

# The Scored Journal



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#### FEATURE STORY: 1928 PEERLESS

This beautiful restored 1928 Peerless roadster was for sale in the flea market, Hershy 2011. The stylish low slung body suggests speed. The body is much lower than a Peerless sedan of the same year. There is a rumble seat in the rear.

It is powered by a flat head six cylinder engine. Peerless was known for quality and reliability

#### HERSHEY 2011

The AACA Hersheymeet is a once a year event. It has grown to be the world's largest antique automobile flea market. Whole cars restored and unrestored are for sale, as well as a car auction, and a display and judging of restored cars. A Stanley Steamer engine was found for sale in the flea market. Also, parts for turn of the century electric cars can usually be found at Hershey.

#### HERSHEY 2011 CONTINUED

This year your Editor and Aloha Region member Robert Brinzda who has a 1962 Corvair attended Hershey. Robert's Corvair was the feature story car in Issue 165, Oct-Nov, 2010. Robert attended for three days and your Editor for four days.

The flea market covers an area about 1 mile in length by ½ mile wide divided into rows where individuals display their parts for sale. There is a car coral where cars for sale are displayed, as well as scattered cars for sale in the flea market.

Luck was with us and the weather was beautiful. The event is always in October and the weather can be clear or raining.

Hershey PA is a beautiful small town in the rolling hills of farming country. The first Hershey chocolate plant is located here and the town developed around the chocolate plant. Street lights on the main street are shaped like Hershey kisses. AACA headquarters, AACA library and antique car museum are in Hershey.

Thousands of people come to this event and motels and hotels in Hershey and neighboring towns quickly fill. If you plan to attend Hershey you must make your room reservation at least six months in advance.

#### CLUB OFFICERS

The year is drawing to a close and all positions are open for 2012. If you would like to volunteer to fill any officer position notify the President, or Newsletter Editor.

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

Free ads for cars 25 years old and older. Also, antique car parts.

# ALOHA REGION DUES 2012

Aloha Region dues are based on the calendar year and 2012 is approach ing. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Dues pay for newsletter postage, photos and sometimes printing.

#### AACA NATIONAL DUES

Our local club is an extension of the National AACA. Our charter from National AACA requires membership in the National club. National dues are \$35.00 per year and pay for the Antique Automobile magazine, liability insurance, fee for rental of sites for meets, and contribute to the AACA museum, while does not charge for members admission, and also supports the AACA library which provides some services to members without cost. Further, no admission fee is charged for entry to AACA meets.

National dues pay as follows:

AACA 501 W. Governor Rd P.C. Box 417 Hershey PA 17033-0417

Aloha Region dues pay by check as follows:

Glen Houlton Treasurer 94-1142 Manino Pl Waipahu, HI 96797-4021

#### ALOHA REGION MEET SITES

A variety of sites for meets is desired. If you would like to host a meet notify the News Letter Editor.

#### ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter by members are welcome. Tell us about the cars that got away, other car adventures you have had.



Doggie rides in the shade and the kid walks.

#### FOR SALE

NOTE: No charge for car ads. Cars must be 25 years old or older.

#### 1926 Chev Suburban

Member Bob Bosley is offering for sale his restored 1926 Suburban. The car was on display in the antique car coral at the 2011 new car show at the Waikiki Convention Center. The vehicle runs well. A good parade car with three rows of seats and beautifully finished wood body. Price: \$19,500. Phone Bob at 591-8811

## FUTURE MEETS

#### Saturday, Jan 21, 2012

Meet at Victor Weisberger's garage, 162 Kaha Street, Kailua, 10AM. Lunch will be hosted by Victor. Yard and driveway parking for antique cars. Rides in Victor's 1914 model T Ford.

#### Saturday, Feb 18, 2012

Meet at the Railroad Museum, Ewa Beach, H-1 freeway, exit FT. Weaver Rd, right on Renton Rd through the historic plantation village. End of paved portion of Renton Rd turn left for entrance to the rail yard.

Glen Houlton will give a brief tour of the shop with updates

# Railroad Museum continued:

on rail car restoration projects. Three Aloha Region members, Glen Houlton, Dr. Bob Kemble and Victor Weisberger are cross-over members of the Rail museum too. There may be one or two more I have left out.

Bring your own picnic lunch, there is a shady grove with picnic tables where we will have lunch. Parking for antique cars and modern cars on the rail grounds. Meet at 10AM.

# NEW CAR SHOW AT WAIKIKI CONVENTION CI

Our meet for Mach will be a display of members antique cars at the new car show as in past years. Friday March 30, 2012, Sat Mar 30, Sunday April 1.

#### NEW CAR SHOW CONTINUED:

Aloha Region will have an information table where volunteers will answer questions about the antique cars on display and information about joining AACA and the Aloha Region.

Past practice has been that volunteers recieve free admission to the show. If you can volunteer an hour or two, or more, contact Fred Weisberger to get on the list. Phone: 254-0392.



#### MEMBER NEWS

Member Bob DeBone went in the hospital on Friday Nov 18 for open crankcase surgery. He is making a fast recovery and a week later, Nov 25 he visited his restortation shop where several club members welcomed him home. Included was Aloha Region member Jim Wayman who is visiting from Colorado.

#### A MAN WITH RIGHT VALUES

Company employee newsletters ask retires what they plan to do with their free time? Typical replies: Travel with my wife, spend more time with my grand-children. Go to Las Vegas, work in my garden, work on my boat and go fishing, repair my house.

However, a recent retiree responded: "Wash my car more often." There is a man with the right values.

#### VEHICLE REGISTRATION

**Question**: What's with the motor vehicle registration renewal notices? I recently received a notice, then just found out that they supposedly undercharged me, so I have to pay more. Is that true?

Answer: Yes, if your registration expires at the end of the year.

Renewal notices sent for motor vehicles with registrations that expire Dec. 31 showed an incorrect "Total Due" because of a programming error, said Dennis Kamimura, administrator of Honolulu's Motor Vehicle & Licensing Division.

The error involved December 2011 renewal notices sent by all four counties, he said.

Basically, the "Total Due" does not reflect increases in the state vehicle weight tax and state registration fee.

The state Legislature increased the weight tax rates from 0.75 cents per pound to 1.75 cents per pound for vehicles weighing 4,000 pounds or less; from 1 cent to 2 cents a pound for vehicles between 4,001 and 7,000 pounds; and from 1.25 cents to 2.25 cents a pound for vehicles 7,001 to 10,000 pounds. Vehicles weighing more than 10,001 pounds now pay a flat rate of \$300 per year.

The state registration fee was increased to \$45 from \$25.

Corrected notices will be sent "in the very near future," Kamimura said Tuesday.

People who go online to renew their registrations will be charged the correct amount, he said.

Those who go to a motor vehicle office with the incorrect renewal will be informed of the programming error and charged the correct amount, while vehicle owners who mail in the incorrect renewal notice will be sent a rejection letter informing them of the increased total amount due.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this programming error has caused," Kamimura said.

# **CLUB NEWS**

Club Meeting: J.D. and Victoria Adams hosted the August meeting at their home in Kailua. J.D. showed his 1929 Hudson and his "new" Ford Model T Depot Hack. About twenty members and guests attended and several brought antique cars.

The September meeting was hosted by Bob DeBone at his Kailua restoration shop. He shared the latest work on his 1932 Peerless. There was heavy rain so no other antique cars showed up. About twenty members and friends enjoyed the food and the Peerless anyway.

The October meeting was hosted by Bob Bosley at his business, Diamond Head Sprinkler. About twenty-five people enjoyed Bob's automotive collections. Two "new" Studebakers showed up and Bob's was able to get his 1926 Chevrolet Depot Hack to the meeting, but his 1931 Packard refused to start. Several additional antiques also attended.

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We need people to host 2012 Meetings.

Mahalo

Contact Victor Weisberger

Local Antique Cars for Sale:
1926 Chevrolet Depot Hack (B. Bosley)
1927 Stutz R/S Coupe (Eddie Call)
1950 Packard 2dr Sedan (F. Weisberger)
1952 MG TD (F. Weisberger)
1956 Nash (Craigslist Hawaii)

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First Hawaiian Auto Show
March 30 to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012
Keep those dates clear...

#### **AUCTION NEWS**

This past August the world-famous Monterey Week included the Historic Races, Concourse de Elegance, and record-setting auctions. In spite of the global economic concerns, five automobile auction houses hosted highly successful auctions. Many automobile pundits had predicted low prices and low sales—boy were they wrong!

Gooding & Co, a 1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rosa set the all-time record for a public auction sale of a car at \$16.4 million. A 1927 Duesenberg Model J Murphy Coupe went for \$10.3 million, an all-time record for a Duesenberg.

Bonhams sold a 1957 BMW 507, with a semi-famous former owner, for slightly over \$1 million, the highest for the model ever.

RM sold five cars over three million dollars each, including an all-time Mercedes record with \$9.7 million for a 1937 Mercedes 540K Spezial Roadster. A 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta Competizione sold for \$5.2 million.

So what does this mean to the average collector? There are reports that new investment funds have been created to buy top collector cars—and only top cars. Apparently the BIG money collectors are doing just fine and are looking to diversify their portfolios. Does this mean that our average collector cars are worth more? No, in fact, many common collector cars have fallen in value in the past three years, so just enjoy them.

## FOR SALE

For sale here is a "COMPLETE ROLLING CHASSIS" from a 1927 Ford 2dr Sedan. All I will remove is the top half, which is the "BODY AND FENDERS AND HOOD AND RUNNING BOARDS". What you are buying is the "FRAME LESS the BODY" which would include from the front end to the rear end drive train. There are lots of new parts including plugs, coils, modern fan pulley and belt, battery, sediment bulb, rebuilt carburetor, rebuilt pitman arm assembly, nice wheels and tires, etc. Please call me for more information, Richard @ 282-7819 or George @ 284-3963. The ASKING PRICE is \$2300, but I will always entertain and consider reasonable offers. I will deliver this entire chassis to your door for FREEEEE!!! or if off island, to the DOCKS for you to ship it.

- · Location: west oahu
- · it's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests



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#### WORLD-WIDE EXPOSURE

by Fred Weisberger

For the past thirty-odd years, one of the best kept (unintentional) secrets in Hawaii has been that there is a local chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America. The Aloha Region has maintained a seriously low profile here, with mostly small and private events, but the Internet is rapidly changing the club's exposure.

During the past three years the Aloha Region's participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> Hawaiian Auto Show has started to expand the club's exposure. This event has allowed the general public to see about a dozen of our antique cars in one place—a unique event in Hawaii. Thousands of local people are thrilled to see our small display and consequently we gain one or two serious new members at the show each year.

All of this new active exposure of the club appears to pale in comparison to the impact of the passive exposure on the Internet. As the current president of the club, I currently receive one or more phone calls about the club per week. The calls usually go something like this, "You don't know me, but I found your club on the Internet..." These inquires seem to fall into several basic themes.

The most common call involves someone looking for information on mechanical help for an antique car. For example, two weeks ago a woman called me seeking mechanical help. It began with the familiar, "You don't know me but..." and she went on to explain that she wanted someone to help her with a 1935 Dodge truck. She explained how she wanted to have someone work her father's old truck-they could work in her garage if needed, she said. After a brief series of questions it became apparent that this 1935 Dodge truck needed EVERYTHING! It had not run in decades and had been poorly stored in out the weather for nearly as long. In the end we talked about restoring a

vehicle for "love" or restoring it with a reasonable financial return in mind. She clearly had has a lot of soul searching to do before she begins this project.

Most of the mechanical help calls are looking for some to work on an antique car for a "reasonable" (read: cheap) price—not likely these days—especially in Hawaii.

The next most common call is from someone looking for an antique car for some event: a wedding, a photo shoot, a public event, or a TV show. These calls always begin with, "You don't know me but..." and then they go on to explain what they want. I get several wedding calls per month, most are from Hawaii, but some are from the mainland, and even two from Europe.

The other types of inquires come less frequently. My procedure is to gather information about the event, type of car(s) they want and if they are willing to pay the owner for the service. Then I explain our club's history and list some of our member's appropriate cars. If I think that a member might be interested, I give the member's phone number to these people or call the member myself. Some of you have received these calls, had some fun, and even earned some money.

Unfortunately, some calls are unreasonable, for example, a North Shore, all-day weddings without any compensation, "...but it is my daughter's wedding!" Or a commercial photo shoot, on the sand, at a well known salt-spray beach—not likely.

Overall, this new Internet exposure has been very good for the club—and quite interesting for me. In addition to various the "help calls" we are picking up some new members. A year ago a man called looking to buy a Model A Ford, although he did not find one here, he just called saying that he bought one on the mainland, and he is excited about becoming a new member. We are no longer the best kept secret in Hawaii.

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