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Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
April 10th, 2006

Tallahassee Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

A Short Tour to Thomasville

Jack Hanbury

Saturday Mar. 10

The weather was beautiful and dry, 69 degrees with flowers and trees just starting to bud and wild life along the roadside.



Members gathering to go on the road (semi's not part of tour!)

We pulled out @ 9am sharp from the old Sam's parking lot with 12 cars and picked up 4 more waiting for us to come by. We stayed on back country roads all but 9 miles going and I saw three wild turkeys cross in front of us with a big fox squirrel watching us drive by. Mother nature had done a great job on both road sides. We arrived with 16 cars with no difficulties at another car hobbyist home of Steve & Blanche Gordon.



Steve's backyard.

Steve welcomed us driving into their back-

yard and started opening garage doors and car trailer doors and explaining a little about each treasure. All questions were answered as we looked upon model Ts to a 56 T-Bird, 1912 Detroit Electric to a Reo, with no limit to Steve's collecting hobby. A museum of about 30 automobiles from street rod, modified and originals of all makes and models.



One of many display cases in the Gordon home.

The tour wasn't complete until we finished touring their home that Blanch so gladly opened for us to visit. Their collection of Steve's decanter bottles and Blanche's hammered aluminum was a pleasure to see. This tour had so much history with AACA fellowship that it was enjoyed by everyone. We fired up all the old cars (except for a certain young yellow) and headed out to try a new Thomasville GA restaurant which had been open just 4 days "Seminole Wind". For my first visit, I did not hear any bad reports from anyone. From what I saw no one left hungry. After lunch we all headed out for afternoon of personal fun and driving enjoyment returning to home averaging about a 95 mile tour.

(See more pictures of the Gordon's collections on page 4.)

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

March 13, 2007

Tallahassee Automobile museum

There were approximately 49 folks attending.

Opening Prayer - None

Welcome Guests & New Members - No guests or new members attended.

Opening Remarks - Norm Madsen

Norm welcomed the attendees and announced that the program tonight will be a presentation by Sandy Beck and Ginny Densmore representing the St. Francis Wildlife Association. Due to the bed times of the (wild) guests, the program will precede other activities.

Program - Ginny Densmore

Ginny introduced Sandy Beck, education director, St. Francis Wildlife Association. The Association was formed in 1977 and is dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife through rehabilitation and education. They rescue approximately 3,500 sick, injured or orphaned wild birds and animals each year. Some of the animals cannot be released back into the wild due to their injuries. Sandy brought some of these with her today. They included three types of owls, Screech, Barred and a Great Horned example. In addition, a Red Tailed Hawk was displayed.

Sandy showed us a DVD describing the Association's activities and it was amazing how many local animals are injured and delivered to them. The Northwood Animal Hospital has been a drop off point for injured animals. The Association maintains a 35 acre refuge for their activities.

A collection was gathered and given to Sandy for use in their work with wildlife.

50/50 Drawing -

Drawing was held and the winner - Shirley Ozgowicz.

Committee Reports

Treasurer - Andy Mohney
No report this month.

Sunshine - Shirley Moore & Sharon Palmer

We learned that Tom Johnson passed away. You may remember we had a tour to his place in Monticello recently where we enjoyed his vast collection of circus memorabilia and cars. Our prayers are with his family as they deal with their loss. We need to keep all of our members who have considerations in our prayers and make contact with them.

Short Tours - There will be a Quincy Historical Mini-Tour on March 17, 2007. Gather at the Gulf Station on Highway 90 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Directions will be available for you to tour on your own and at your own pace. Model A's will be especially invited and may tour together.

Long Tours - No report this meeting.

2007 National Tour - Bill Thompson brought us up to date on activities thus far. Things are moving along. Many items still needed to be finalized. All members are encouraged to contact Bill for assignments.

Announcements & Reports - Norm Madsen

1. Norm announced that the Springtime Tallahassee organization requested cars for display at their Festival Reception on March 30, 2007. Contact Reuben Plachy if you can participate.

2. Julie Lerner from the Harbor Chase Facility attended and invited us to again participate in their "An Antique Auto Afternoon" to be held on Friday, April 6, 2007. It will be in their front parking lot. We participated before and had a great time. Be there from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

3. Tommy Sykes announced that there will be a Tractor/Antique Engine show & swap March 16 - 17, 2007 at Devoe Moore's place at I-10.

Old Business

None this meeting

New Business

None this meeting.

Coming Events

1. Cruise-In on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the Whataburger on North Monroe.

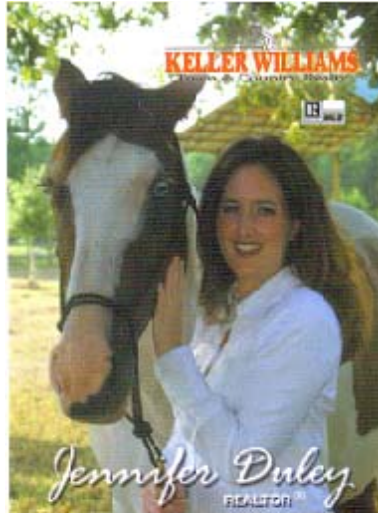
2. See our website calendar for more events. Click on "Club Calendar" www.local.aaca.org/traaca Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities www.aaca.org.

Next Meeting & Location

The meeting will be held on April 10, 2007 at the Antique Auto Museum.

Respectively submitted

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My second car

After high school I joined the US Army. Returning to the states following 13 months in Korea, I was real car sick. Back in the early 1960's there weren't many American cars in Korea. First thing I did was get my 1926 Star out of storage and hit the road. My home leave was way too short and I had to report for my next and last assignment in Arlington, Virginia. While visiting sites in the Washington D.C. area is interesting, I needed something more to pass the time till my release. I started looking for something with a motor. Living on a military compound with only a city bus for transportation, makes it difficult to find that motorized something. I found a motorcycle shop; however, nothing suited my fancy. Eventually I found an ad in the newspaper for a 1938 Ford.

A military friend drove me into Washington, D.C. to look at the Ford. The car was in an old garage and was filthy. It looked blue, but was actually black under the oxidation. The original owner said he stopped driving in 1948 due to poor eyesight and that the car had set there until 1963. We made a deal and my friend helped tow the car to a nearby gas station after putting air in the tires. I put gas and a new battery in and some how started the car. (I had tons of experience in starting old cars by this time.) My friend followed me back to the compound as I drove very slowly. At the gate I was in trouble as I had no sticker or current plates. They finally gave me a temporary pass probably because it was the only old car on the compound and I agreed to go to the pass office first thing in the morning. To register a car you need current registration and insurance. I had nothing. Turns out the pass office made a mistake on the temporary pass and put an expiration date of 1964 vice 1963. In any event I never officially registered the car. No one caught this as I moved the car to the hobby shop every day to work on it.

I was able to work the swing shift 4pm to midnight the whole time I was there freeing up the days to work on the car. First project was to clean the car up to see what I had gotten myself into. It was a standard 1938 model which is really a 1937 body style with an 85 hp engine. The paint polished up except the right fender which had seen better days. The motor continued to smoke so I rebuilt it in place i.e. no machining work just replace the bearings and rings. Everything else worked and looked great after cleaning. I even detailed the engine and under chassee. On one of those days before I cleaned the brakes, I went to move the car to the hobby shop; the front left wheel locked up and slid on the gravel parking lot. Turns out that was the oldest tire, probably the original spare, and the tread scraped off like melted butter. I immediately went to Montgomery Wards and bought new tires.

In the fall of 1964, I was released from active service at midnight. My 1938 Ford was loaded and ready. I carefully removed my temporary pass before going out the gate. All I had to do was show my discharge orders. The only problem I had on the drive to Iowa was vapor lock. The car was my main transportation while attending my first year at the University of Iowa. This was primarily 240 mile round trips to my parents house on certain weekends. On one trip back to school the engine gave way in a cloud of steam. I'm sure I was under the speed limit which was 75 mph on interstate

80. On the side of the road I removed the oil drain plug and water came out. I had to hitchhike back to school. I told my mom where the car was and she went with my friend and towed it home. The next weekend I removed one of the heads and found a hole in it and the piston. I had a hard time locating a 21 stud head, but when I did, it cost a whole \$5. Those were the days.

By the way, that friend of mine had gotten a 1941 Ford 100 hp. He was dating a twin so we had to have a drag race with a twin in each car. What logic we had back then! I won the race and he won the twin which he is still married to.

The attached picture shows my 1938 Ford with my 1926 Star (first car) on a borrowed trailer. My Ford and trailer are part of my next episode called "My 3rd and 4th Cars".

Craig and Belle Mccollum
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Notes from the Editor's Desk

We've had a pretty eventful month in March and hopefully, April will be much the same for the old car hobby. A very good turnout occurred in Quincy at the Gulf Station with Bobby & Nell. The coverage will be on the web site shortly.

I look forward to next Friday when we gather at the HarborChase Retirement home. Please come join us with your old cars. This time its for someone else to enjoy our old rides - people that can't really get out and enjoy them like we do. We had a real good turnout in 2005. Let's do it again.

I've sent the latest club roster to those that receive email and will have copies available at the next meeting.

See you all at the next event or meeting.

Bob

TRAACA Editor and Webmaster

The Gordon Collection



A nicely restored 40's era Simplex Servi Cycle.



An Overland touring car.



A restored and drivable 1912 Detroit Electric undergoing maintenance..



1953 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe



A closet full of antique hammered aluminum.



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Our Trip to Zephyrhills and Beyond

Ed & E'Lane Shuler

Last Thursday, E'Lane & I took off for Zephyrhills to attend a big auto parts swap meet for collector cars. We stopped at a few junkie stores on the way and arrived in town about 6 that evening without any motel reservations (E'Lane had called a few places and all were full). The first decent place we saw was a new Microtel and they said they just had a cancellation! We stayed there two nights and attended the swap meet Friday. As we were leaving the swap meet, we spotted a couple of Pacers abandoned in the woods nearby - a wagon and a sedan. We loved our 77 Pacer wagon and there's a big soft spot



in our hearts for them. We also saw an old train locomotive that needed a picture taken of it and then on down the road there was a



MacDonald's designed like the original ones with the golden arches. We had to have a picture of that too.



We had earlier called cousin Diane and found that she would be working at a school in Zephyrhills on Friday, so we got together with her at

Chili's for a very enjoyable dinner that evening.

Saturday morning we headed for Winter Haven and had a nice visit with Aunts Willie (Diane's mom) & Emily. From there we drove up a desolate road through Polk City up to the Florida Turnpike and on to Ocala where we looked sister Sally up in the hospital there. She was just before being discharged after having stint surgery to provide normal blood flow to her kidneys. She was doing fine and she & David were quite surprised to see us!

After leaving the hospital, we found a motel and attended an early-evening First Coast AMC/Rambler Club meeting at the Chili's in Ocala. That club is based in Jacksonville and it was the first time we had been able to attend one of their meetings. Sunday morning we headed back toward Tallahassee, spending several hours touring the junkie shops in Micanopy. It was a relaxing mini-vacation for the both of us, but unfortunately E'Lane had to go back to work on Monday. When she's able to retire in a few years we'll be able to do a lot more trips like that...and beyond...someday. I want to see the Grand Canyon before I die!

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A Pilgrim's Progress

Subtitle: Secrets of a low cost restoration

By Jack Herzog

The restoration of my 1950 Plymouth Club Coupe took about four years of part time work. My brother Jim did most of the work with assistance from Carmen who did the upholstery. This was her first attempt at car upholstery and the result is wonderful.

Since I could not afford the high cost of original type fabric we went with what I call the resto-look. In other words, we used fabric selected by Jim which is reminiscent of what might have been back in the day. Keep in mind that a 1950 Plymouth is not an expensive car to purchase and so, if these cars are to survive, steps must be taken to keep the costs down while maintaining the integrity of the car.



The original floor was covered with rubber which I don't care for since when you look under a rubber floor you often find rust. We used carpet instead - some which Jim had on hand, probably from a home improvement project.

The door interiors were cleaned and freshened and moisture barriers installed as appropriate.

The wind lace was home made by Carmen. This saved a lot of money since the materials came from a fabric store and a building supply store.

The rubber and metal door jams were custom made by Jim since the reproduction products cost around \$360.

The car is heavily insulated and the headliner stays are wrapped to keep moisture and condensation away from the new headliner. This was not done for the previous headliner which rotted and fell down.

A reproduction heater duct was installed and the heater core which leaked was replaced with a Volvo heater core which Jim had on hand.

This saved about \$300.

Jim installed new hoses and a new belt, a new fuel pump, freshened and painted the engine bay, and did a complete brake job.

We converted the car to 12 volts and Jim installed turn signals. Yes, the fuel gauge still works after Jim corrected a problem with the sending unit.

The sun screen is a Mopar product, probably for a 1950 Chrysler since Jim had to narrow it a bit to fit the Plymouth. He also had to make the mounting clips since the originals were missing. I found a "Guide Traffic Light Finder" on eBay which was installed.

The front seat shoulder belts came from a Honda. The car has rear seat belts also.

The whitewalls are from Coker. I bought five, the 5th being a "blem" to save money.

Jim did all the body and paint work. Thanks to his extensive efforts, another old car has been saved.

The car's name is not very original but that is OK. It is Miss Mayflower. Her first cruise was the Tallahassee Region AACA's recent cruise to Thomasville. I hope she has many more. She seems to like to go 45 or 50 mph. Plymouth came out with overdrive in 1952 as far as I know and some folks install these on older Plymouths. However, I do not plan to do so with mine.

Happy cruising."



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From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee - Official Publication of The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America since 1970

30 Years Ago:

April 1 & 2, 1977 Springtime Tallahassee
Trophy Winners from Florida

- John Cook, Mary Ester, Florida
- Raymond Bauer, Tallahassee, Florida
- Russell Haines, Tallahassee, Florida
- C. K. Pope, Tallahassee, Florida
- Bill Thompson, Tallahassee, Florida
- Nancy Phillips, Ocala, Florida
- Alan Wilson, Tallahassee, Florida
- Don Smith, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida
- J. P. Warren, Pensacola, Florida
- Glenn Davis, Carrabelle, Florida
- John Ellis, Pace, Florida
- Ed Eikman, Tallahassee, Florida
- Richard Conibear, Lakeland, Florida
- John Webster, Pensacola, Florida
- Bob Hargreaves, Pensacola, Florida
- Joe Williamson, Tallahassee, Florida
- Gladys Bauer, Tallahassee, Florida
- Homer Guernsey, Mary Ester, Florida
- DeVoe Moore, Tallahassee, Florida
- Everett Redd, New Port Richey, Florida
- Carlton Nichols, Ft. Myers, Florida
- Frank Barrow, Pensacola, Florida
- Charles Olson, Tallahassee, Florida
- Scott Olson, Tallahassee, Florida
- R. L. Bohannon, Pensacola, Florida
- Ralph Lyles, Ocala, Florida
- Jim Salter, Milton, Florida
- Mary Smith, Tallahassee, Florida
- Bob Burke, Tallahassee, Florida

Trophy Winners from Georgia

- J. V. Hortman, Sylvester, Georgia
- Jack Graham, Thomasville, Georgia
- Arnold Ellis, Thomasville, Georgia
- Grace McWhorter, Americus, Georgia
- Robert Merchant, Albany, Georgia
- H. B. Arnold, Americus, Georgia
- Ray Cook, Valdosta, Georgia

Trophy Winner from Alabama

- Clarence Brett, Lillian, Alabama
- Respectfully submitted, Gladys Bauer, Secretary

20 Years Ago:

May 16's weather definitely needed improving but nothing could have "dampened" the spirits of the 22 brave souls who attended the May meeting at the Pickard's beautiful home. Dean and Betty's warm hospitality and all the goodies supplied by a number of members made everybody glad they came. Even Becky Reichert had a good time after Dan Rainey and Wayne Hadden helped pull Phil's car out of the mud puddle that he got stuck in. Phil, in case you couldn't tell, I don't think Becky liked going 90 miles per hour through those mud puddles—next time humor her and try 85.

SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE - The final words about this year's show are THANKS A LOT!! Dan Rainey thanked all the club members who worked at producing a great show. Dorothy Campbell informed the club that we made a profit of \$302.52 from the show. We will not have an entry in the upcoming GREAT AMERICAN RACE this year not because we didn't give it the Great American try—we were too late in getting started looking for a sponsor. A special thanks is due to the Barkers for time and money spent getting their vehicle ready just in case we found a sponsor in time. And special recognition also to Wayne Hadden and Randolph Brock for their willingness to do likewise.

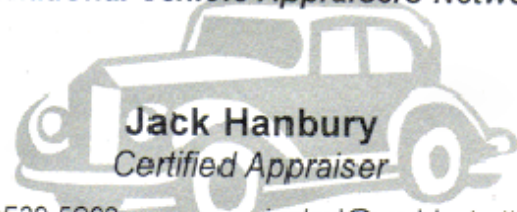
See You Next Time,
Diane McCarthy

10 Years Ago:

The April 15th meeting was held at Manny's Restaurant, on North Monroe Street. Not only was this a new meeting location for the club, but a new eating experience, as the club had the place all to its self! 30 to 40 members attended, as well as two guests. Items covered during the meeting were wide-ranging; from forming a network between other local car clubs for sharing the load of the continuing flow of requests for car displays; to the favorable vote to pursue building a Springtime show in town in conjunction with Springtime Tallahassee events. The possibility of having the Perry show become a non-judged event was also mentioned, as well as the need to maintain our current show site with well defined separation between other vehicle displays (non-AACA). All will be included on the agenda of the next board meeting. The Great Race was briefly discussed. A car display will be the focus for the club, with involvement of other local clubs as well.

Larry Benson, Editor

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

Apr 10, 2006 6:00 p.m. for Dinner — Menu: Barbeque, baked beans, chips, cole slaw, dessert
6:45 Regular Meeting

Program: Gene Densmore will be giving a presentation on vehicles of the Densmore family since 1916 to 1968. Vehicles range from a 1916 motorcycle; 1926 Hupmobile; 1939 Packard; 1950 Chevrolet to a 1968 Honda motorcycle. A V-16 Cadillac or two, a 1918 Scripts-Booth, Curved Dash Oldsmobile, 1932 Auburn and several others.

Local / Area

Friday, Apr 6, 2007 - HarborChase - The Men of HarborChase invite you to join them on Good Friday 2pm to 4 pm in the front parking lot for **An Antique Auto Afternoon**. A Barbershop Quartet and outdoor springtime refreshments for your enjoyment. Contact: Julie -850-531-0404 100 John Knox Road (corner of Meridian & John Knox)

Saturday Apr. 14, 2007 - Transportation Show - Pelham, GA 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cars - Trucks - Motorcycles Classes: Pre 1940 - 1940 to 1959 - 1960 to Present
www.progressforpelham.com (229-294-2345)

Saturday Apr 21, 2007 - Pick-n-Pull & Greenleaf Car Show 3900 Woodville Hwy, Tallahassee
Contact: Ron Tyler 850-567-1198 (rkt@nettally.com) Cindy Lambert 850-997-1125 (sidewaz2@aol.com)

Saturday May 5, 2007 - 21st Annual Spring Fling Car Show Capital City Classic Chevy Club - J. Lee Vause Park
8:00 am to 4:00 pm Contact: Reuben Plachy 850-894-5815 (reuben.plachy@att.net)

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2nd Sat—Ford & Chevy Clubs - 3rd Sat—Corvette Club - Last Sat—Street Rod Club