

April
2009



Traveling in
the Past
and Present

Next Meeting
April 14th, 2008

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

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Hey, That's My Car!

1963 Pontiac Grand Prix

After selling my '55 Chevy Nomad, I decided it was time to find another classic car. Going to car shows as a spectator is not the same as attending with a nice car to display. So began the two-year search for another car.

I first focused on a '61 Pontiac Ventura hardtop, which was the first new car that I owned. Having no luck with a Ventura, I began looking for a nice '62-'64 Grand Prix. After some searching, I found an ad for a '63 located in California.

In contacting the owner, I discovered that he was the second owner and it had 90,000 miles all in California. He began restoring the car with a new interior, a repaired trunk floor, finished side panels and a new two-stage repaint. A complete engine compartment detailing and other miscellaneous restoration repairs were completed. He only drove the car for approximately 270 miles during his ownership.

The car also came with a lot of original paperwork and documentation that confirmed the original owner had the transmission resealed at 89,219 miles and a long-block installed at 89,971 miles due to a cylinder problem.

My future plans are to rebuild the front steering and suspension. There are always more things to do when restoring a 46-year-old classic. I also plan to attend the Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) and GTO Convention in Daytona, Ohio, this July.

Owner: Arnie Kraus

Columbus, Indiana

(from SEMA Driving Force April newsletter)

The year is 1908.

One hundred and one years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1908 :

The average life expectancy was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in 1908 was 22 cents per hour.

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,

a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between

\$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer

about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools,

many of which were condemned in the press AND the

government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a

dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and

used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo. Canada

passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering

their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza,
2. Tuberculosis,
3. Diarrhea,
4. Heart disease and
5. Stroke.

The American flag had 45 stars. The population of Las

Vegas, Nevada was only 30! Crossword puzzles, canned

beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. Two out of

every 10 adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all

Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over

the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then phar-

macy said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoy-

ancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and

is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health'. Eighteen percent

of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic

help. There were about 230 reported murders in the

ENTIRE USA!

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

IT STAGGERS THE MIND!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Robert Finley
3 Jim Tyson
9 Ed Davis
12 Mary Sheldon
12 Dan Rainey
15 Jack Hanbury
15 Frank Penala
18 Barbara Herzog
22 Don Pumphrey
25 Wease Kaylor
28 Rebecca Shaner
28 Peter Zulinke
29 E'lane Shuler
29 James Long

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2009

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 54 members and one new member in attendance.

Opening Prayer – Ed Shuler

Welcome: Richard Duley – Richard Duley greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He especially welcomed new member, Jim Wynn.

50/50 Drawing: Janie Brock was the lucky winner.

Committee Reports:**Treasurer- Carol Love**

Details are available from her.

Sunshine- Richard Duley

Richard mentioned several persons that have considerations. He asked all members to notice when members are missing and contact them. Too often, we neglect members who have problems that go unnoticed.

We learned on Thursday, after the meeting that Bill O'Rourke's mother passed away in Maryland. He and Peggy will be there making arrangements for the funeral.

Tours- Bill O'Rourke/Bobby Hollingsworth

Bobby discussed our tour for this weekend, February 28, 2009 to Pelham, Georgia. We will meet at the Winn Dixie on North Monroe at 8:30, tour to Pelham and take in a car show there. Then, at around 2:30 PM, we will proceed to Cairo and our favorite Chicken Place, Mr. Chick.

In addition, Bill and Bobby have put together an overnight tour to Cordell, Georgia to ride the SAM Shortline Railroad. A feature of this trip will be a stop at the Plaines 3rd Annual Classic Car Show. If that isn't enough, Jimmie Carter will be presenting the car show awards at 3:00 PM! Planning will have us go to Cordell on Friday, April 10th and stay overnight. The train ride and show will be on April 11, 2009.

Contact Bill or Peggy O'Rourke ASAP for reservations. Bill & Peggy have underwritten the Cost of the train ride. Contact them ASAP with your check! Cost of the hotel will be on your own. Bill has a block of rooms set aside for us. The hotel is the Comfort Inn, (229) 273-2371. Call them and mention TRAACA.

Ladies Highlight: - Jean Josey

This is new regular feature of our meetings. Jean told of her 2nd Annual Yard Sale for the benefit of those afflicted with Autism. It will be held on April 16-18, 2009 at the Freedom Assembly of God Church on Thomasville Road.

Announcements & Reports:

1. Bob Love reported on his trip to Philadelphia where he and Carol attended the National AACA Annual Meeting. He received the following four awards: The SE Region "Spark Plug Award" for the Web Site, "Master Web Master" award (again) for the Web Site, and an "Award of Excellence" for both the Chassee Newsletter and the web site. The "Master Web Master" award was one of only 15 given out of 340+ eligible web sites! He also described the meeting highlights and the opportunity he had to attend seminars.
2. Neal Davis told of the latest Soap Box Derby race held on March 14, 2009 at the Summit East facility. He asked for volunteers to help out at future races.
3. Glenda Schanbacher announced that our own Jean Josey provided the wallpaper installation in the "Extreme Makeover" project house.
4. Kendra Baumgardner lead a discussion of the club's participation in this year's Monticello Watermelon Festival on June 20, 2009. Planning is progressing.
5. The McCollum's brought several dozen of fresh eggs from their home farm for free distribution!

Old Business:

1. Richard Duley passed out copies of the 2009 Club Roster.
2. Richard is still in need of Committee Chairs and members. Please contact him to volunteer (or be drafted!).

New Business: None this meeting.

Coming Events:

1. Lunch every Friday around noon at the Quincy Gulf Station. Hot dogs will be available this Friday.
2. April 18, 2009 will be the new Antique Car Museum's First Anniversary Celebration.
3. June 20 is the Watermelon Festival and Car Show.
4. 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.
5. Breakfast this Friday at the Cracker Barrel beginning at 8:30 AM.
6. The Tallahassee Antique Car Museum will be celebrating its first Anniversary on April 18, 2009.



Program: Richard introduced Attorney David Frank

David discussed the ramifications of renting, lending or even just using an antique vehicle for events such as weddings, movie involvement, etc. The bottom line was Don't Do It. Mostly, you can run into problems with your insurance coverage. It becomes especially onerous if you charge for this use. Even if you attempt to hide charges, you can get into trouble with insurance and taxes etc. Major problems will arise if you are involved in an accident. This is even worse if another driver is involved. Florida Law stipulates that the vehicle owner is liable no matter who is driving the vehicle.

Next Meeting:

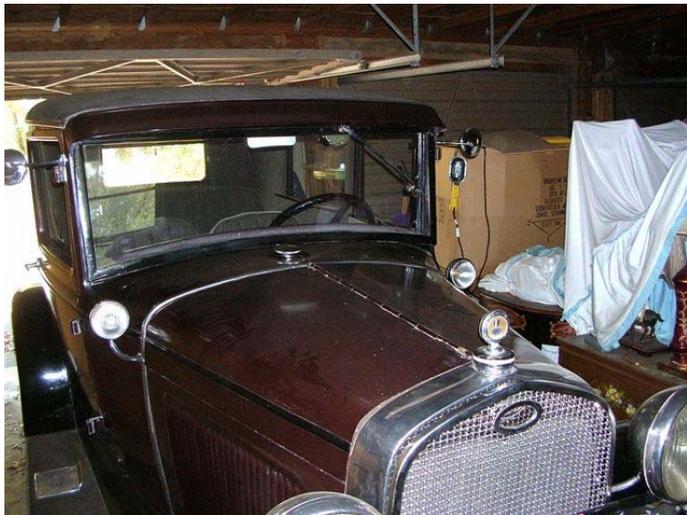
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 beginning at 6:00 pm at the old car museum.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary



**From your Reporters in the field:
Ramblings and Rovings of
Junkyard Dog & Fluffy**

Here we go again. This time Junkyard Dog, Fluffy and Ole Stray. Nose to the ground we end up in Tallahassee. This is where we find Mickey, (no, not Mickey Mouse) In his garage we find a nice 1929 Essex. After looking it over and checking it out we find it would be a good car if that is what you want. Mickey has about eight motorcycles that he would like to sell. Fluffy thought he knew a man that was looking at the car and was interested in buying it. This was an old AACA member Sherill Dansby. After talking with him and his wife, we were invited to their home to see the newly restored 1929 Pontiac. This car is really great, top to bottom, bumper to bumper. They also have a nice Model A, 1930 or 1931 tudor. This car is in an 8 car garage. Just what a car guy needs. Got to go now. Fluffy



Can you guess which one is the 1929 Essex?
The 1929 Pontiac?
How about the 1930-31 Model A Ford?
(This one is too easy...)





LOCAL TOUR NEWS

Get ready **April 10th & 11th** for an overnight cruise to Cordele, GA. where we will catch the vintage HOG (Heart of Georgia) Railroad on Saturday morning to Plains, GA. with stops in between. We will attend a car show in Plains where the awards will be presented by former President Jimmy Carter. We will cruise home Saturday evening. Reservations need to be made at the Comfort Inn (229-273-2371) in Cordele. Our tour-master, Bill O'Rourke has arranged a deal with the motel for a block of rooms at \$60 a night. The cost to ride the train is \$27.50/person. Contact **Bill O'Rourke 850-539-4549** for arrangements for the train tickets or any questions. **CEL 980-0632**. Check the web site calendar for all events planned for our club and other events club members might be interested in. <http://aaca.org/traaca>

UPDATE: *The motel that we will stay at Friday April 10, is the Cordele Comfort Inn, 1601 16th Avenue East. The train leaves Saturday at 9:30 AM from the station at the corner of N 7th St. and E 9th Ave. The train returns to Cordele at 6 PM at which time we will head home. Arrangements have been made with the Golden Corral which is just east of our motel to be seated together for dinner at 6 PM Friday evening if you wish to do so. For those that would like to drive to Cordele in a caravan we will meet Friday April 10th at the Winn-Dixie on Rt. 27 North at 11:30 AM and leave at Noon. Driving instructions and maps will be given out at that time.*

MARCH TRAACA PROGRAM

Safe Mobility for Life Program

Drivers' risks to themselves and to other road users decline rapidly until around age 25, continue declining gradually until ages of approximately 65 to 70, begin increasing again around age 70, and increase more rapidly after approximately age 75. Relative to other age groups, drivers aged 85 and older have the highest rate of their own deaths by all measures considered; approximately two to three times that of 16- and 17- year-old drivers, depending on the measure. Relative to other age groups, teenage drivers pose the greatest risks to their own passengers, occupants of other vehicles, and non-motorists by all measures considered. Older drivers pose more risk to their passengers, occupants of other vehicles, and non-motorists than the lowest-risk drivers do. The degree to which older drivers' risk to these categories of road users is elevated depends upon whether risk is measured on a per driver, per trip, or per-mile basis.

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Hello Friends,
WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR 1906 WAYNE! WAYNE HAS A WAYNE! We wanted to tell you about our new addition to our car family...It can be seen on You Tube and **GOOGLE YOU TUBE**. Type in **1906 Wayne** and a video will come up. We bought it January 27th.
Sincerely with Hugs Rosa Ann



Wayne (1904-08): The Wayne Automobile Company was formed in 1901 by Charles F. Palms (whose grandfather was the largest landowner in Michigan). The company and car were named for General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, who was decorated for his heroic efforts during the Revolutionary War and Indian wars in the Northwest Territory. The Wayne automobile was designed by William Kelly. The first Wayne had a two-cylinder motor with chain drive. It sold for \$1,200 without a canopy. The three-story Wayne factory was of brick construction that measured 400 x 60 feet and was three stories high. It was situated on five acres located at Piquette and Brush. In 1907 Byron Everitt became president of the Wayne Automobile Company, and sold his Everitt Carriage Trimming Co. to Walter O. Briggs, who had been the manager. This was the beginning of the Briggs Manufacturing Co. that supplied automobile bodies to many different companies along with many other products. Briggs was a baseball fan and personal friend of Detroit Tigers owner Frank Navin. Briggs took over the Tigers after Navin died. In early 1908 Walter Flanders left Ford Motor Co. to manage the Wayne Company. Everitt and Flanders soon formed a partnership with Bill Metzger. The Wayne marque was ended when the E.M.F. Company was organized.



Photos from cruise weekend, February 28, 2009 to Pelham, Georgia



Yesteryears Remember When?



From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee -
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 (Minutes from April 10 years ago were not available)

30 Years Ago:

Amidst a setting of lush greenery and a rippling fountain, overlooking Apalachee Bay, the April 8th, 1979 meeting of the Club was held at "Brothers Three By The Sea" (the old Clayton's Restaurant, at Panacea), where we dined before holding a short business meeting. The club has received a letter from the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Model "A" Restorers' Club. There had been a national decision made to require a Blue Ribbon Winner Car to have a 2-bladed, original fan and original motor mounts. They believe that this should not be required, and actually is a hazard, as they could fly off. They also are advocating driving of the cars, instead of making them original and only for show. National MARC met at Louisville, Ky. Where this decision was made. Respectfully submitted,
 Gladys Bauer

20 Years Ago:

Twenty-nine hardy souls and a parade of 14 old cars left in the rain from the Cross Creek Restaurant for White Springs early in the morning on April 15. Dan Rainey was a prophet when he said "Don't worry, it'll clear up at about Lake City". He was pretty close, the weather did clear up shortly after we arrived in White Springs and was beautiful for the rest of the weekend. Catfish was working hard to overcome some organizational problems, but he was able to provide us anyway with fine food and a fine weekend. "Relaxing" is a word we heard over and over from our members while we were there. We all hope we can make the trip again. All the old cars performed beautifully except for a few minor problems, but that just gave the mechanics in the group a chance to show their stuff. Bye for now,
 Sharon Heber



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We're on the Web!

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Next Meeting

at
The Former Antique Auto Museum
April 14th, 2009
6:00 p.m. for Dinner

Menu:

grilled pork chops, 2 vegetables, mashed potatoes, biscuit and strawberry shortcake

Program:

Fred Heery, Deputy State Traffic Engineer
Safe Mobility for Life Program

Monthly Cruise-Ins

Sonic/Hardees on North Monroe
1st Saturday each Month (just north of Capital Circle)

What-A-Burger Drive-In on Thomasville Road
2nd Sat—Ford & Chevy Clubs
Last Sat—Street Rod Club

Helen's Silver Bullet Diner on Apalachee Parkway
3rd Sat each month

**National and
Regional Events**

April 2009

2-5 — Southeastern Spring Meet , Charlotte, NC

10 & 11—TRAACA overnight cruise to Cordele, GA. and the SAM train ride to Plains, GA.

11— Soap Box Derby car wash 9am—1pm at Capital City Bank on Thomasville Road in Shoe Station parking lot. Please call Ridge Robinson 566-3198 for info.

18 — Tallahassee Antique Car Museum's First Anniversary Celebration.

15-19 —Southeastern Divisional Tour, Birmingham, AL

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