

Memories of AACA Eastern Fall Meet at Hershey!

The first full week in October always marks the annual return of the AACA Eastern Fall Meet at Hershey, which this year, was made notable by some of the finest weather ever witnessed at this event. Clear skies, cool but comfortable temps and abundant swap meet attendees were hallmarks of this year's show!

This year also marked the second annual return of the RROC HQ Region to assist the Rolls-Royce Foundation with their hospitality tent. What could be better than to find an oasis of food, drink, and a handy restroom in the middle of miles and miles of searching for those elusive car parts and automobilia! The Fall Hershey swap meet extravaganza lasted for three full days and during this time the coffee, tea, and sandwiches flowed freely to our grateful members and guests who stopped by to visit with us.





Executive Director, Mark Lizewskie, and Head Research Librarian, Sarah Holibaugh organized a 20'x20' flea market tent while RROC HQ Region Editor Rob Shingle, and RRF Chair George Wagman III organized their now famous hospitality space. The volunteers made sure all those who visited were made welcome and offered refreshments. Sunny skies and moderate temperatures put everyone in a good mood and the overall atmosphere was very upbeat!

Mark and Sarah's flea market items sold well all week, and HQ office staff's own Bonnie Hake and Kathy Zagoric even sold a few memberships and recruited new members to both organizations who found our PMC atmosphere irresistible!



Having an opportunity to socialize and network with members from all over the world is a priceless opportunity, and many new acquaintances and friendships were formed! In this day and age of shrinking service and scarce parts availability for our own PMCs, it's most welcome to be able to share knowledge of where to go to get help when it comes to our treasured motor cars. It's almost like a secret handshake when you enter the tent and start asking questions with folks who have "been there, done that"!

On a personal level, and the newest Chair of the RRF, it was a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to the Foundation membership and discuss the state of affairs of our beloved museum. I made dozens of new acquaintances and enjoyed hearing everyone's stories of how they came to be members of the RRF, and how they find joy in owning their PMCs!

It's become quite clear to me that the personal side of this organization is the real gem in membership. These marvelous Rolls-Royces and Bentleys have captured our imaginations in so many ways but connecting with the owners is where the real magic happens. Having the privilege of helping to tell the story of these fine cars to the rest of the world is just icing on the cake.

If you have never been to a fall AACA Hershey swap meet I encourage you to mark your calendar now for the week of October 7-10, 2025, and see for yourself. It's an amazing experience, and your membership to the RROC and RRF will come full circle when you enter the RRF tent and experience some good old-fashioned RROC HQ Region hospitality!

– George Wagman III
Chairman, Rolls-Royce Foundation
President, HQ Region RROC



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