

April
2011

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
April 12, 2010
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

The Club President Volunteered and what did he learn?

Sometime in early December 2010, a member of the Rick Scott Inaugural Parade Committee left a message on my home answering machine. The message said, "We would you like to invite your club to participate in the inaugural parade?" As the president of our club, I get many of these requests and the majority of the time I can quickly answer with a no.

However, this request appealed to me, since it was an opportunity for our club to participate in a statewide event with great exposure for our club and history. I waited a few days before responding and when I called back, I said we would probably participate but only after I poll our members at our upcoming December club meeting. The Inaugural Parade Director said that would be fine and then volunteered to come to our meeting and make an appeal to the members to join in the parade. During our December meeting, our members were asked if they would participate and would they be willing to sign up that night. In addition, they would need to submit a Florida Department of Law Enforcement form in order to have a background check. At this point, we were told that our club would be driving only the dignitaries in the parade. A special emphasis was placed on the need for convertibles.

After the meeting, I had enough members complete the FDLE form and say they would participate in the parade. So far so good and I now had my list of drivers for the upcoming parade. The bad news was that there was going to be a long period between the actual parade and the club meeting. I still needed volunteers to complete the FDLE form and assign a dignitary's name to their car. As time went on, I started to get calls and emails from previous volunteers that they would not be able

to participate for various reasons. I still had time to get replacements so I did not panic. It was not until two days before the parade that I finally had everything that looked like a firm plan from the Inaugural Director. In fairness to the director, he was in the middle of a huge political planning nightmare. He had many high-ranking bosses changing things at the last minute.

It is now Sunday evening before the parade on Tuesday and I finally have my plan and directions. At this time, I start calling the car club volunteers to confirm their participation in the parade. For various reasons, I had several members decline to participate or forgot that they completed an FDLE form and agreed to be in the parade. I am now in a panic because I had just provided the parade director my list of drivers and cars. To make a long story short, we were able to participate in the parade and the Governor's staff was very complimentary of our club and thanked us for participating. To the members who drove or assisted with the parade I owe each of you special thanks. Especially DeVoe Moore and Luis Hurst. They were not even allowed to drive their own cars in the parade because a law enforcement officer had to drive them for security reasons.

So, what did the President of the club learn from this experience? Do not volunteer for another parade! It was more work than I ever expected and found out that there were many more surprises as time went on. Only do fun parades in which members can participate if they want to and without any special conditions. Oh, I hope we will consider the Veterans Day parade in November.

Will this President ever learn?

Richard

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2011**

OPENING

The meeting was opened by President Richard Duley, who also gave an opening prayer and then welcomed all 49 persons present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Treasurer reported that we have \$5,277.25 in club funds.

The Sunshine Committee reported that Cheryl Bartell is going to Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa and will be having ongoing chemo treatment there

The 50/50 drawing was won by Peggy Tyson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that there will be a get together for breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 8:30 AM on Friday. Also that the gathering at the old Gulf Station in Quincy will have hot dogs for lunch.

OLD BUSINESS

It was stated that we need volunteers for the Membership Committee. Also, we need volunteers for the Monticello Car Show in June.

NEW BUSINESS

We unanimously voted give \$500 to help the Soap Box Derby here in Tallahassee.

It was also moved and passed unanimously that we allow the Sunshine Committee to provide a "get well" item of \$25 - \$35 value to extremely ill members as the need occurs.

COMING EVENTS

Leon High School car show March 12th from 11AM - 2 PM.

Chevy Show at the Antique Car Museum on April 9th. The Gainesville club will be attending.

March 24 - 27th: St. Augustine Model A show.

March 26th - Ernie Sims event at Antique Auto Museum

April 16th - Monticello Southern Music Rising at the Courthouse parking lot from 10 AM - 3 PM.

PROGRAM

A program about Don Garlits, entitled "The Accident that Changed a Sport" was presented by Alan Pip-penger.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 12th. The program will be the Red Light Camera Safety Program by Allen R. Secreast, P.E., Traffic Mobility Manager for the city of Tallahassee.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Link, Secretary

My First "Classic" Car

Bob Brown

I had always wanted an MG-TD to restore, but couldn't afford one. So when fiberglass replica kits appeared in the early 1980s, I bought a Fiberfab kit and built my own. So it wouldn't be a real MG, so what? It sure had the feel of driving the real thing. The kit was easy to assemble, with a nice red gelcoat, and I bought a 1970 VW chassis with a rebuilt engine. Three strong buddies and I lifted the finished kit off the sawhorses and set it on the chassis, where it fit just fine! After making all the connections, I drove the car out of the garage for the first time, and what a thrill. That was a great car to drive, and I commuted daily in it to Kodak Park in Rochester, NY all that summer of 1985.

That fall, I was transferred to Palo Alto, California, where I took the top off the kit car and drove it without rain from March to October. I even was admitted to the annual British Car Club show! But I also found that nice old real cars like rust-free Jaguars, Mercedes, and Porsches were available and within reason. (In fact, I eventually bought and took back to Rochester a 56 Jaguar XK-140 drophead coupe that originally had been bought by Tyrone Power, as well as a 59 Mercedes-Benz 190 SL, but that's another story!) So I decided to sell my little kit car. However, the Bay Area air quality standards required that any car sold had to have at least the level of pollution control that the engine had when new. So I was faced with finding all the air cleaner and filtration equipment that came with a 1970 VW Beetle! Fortunately, the junkyard in East Palo Alto had plenty to work with, so my problem then became trying to fit all that stuff into the engine compartment located in the "gas tank" at the back of the MG. After a lot of cutting and fitting and pop riveting of sheet metal, I made it all work, so I was ready to advertize the car. Ironically, it found the interest of a guy who had a fleet of Model A kit cars that he rented in Hawaii and he decided my little MG would be a great addition! So the car was sold and made the trip to Hawaii, which had no anti-pollution requirements. All my work turned out to be unnecessary!

This was my sole venture with kit cars; I've dealt with the real thing ever since, including finally a real BRG 52 MG-TD that I bought and drove in the early 1990s.





Word Search Puzzle

American Automobile Makes

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 Q H O M L N T J I M W E V E V L Z F T R
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Words:

AUBURN	BUICK	CADILLAC
CHEVROLET	CHRYSLER	DODGE
FORD	FRANKLIN	GMC
HUDSON	IMPERIAL	JEEP
LINCOLN	MERCURY	OLDSMOBILE
PLYMOUTH	PONTIAC	RAMBLER
STUDEBAKER		

**From the
Editor's
Desk**



I hope everyone enjoys this issue of our club newsletter. It's a special edition not enjoyed too often. What makes it so special? All the articles and stories came from our very own club members! Now isn't that a lot more enjoyable than reading about AACA members and cars from far away locales?

I'll bet there are many more stories out there from other members just like the ones in this month's issue. All it takes is writing down your thoughts and stories and I'll handle the rest. How about it? Share your adventures (or even mis-adventures) with other club members. I hear a lot of these stories during meetings, club events or cruise-ins. Let's share them with everyone. Send me your tall tales, exciting finds, strange characters, fun cars or not-so-fun heaps. I'm sure each collectible car owned by a member in our club has its own tale of joy or woe.

Bob
Editor
Tallahassee Chassee

**The
Litterbox
By Neal Davis**



WITH A HEAVY HEART I NEED TO TELL EVERY ONE THAT DAVE CURTIS PASSED AWAY THIS LAST WEEK. FOR THOSE THAT VISITED MY SHOP OVER THE YEARS THEY WOULD REMEMBER DAVE. HE WAS AS MUCH ABOUT OLD CARS AS ANY ONE. HE WAS AN EXCELLENT MACHINIST AND LOVER OF HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES. DAVE HAD WORKED FOR THE DAVIS FAMILY FOR OVER 20 YEARS.




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Leon High School Car Show hosted by the Student Council

Photos by Paul Edward Shuler



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Photos by Bob Love





Collecting Vintage Tools What Is It?

(Editor's Note: Today, the table (or should I say workbench) has turned! Our intrepid TOOLMAN is in a quandary.....Bob)



In the above picture, what is the top tool?

The bottom wrench is marked "OUTFIT.ALDA.KEY" and is from England. I know what the top tool is, but I don't know what this wrench is for.

Craig McCollum

Aka
The Egg Man



Club Event Planning

- April 9** Chevy Club Spring Fling
Antique Car Museum
- April 16** Down Home Days Show
Madison, FL
- April 23** Tour to Donaldsonville
(Tentative)
- April 30** Milltown Murals
Lakeland, GA
- May 13-14** Great Southern Antique Car
Rally—Cairo, GA
- May 21** Soap Box Derby
- June 18** Watermelon Festival Car
Show—Monticello

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Have you ever wondered what happened to the car you once owned many years ago ? On page 3 of the May 2007 issue of our Tallahassee Chassee, I wrote about my 1927 Star 4 door sedan. The article ended with "What happened to it ?".



This picture shows this car just after I bought it in 1965 loaded on a trailer which I pulled with my 1938 Ford!



This next picture shows the car after restoration, being pushed into a temporary shed in Des Moines, Iowa in the Summer of 1969 about the time the astronauts landed on the moon (Apollo 1) and just before I moved to Hawaii. I sold this car in 1975 to Bob Porter who towed the car to his home in Panama City, Florida. I never expected to see this car again.

Unknown to me, Bob restored the Star again and took it to a local car show in 1985 where Wayne Hadden (TRAACA member) first saw the Star and told Bob he would loan him his trailer so that he could show the car at the 1985 AACA National Spring meet in Huntsville, Alabama. The Star won a First AACA Junior and later that year a Senior. It also won a First Place Grand National the following year. Bob then drove the Star on a number of AACA tours with no major problems. Around 1990 the engine was overhauled, which was the first internal engine work since 1927 (not bad considering the 36 hp 4-cyl Continental engine had babbit bearings). After more AACA tours, Bob had the Star reupholstered.

In November 2007 Bob and his wife participated in the AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour in Tallahassee with their 1981 Mercedes 380SL. I didn't see Bob, but he did talk to Norm Madson our TRAACA club President at the time, who told him about my interest in Star cars (he read my Chassee article about Star cars) and that I had moved here from Hawaii. After the tour, Bob and I corresponded and exchanged information about the car's history from my purchase to the present. So 32 years later I found out what happened to the 1927 Star I once owned.

Wait ! The story isn't over. I didn't know Bob had sold the car so it was a surprise to see the Star last year at Wayne Hadden's car museum in Cairo Georgia. Now you can see it also.

Craig McCollum



This picture shows the completed Star 4dr sedan with my 2 boys sitting on the running board.



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We're on the Web!
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Menu

Breakfast & Fruit
OJ & Coffee

Program

Red Light Camera Safety Program
by Allen R. Secreast, P.E.,
Traffic Mobility Manager for the city of Tallahassee.

Monthly Cruise-Ins

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

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

Whataburger on Apalachee Parkway
3rd Sat each month

National and Regional Events

Check <http://AACA.org> for full details of these and other events

April

7-10 - AACA Southeastern Spring Meet in Charlotte, North Carolina. Email melcarsonhnr@windstream.com for more information. Southeaster Spring Meet Brochure.

17-22 - Founders Tour (1932-1986 vehicles) in Lake Mary, Florida, sponsored by AACA Florida Region. Call 407-327-0740 for more information.

May

1-4 - Wilmington, NC - Southeastern Divisional Tour (1986 and earlier) - sponsored by AACA Cape Fear Chapter - 910-343-1330