younger car enthusiasts through their use of Facebook, YouTube and other social media. He also emphasized that the national is open to any normal production car that's over 25 years old, as long as its original (IE. no hot rods). The national is also trying to expand their sponsored road tours and he mentioned the benefit of historical research their library can do for us.

His main topic for the night was the little-known early automobile industry in Rhode Island during the beginning years of 1906 to 1913. Some of us were stunned to learn that the luxury ALCO, which cost about \$7,000 back then and took almost two years to deliver, was made right here. He then gave us a

research project to see if we can find the abandoned site of the factory that produced Maxwells.

That was all great news from an AACA board member personally reaching out to us but possibly the best part of the night was our open Q& A session after his talk. He fielded all our queries about the future of electric cars, the significance of the Model T and all our questions about our new or old cars

Thank you again Steve for taking the time and effort to give us a car world update, and especially for your graciously carving out time and travel to visit our club meeting. Getting personal input from the management really makes us feel honored.