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Next Meeting
August 8, 2006

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

The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

2007 SOUTHERN REGION FALL TOUR HOSTED BY THE TALLAHASSEE REGION

Message from Bill Thompson to the Board of Directors and National HQ:

Everyone:

From the responses back from most of you it is clear the sentiment leans toward November 2007 for our SE Regional Tour. There were several good reasons given - it will be much cooler, the national AACA events calendar is open with no conflicts with other tours, and the suggestion from Art Griffin - AACA National Activities Chair for S.E. Division, that the tour start on a Sunday and run through Wednesday eliminates the problem of a conflict on a football Saturday with FSU. So, I am going to put in our bid for the week of **November 11th Sunday (Veterans Day) through Wednesday the 14th for the tour.**

There were some good points made for having the tour on September 29th when we know for sure FSU plays Alabama away that week end which would open up that Saturday, and we would have been able to qualify for Chamber grant money sooner. There were some concerns for September 29th as well - there are three national events that month that might take away potential attendees to our tour and that date is just before Carlisle and Hershey. Most favored the idea of having the tour starting on a Sunday and ending on Wednesday. A Sunday start would give our committees additional time for last minute preparations on Saturday and give some tour travelers two non-working days to get here. I want to thank those who gave good opinions and their vote: Art Griffin, Joanna Cooper - VP Natl. Activities, Janet Ricketts - former National AACA President, Gary Edwards - Tallahassee Region AACA President, Bob Love - Newsletter Editor, Jack Hanbury - former director of our national regional show, and Gene Densmore, club director.

Let the planning now begin!

Response received from Art Griffin, Chairman National Activities, Southeast Division

Bill,

Your positive can-do attitude is really great. We have experienced outstanding national events hosted by the Tallahassee Region in the past, and we are looking forward to this event as well.

Our Director for National Activities, Joanna Cooper, will move ahead with the dates you have selected and will forward them to AACA Headquarters for inclusion in our 2007 schedule.

Thanks a Million! And please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you.

Regards,
Art Griffin

Mark your calendars now and let's all begin preparation for another great event hosted by our club.

Bill is looking for volunteers to fill several key positions and committees. Everyone must be a part of this endeavor, so let Bill know where your expertise is or just where you desire to work.



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 — Peggy O'Rourke
- 5 — Phil Palmer
- 14 — Bob Grimes
- 16 — Martha Ward
- 17 — Dan Baxter
- 18 — Ginny Densmore
- 29 — Tom Link

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 11 , 2006
Tallahassee Automobile Museum**

Present were approximately 54 members + 2 new members joining tonight and 3 guests.

Opening Remarks - Gary Edwards

Gary started the meeting at 6:45, as was previously decided, to insure an earlier finish. He began as usual with some jokes, this time about some "funny Accident Reports". Our two new members were introduced to the club: Thomas Wiatt and Jack Gaskins. Guests of Peter Zulinke and Shirley Moore were also made welcome.

He reported on a letter received from the National Soap Box Derby organization thanking the club for its support and Neal Davis reported that they were preparing for the trip to Akron at the end of the month for the National Race.

Norm Madsen reported on the participation of a few members and their cars in the Watermelon Festival Parade and Show held in Monticello.

Jack Hanbury reported on the participation in the Benefit car show held at the Lincoln-Mercury dealer for former TRAACA member Bob Spiegel who is awaiting a heart transplant. He also related a few words on the National Ford Retractable's Club Convention and Show presently at the Ramada Inn.

Intro Presentation - Gene Densmore gave a short presentation on 6 volt light bulbs available for older cars. These are LED lights and are made to fit right into the older receptacles used on older vehicles.

50/50 Drawing - Dan Rainey

Peter Zulinke was our lucky winner this month.

Committee Reports

Treasurer - Andy Mohny

Details are available from Andy.

Sunshine - Shirley Moore/Sharon Palmer

The following were reported to have considerations:

Bob Spiegel

Elizabeth Tyler

Short Tours -

Due to family concerns, Ed & E'Lane Shuler are stepping down as Short Tour Chairpersons. If anyone is interested in helping out on this endeavor, please contact Gary Edwards.

Long Tours - Dan Rainey

The tour to south Georgia previously planned for the spring will probably come to fruition in late Sept. or Oct.

2007 National Tour - Bill Thompson

Bill advised that the committees are now being formed up and he is looking for various chair-persons.

Old Business

No old business this month!

New Business

No new business this month!!

Coming Events:

The next Club Cruise-In will be at the North Monroe Whataburger on July 22nd.



Jack Hanbury advised that the Town of Havana is preparing to celebrate it's 100th Anniversary with a Parade and Show on Dec.9th and would like the TRAACA members to participate.

A 50's Night & car show will be held July 12th 6 to 8 pm at the Celebration Baptist Church.

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.

Program

Jack Hanbury gave an excellent presentation on the art of classic and antique auto appraisals. Jack is a certified appraiser and his talk along with plenty of visual evidence brought up the importance of having a professional appraisal done not only for assessing a vehicle's value but to determine insurance coverage in case of loss or damage. He also showed us the difference in "professional" appraisals and those done by "interested parties" such as used car dealers.

Next Meeting & Location

The meeting will be held on August 8th, 2006 at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum at 3550 Mahan Drive. Dinner at 6:00 PM, the meeting will begin at 6:45 with preliminaries. Please continue to spread the word about this new meeting place.

Respectively submitted - Bob Love, Newsletter/Web Editor.

TALLAHASSEE REGION AACA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2005 5:30 p.m.

GARY EDWARDS WORKPLACE - 1430 PIEDMONT DR., NE

Present were: Gary Edwards, Andy Mohny, Bob Love, Bobby Hollingsworth, Gene Densmore and Bill Thompson. John Schanbacher, Norm Madsen and Tom Link could not attend. The following items were discussed:

1. 2007 Division Tour. Bill Thompson, in his capacity as Tour Chairman, discussed the importance of determining a date for the tour. He was being asked by the National Directors to set a date now so that the event calendar could be published for next year. Much discussion ensued over dates determined by college football schedules (FSU), other National events and the differences in weather between Sept. and November. Bill stated that research indicated that the FSU football schedule left open Sept. 22 and 29 since they were definitely "away" games. This being the only firm dates known to be open at this time, it was determined by the Board that we would propose Sept. 26—29, 2007 as our Tour dates.

2. Financial Budget. Treasurer Andy Mohny brought before the board a report of club finances. He reported that expenses for 2004 and 2005 exceeded income by a good margin and the first 6 months of this year is also running a deficit. Gary lead the discussion on ways to lessen the deficit or ways to actually turn it around through means of raising funds. The only means of income at present are member dues, the annual club auction and the monthly 50/50 drawing. Raising dues was not viewed as an option at this time and the club members will be asked to suggest other means of income generation. One method discussed would be to advertise in the monthly club newsletter, at least to support the rising costs of its' production. The newsletter editor, Bob Love, will look into this matter and report back to the board.

3. November Auction and Chili Dinner. The Duncan's have had the auction for three years and they would like someone else to take it over for awhile. The Herzog's are willing to do this and have plenty of room (several acres along Lake Jackson, they are on Northshore Dr. in Lakeshore). The club would need to provide a porta-john for the day as well as the "tent" we have to cover the chili serving area. There is plenty of room for parking our cars etc. and a great view to enjoy the event. It was determined to accept the Herzog's invite.

4. Short Tour Chairman. We need a short tour chairperson to take Ed & E'lane Shuler's place as they have resigned as chairpersons (still willing to help while not in leadership position) for the rest of the year due to some time consuming issues with their daughter. Gene Densmore has volunteered to step up and help out.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Restoration vs. Restification

By
Club President—Gary Edwards

Most of us in AACA are familiar with restoration, taking an antique automobile in some stage of wear, disrepair, and deterioration from time and the elements, and restoring it to like new condition. The goal is to bring the car back to the condition it was in when it left the factory. Unless you happen to find an original untouched car that was carefully preserved, you are going to spend some time and money on the restoration process.

Restification is the process of taking an antique or classic car and while keeping the classic period look of the car, the object is to upgrade its engine, transmission, suspension etc with modern aftermarket products utilizing modern technological advances. The end result is to have a car with classic looks but drives like a modern car complete with the comforts of air conditioning and high tech sound systems. The older versions of this are the street rods of the 20's, 30's and 40's, which often use "modern" drive trains and suspensions from the later 50's and 60's cars. The new wave of restification are the muscle cars of the 60's and early 70's. In many cases everything from the frame, suspension and drive lines are completely replaced with modern aftermarket versions while the original classic body is kept in tact.

If you have watched the program, "Overhaulin'" on the Speed Channel, you may have seen car designer Chip Foose and his team do restifications on classic cars of the 50's through the 70's. One show in particular, featured Tour de France cyclist champion Lance Armstrong, who had a worn, though original, 1969 GTO. His significant other, singer Sheryl Crow, tricked him to make him think someone stole his GTO (a common tactic on the show) while the "Overhaulin'" team disassembled and stripped the GTO only to restyle it and put in a new suspension, crate engine, transmission, etc. and even modern 18 inch custom wheels and tires, which required the fender wells to be cut and enlarged in order to accept these "monsters". Granted, the work that was done was first class, but something just doesn't look right about taking a valuable classic, such as a GTO, and making it into a "modern" classic. It reminded me of some of these aging celebrities who have excessive plastic surgery and seeing their skin stretched in ways it was never intended making them look out of place with young people as well as people their own age!



Restification

Of course, there is a place for upgrading some of the mechanics in an antique car to make them more drivable, safer, and less prone to break downs. Even though these won't win you top honors in AACA judging, it will make your car into a driver that's reasonably safe and reliable. Where I draw the line, is when it alters the style and character of the original. Why not use a period correct engine block and heads, even if you want to do some work on the internals to coax more horsepower from it, but don't replace the old iron with a modern crate engine. It's fine to upgrade the electrical from 6 to 12 volts, or the ignition from points to solid state. Even period correct aftermarket wheels, like the chrome Crager wheels of the 60's look good, but those modern 18 to 20 inch custom wheels just don't belong on the classic muscle cars of the 60's.



Restoration

Bottom line, there is a place for everyone and every taste in the car hobby and everyone is entitled to do what he or she wants in restoring an antique, but if you are going to a full restification, find a car with less historical importance than a GTO, Hemi Road Runner, or SS Chevelle. Instead, take a Plymouth Valiant, Pontiac Tempest, Chevy II and have at it. We need to do what we can to preserve the timeless classics so that future generations can enjoy and appreciate them.



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



Junk yard Dog and Fluffy sniff out another one. Can you believe in our own back yard? While talking to a street rodder the other day we said, you should get you a nice original car so you could join us. So, Clayton says, I have one. We have known, and you have too, Clayton for a long time. Well, what have you got? A 1933 Plymouth coupe in my garage, been there for some years now. Say what? Can we come by and see it? When? So, we called later and went. There it was. A very nice car, solid as a rock. Should be pictures with this and you may see the wooden spoke wheels and stuff. A great find. Also, Fluffy got a very nice Gulf trash can out of this. Hope you can find stuff in your back yard too. Sniff around some and see what you can find. You never know what it will be.

Until next time, nose to the ground.

Fluffy



Pictures took by Junkyard Dog

“Getting To Know You”

AACA Member Profile: Bill & Peggy O'Rourke

Interviewed by Gary Edwards

What is your occupation?

Bill: Retired. (previously worked as Parts and Service Director for Mercedes Benz)

Peggy: Retired. (previously worked at a Mercedes Benz dealership)

Editor's note: both worked in Annapolis, Maryland.

How did you become interested in the antique car hobby?

Bill: Even though I worked for Mercedes, I always had an interest in domestic cars. At one time while in high school I had worked in a service station and I had always like the cars made here in the U.S. back when gas was 16.9 cents a gallon!

Peggy: Even though my interest is not as great as Bill's, I still enjoy the cars and especially like the social aspect of being around car enthusiasts.



How did you become members of the Tallahassee Region of AACA?

Bill and Peggy: We became members of AACA National, while in Annapolis, but never joined a local club. After I bought the 1931 Ford Model A, we joined a Ford Model A club in Virginia. Upon retiring we moved to Tallahassee, there was no local Model A club so we found TRAACA and really liked the members and joined right away.

What was one of your favorite cars when you were growing up?

Bill: When I got out of the Navy, I bought a 1954 Ford Skyliner with a plastic roof. This is still one of my favorite automobiles.

Peggy: I really liked the 1966 Rambler AMC convertibles.

Share a story about one of your cars that is a special memory?

Bill: My dad had purchased a 1958 Ford Fairlane 500. Shortly after he got the car I drove it on a class trip to a University of Maryland football game. On the trip I accidentally ran into the back of my cousin's car. The worst part was driving the car back home, knowing full well that I had to face my dad with his new "pride and joy" damaged by the accident. I'll never forget my dad's words, "You ruined the nicest thing I ever had".

Peggy: Our first trip in our Model A was to the "Show and Shine" event at Market Square here in Tallahassee last year, just a short time after we got the car tagged and on the road. It was 97 degrees, one of the hottest days of the year, and the Model A overheated while driving east along Route 12. After we got some help from Paul O'Neal who brought some water to add to our radiator, we made it the rest of the way to Market Square. Now we have a new name for that stretch of Route 12, "Overheating Hill"!

Is there a dream car you do not currently own that you'd like to have?

Bill: Probably a 1954 Ford Skyliner with the plastic roof like the one I used to own.

Peggy: I'll go along with that!

What do like most about the antique car hobby?

Peggy: I especially like the tours and the cruise-ins, along with the social activities. The people in our club are the friendliest and just make you feel at home.

Bill: I have to say that I'm not the most outgoing person, but the people in our club make me feel welcome and comfortable, and like Peggy, I also enjoy the tours and cruse-in and other club activities.



What AACA National Tours and Shows have you participated in?

Bill And Peggy: We have not really been in the club long enough to have participated in any of the AACA National events, but we have attended the Hershey event for over 20 years. We really enjoyed the Great Southern Antique Car Rally in Cairo this year.



Bill & Peggy enjoying the Cairo Rally in their 1964 Corvair.

What other hobbies and interests do you participate in?

Bill: I also enjoy model trains and enjoy repairing antique clocks.

Peggy: I like to collect dolls, and also enjoy gardening when the weather isn't too hot.



Here's a picture I took at the June Cruise-in of Shirley Moore and her three sisters, Sylvia, Sharon and Sally, and Sally's husband, William. William does not drive, but loves the unique sounds of the old cars and was thrilled to get behind the wheel of the '54 Packard Caribbean. Also seated are three grandkids.

Norm Madsen



**Tallahassee
Region
AACA
Cruise-In
3rd Saturday
of each
Month
at
Whataburger
No. Monroe St.
Tallahassee**



Here is a photo from the last cruise-in with charter members Richard and Joan Boutin with their super nice 69 VW sedan .

Gary Edwards

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CONTEST

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What make car did each of these ornamentations come from? 1 pt.
(Extra point awarded if you know the particular model)

What was the year of manufacture? 1 pt.

Where was the ornament located on the car? 1 pt.

Bring your answers to the next meeting (Aug 8)

1st prize—(DVD) Sixty from Sixty (Compilation of auto advertising and
manufacturer's PR from the 1960's.

2nd Prize—(CD) F-100 The Ford Centennial—A History of Ford Motor Co.
with more than 1,000 pictures 1903-2003



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Yesteryears Remember When?

From the Archives of
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30 Years Ago:

Our monthly meeting for August was held on August 5, 1976, at THE TRAILERS with Arnold and Agnes Ellis and John and LaVerne Bevis as co-hosts. We were treated to a delicious hamburger cook-out with all the trimmings. Our president, Russell Haines, conducted the business of the meeting. John Brooke passed on information regarding the Strip Shop in Orlando now being open. Russell covered several news items of interest to the group. He has received information on a business dealing in the restoration of antique and classic cars. The name is DUKE'S Antique & CLASSIC, 1841 Evergreen Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida. He also advised he had information concerning a book available from University of Michigan entitled HENRY FORD for \$25.00. Another item of interest - two local antique cars for sale - John Bevis' 1941 Cadillac and Grace Dansby's 1941 Chevrolet. It was suggested that our group participate in a Sunday afternoon outing for fellowship and a chance to exchange ideas on cars. Neill Wilson was asked to arrange a time and meeting place. Fred Tyler brought everyone up to date on the progress of the Perry show. He passed out duty sheets to all committee people and officers so everyone can work together for a tremendous show. A request was made by Ruth Moody for members to bring pictures of them and their cars to next meeting for scrapbook she is keeping.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn A. Pope

20 Years Ago:

The Tallahassee Region AACA met August 19, 1986 at the Western Sizzlin. There were 47 people in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Dan Villella. Jack Wise then introduced his guests - Jerry and Shirley Wise. Mrs. Barker mentioned that due to the low number of people who signed up for the boat tour, it was cancelled. Our next tour will be to the Albany show. Looks like we've got great participation. The dates of the tour are Sept. 19-20. Ken Hart will be reporting on the Springtime Committee at a later date. Blair Engle reminded the club of the National Vintage Race in Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 28 - Nov. 1. Anyone interested can call Blair. Dr. Cook reminded the club of the Golden Isle Show at St. Simons the last weekend in October. John Wells suggested everyone check out the book "Restoration Tips" by John Reese. This publication can be ordered from the National AACA. Marge Collar and Nancy Thompson volunteered to take care of the Christmas Banquet. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Peter Kerwin, Jack Wise, Phil Koelliker, Roger Collar, Dorothy Campbell, Helen Eikman, Richard Boutin, Patricia Suter, Pat Reiser, Robyn Villella and James Alderman.

Good-bye until next month,

Diane McCarthy

10 Years Ago:

Members gathered on Tuesday, August 20, 1996, at the Texas Steak House on Apalachee Parkway for dinner and our monthly meeting. There were 38 members in attendance which was the largest number of members at a meeting for a long time. President Ken Hart introduced visitors Dick Evans and his wife. Ken announced that our Perry Forest Festival Car Show is to be held on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26. The Best Budget Inn will be our headquarters hotel. Ken also informed those gathered that our Christmas Banquet will be held at Wakulla Springs starting at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8. Bill Tyler told members about several local "cruise ins" held by different Tallahassee car clubs and he encouraged our Club to have similar event or to attend those held by the other area groups. Bill Thompson showed slides of the 1996 AACA Founders Tour which he, Nancy and the Hadden's attended in Akron, Ohio.

Larry Benson - Editor



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

August 8th 6:00p.m.: Regular monthly meeting at Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

Dinner Menu: Fried chicken, macaroni salad, fresh veg., rolls, banana pudding

Program: In lieu of a program at the August meeting, we will be having an ICE CREAM SOCIAL! All members attending our last Ice Cream Social so enjoyed the event, that we have decided to do it again. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy member-to-member contact, as well as to enjoy a tasty treat. Linda, our caterer, will be bringing the ice creams and toppings to the Tuesday, August 8th meeting. After dinner (sans desert), the business meeting, drawing, etc. will take place.

After the normal business activities, the ICE CREAM SOCIAL will commence.

Come one, come all, and enjoy!

Norm Madsen

VP and Program Chairguy

Local / Area

Monthly Antique Cruise-In at the [North Monroe What-A-Burger](#) Drive-In
3rd Sat (Sponsored by TRAACA)

Monthly Cruise-Ins at the [Thomasville Road What-A-Burger](#) Drive-In
1st Sat—Capital City Cruzers 2nd Sat—Ford & Chevy Clubs 3rd Sat—Corvette Club Last Sat—Street Rod Club

National Southeast

Aug 5 — Greensboro, NC. AACA NC Region General Greene Chapter Meet. Rich Shoestock - 828-465-1467

Aug 12 — LaGrange, GA. AACA Georgia Alabama Region. Car/truck show. Freddie Duncan: 770-854-8408; B.D. Williams: 706-663-9591.

Aug 13-14 — Crestview, FL - The Spanish Trail Cruisers 6th Annual Sizzlin Summer Cruise-in and Poker Run. For information contact Chuck Boehm, 850-758-0888, talonchief@cox.net

Oct 4-7— AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA. Hosted by [AACA Hershey Region](#) (Registration Deadline—**Aug. 8, 2006**)