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# ANTIQUA MOTORING CLUB of MONMOUTH COUNTY

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## 2018 AMCOMC 'CAN CAN DRIVE' KICKS OFF WITH STRONG START

THE 2018 Can Can Food Drive is in full throttle. Any donations of non-perishable canned foods or boxed foods can be dropped off at any of the events that the club is participating in or at our club meeting on November 14.

All food collected will be distributed to the LunchBreak food pantry in Red Bank, NJ on Monday, November 20. Volunteers are needed to help drop off the food collected. Please see one of our Executive Board Members if you are interested and available to help. Delivery time for the items will be discussed at our November meeting and will be confirmed once volunteers are identified.

Thank you in advance for donating to help all of our friends and neighbors – especially at this time of year!



2019 Elections:  
Important Dates

<b>NOMINATIONS:</b>	November 14
<b>VOTING:</b>	December 19

*Let your voice be heard!*

## STRONG TEAMWORK EXHIBITED AT PARKER HOMESTEAD EVENT

THE fifty cars came out on a cold Sunday morning to our neighboring property, The Parker Homestead-1665, but the club was prepared with hot coffee, bagels, and donuts in the morning, followed up by freshly-cooked 'Dirty Water Dogs' for lunch. Everything was cooked on-site by our very own Les Barr, with the assistance of Jim Cattelona, Marty Economides, Joe Valentino, and Mike and Sue Cannizzaro. Thanks to all who attended and volunteered to help feed our cold, hungry members!



**Sharon A. Barr**  
1946 – 2018

IT is with profound sadness and respect, and on behalf of the Barr family, that we announce the passing of our beloved friend and Club Secretary, Mrs. Sharon Barr.

Sharon was an invaluable asset to the club and was a friend to all who she met. We will forever miss Sharon's smile and contagious kindness.

**Harry Dunn, Jr.**  
1930 – 2018



AMCOMC is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Member Sponsor, antique automobile trailblazer, and longtime friend of the club, Mr. Harry Dunn on Monday, November 5, 2018. We send our deepest condolences.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Updated events info is always available on our site!

- Dec 03** Toys for Tots, Wayne's SS – Morganville, 8am
- Dec 08** AMCOMC Holiday Party, Matawan, 12-4pm
- Dec 19** AMCOMC Club Meeting, Little Silver, 7:30pm



Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$40.00 per guest. Please make checks payable to AMCOMC.

## AMCOMC ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

**HOST:**  
Antique Motoring Club of Monmouth County | Hotline: (732) 982-7433

**WHEN:**  
Saturday, December 8 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**WHERE:**  
MJ's Buttonwood Manor  
845 State Route 34 | Matawan, NJ 07747



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## ‘THE GAVEL’: A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT JACK TORRES



As the years go by, I enjoy taking a stroll down ‘Memory Lane’ to look back at what we have accomplished in just five short years – including how our club has changed and evolved into a family, fit for all ages. This feeling of friendship was very evident at the recent celebrations honoring the lives of our fallen members, Mrs. Sharon A. Barr and Mr. Harry Dunn, Jr. Seeing other club members showing their respect and providing support to their families is very comforting.

It was only five short years ago when I was asked to run for President of the Antique Motoring Club of Monmouth County. Soon after winning the Presidency, I found out that I had some rather large shoes to fill, as I succeeded Ted Goushy in the presidency. Fortunately, the foundation was already laid out, but there was a lot going on behind the scenes that had some opportunities for improvement. I wanted a clear understanding of the responsibilities and at the same time, wanted to help our club grow in membership and become a well-informed and active club for everyone to enjoy.

I did a lot of the research with the help and assistance of Robert Howson – our club’s Webmaster at the time – who was able to get me acquainted with the workings of the club and the existing website. Working with Robert allowed me to better learn the ‘who’s who’ and the do’s and don’ts as it pertained to the club.

Another important person in our early development was Sean Fitzgerald and his modern insights, who at the time wasn’t even a member of the club. What started out as management of the newsletter became some simple, but updated by-laws, IRS guidelines, club roster, new member application, and countless other documents and spreadsheets that helped tremendously along the way. Sean joked that he learned legal jargon specifically for the purpose of the club. I was able to strongarm Sean into becoming an actual member and he has since transitioned into his position of Administrative Director – making him the point-of-contact for partners, vendors, and other club-related internal coordination including the Summer Picnic and the Holiday Party, which – according to feedback I’ve gotten – have continued to improve year-over-year.

I addressed some of the basic necessities that would help us grow, especially to keep our membership better informed with modern communication tools every one could use (well, almost everyone – haha!). Sourcing and posting club events for our members to easily find was one objective. Turning our club into a more computer-friendly wasn’t easy, but the timing was just right to push forward and it took off. Emails, texts, newsletters and our new state-of-the-art website duties were transitioned and our current site was designed by our current Webmaster, Danielle Fitzgerald.

I sought out the help of former presidents from other clubs for their insights and knowledge on how to better address the needs and issues surrounding normal club occurrences. Obviously, I started in-house with Ted Goushy and Jules Baron, then I went to outside sources such as our fallen friend and Member Sponsor, Harry Dunn. Harry was an encyclopedia of knowledge when it came to cars and car clubs. He handed me pamphlets and a lot of reading material from the many clubs he led as President, such as the Cadillac Club, the New Jersey chapter of the AACA, and more.

Another source was Mike Williamson, who passed along names and numbers for many local merchants to help promote and support us. Pete Bruncati detailed information on money matters and Rick Lonardo, Richie Hart, and Bill Nemmic provided guidance with raffles, 50/50 info, fundraising tips, and advice on how to get permits and licenses for events as needed. With the knowledge passed on to me, we incorporated all of that and had five years of growth and prosperity for the club.

Now, I’m seeking another term as President. I’m looking for your vote and I’d like to keep my existing board intact. I’ll look to continue tweaking areas of the club as needed. Per the by-laws, those who would like to be included on the ballot for a 2019 season position must be nominated at the November 14 meeting, with our final vote taking place during the December meeting. Together, we can continue this positive trend and simultaneously help in the development of newer members to become potential candidates to run for office.

*Wishing you endless  
miles and memories,*