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2007

# Tallahassee Chassee



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the Past  
and Present



**Next Meeting**  
**August 14th, 2006**

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

## The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

### The *Packard* Story

By Obin Hamrick

Okay, so I plagiarized Richard Turnquist's title. But this is not THE Packard Story, but OUR Packard Story.

Something happened a couple of weeks ago that brought back memories of the late 1950's. We bought our 1938 Packard 1600 Series four door sedan in 1958. I think they considered twenty year old cars "antique" back then. We were very proud of it since it had all the original Packard Blue paint, upholstery, carpet, etc. and we were the second owners.

Our children, Mark, Teresa, and Noreen Ellen were six, five and three years old when we bought the Packard, and they loved to stand up behind the front seat so they could see out better. There were no children's safety seats and not even any seat belts back then. One of the memories involved a trip down to central Florida to visit my parents in the Packard. That evening we went out to dinner in the Packard and my parents were riding in the back seat with the kids, somewhere between Bronson and Ocala, and my mother, thinking she was locking the back door (a suicide or front-opening door) opened it! When she tried to hold on to the door

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### CAR TROUBLE WITH JAY LENO MICHAEL C. PRINTY

My brother and I owe our very lives to a car. When my Father died, my brother and I were left without a father but soon gained a father figure in a man named Billy Veers. It was 1963, my brother Tim was age 6 and I was age 7. Across the street from us growing up lived a fine hearted man by the name Billy Veers who lived there with his parents, he never married, but had a grand hobby of restoring antique automobiles.

He came to my dad's funeral and made the point of asking both Tim and I if we would like to help him build cars as he knew this would keep us occupied and out of trouble for which our older brother's reputation had preceded us. We were very excited at this opportunity as he took us under his wing and we began work on a 1930 Ford Model A Tudor Deluxe that he just picked-up for \$100.00.

We were in his garage every day after school, than later after dinner and our homework was done, back at it till mom would stroll over to get us for bed time. Oh we had so much fun learning how to handle tools, completely disassembling the car, removing rust, cutting, forming new pieces to replace the rusted one's as you see, Billy was a

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA  
MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 10, 2007  
Tallahassee Automobile museum**

There were approximately 40 members and one guest.

**Opening Prayer** - Dan Rainey

**Welcome Guests & New Members** - Norm greeted our guest, Lee Chadbourne. No new members.

**Opening Remarks** - Norm Madsen

**50/50 Drawing** -

Drawing was held and the winner - Shirley McCammon

**Committee Reports**

**Treasurer** - Andy Mohney

Details are available from Andy.

**Sunshine** - Shirley Moore & Sharon Palmer

John Schanbacher reported that Richard Duncan continues to progress well at the Center Point Rehab Facility. Shirley and Sharon passed around Get Well cards to be signed and given to Mabel.

We need to keep all of our members who have considerations in our prayers and make contact with them.

**Short Tours** - Jack Hanbury

Jack reported that there will be short tours to check out the planned SE Divisional Tour Routes. The first will be to Marianna Caverns State Park hosted by Bobby & Nell Hollingsworth. It will be on Saturday, July 21, 2007. We will gather at the Old Sam's parking lot on Highway 27 around 8:30 AM and will pull out at 9:00 AM.

The next one will be in the third week in August, probably on Aug 18th. It will be hosted by John & Glenda Schanbacher and will go to Crawfordville (for coffee) and then to Wakulla Springs for lunch and then to the Tallahassee Nature Museum. Details at the August meeting.

**Long Tours** - Dan Rainey

None in planning except for the White Springs tour to be scheduled in the fall.

**2007 National Tour** - Bill Thompson reported that National has received 96 requests for information so far and will send us those requests and others received soon. We will then send the requestors information and application forms. He said we will cap the tour at 100 cars.

**Announcements & Reports** - Norm Madsen

1. The North Monroe Cruise In was held on July 7 at the Sonic/Hardees with a good showing by our club. Around 10 cars attended along with several other clubs and individuals.
2. John Schanbacher reported that a notice was E-Mailed to all members to see how many could participate in the Antique Automobile Museum move. Over twenty folks said they would participate depending on when it will occur. The move was tentatively scheduled within the month of July and, at this point a specific date has not been tied down. As soon as a date to begin the move is established, a notice will be sent out. As we know, our club has committed to help in this endeavor.
3. Norm read a thank you note that was received from the Havana Merchants Association. It thanks us for our participation in the Memorial Day "Cruise-In For The Troops".
4. Norm reminded us of the regularly scheduled Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel. It is held on the Friday following the Tuesday club meeting each month. Everyone is invited to attend and fellowship.

**Old Business/New Business**

None this meeting.

**Coming Events**

1. Cruise-In on Saturday, August 04, 2007 at the Sonic on North Monroe by Hardee's.
2. Mark your calendars for the 52nd Annual Florida Forest Festival scheduled for October 26-27, 2007 in Perry, Florida.
3. The 2007 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at the North Florida Fair Grounds. It will from 10:00 AM to 5PM.
4. See our website calendar for more events. Click on "[Club Calendar](#)" [www.local.aaca.org/traaca](http://www.local.aaca.org/traaca) Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org).

**Program** - Neal Davis

Neal gave an informational discussion on "Matching Numbers". He described how various components of a vehicle are numerically identified and can be tied to a specific vehicle. Using this information, you can determine how "original" a vehicle is. Along with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) many other items are year, date and even shift identified. Values of a "Numbers Matching" vehicle are elevated with the correct components installed.

**Next Meeting & Location**

The meeting will be held on August 14, 2007 at the Antique Auto Museum.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary



**The Packard Story**

it almost pulled her and Mark out of the car! What a scare! We showed Mama the little knob that you push down to lock the door – you do not use the door handle. Of course, on some of the old cars, you did have to lift the door handle to lock it.

On another trip to Bronson, we drove a Porsche coupe from the car lot. Not as much room as the Packard but a fun trip, nevertheless.

One of Marilyn's favorite memories about the Packard was about the day we were driving slowly through a school zone and a little boy cupped his hands and yelled, "Hey, Elliott Ness!" He thought that was the funniest thing he had ever heard! Anyone recall the old Elliott Ness – FBI type television show? You must be getting older!

Mark has been retired for some time, now, after thirty some years in the military, Teresa has been a nurse for thirty four years, and Noreen has been dead since 1981. Where has the time gone?

The incident that brought on the memories happened a couple of weeks ago when Marilyn and I were driving the Packard up and down our road and our young neighbors showed up just as we were leaving. So we invited them to go for a ride with us. Efrain Prado and his two children, Andres about five, and Isabella just under three, jumped in the back seat and away we went! Andres panicked at first because he could not find the seat belts! Later, we dropped them off at their house just down the road and forgot about our little adventure with the kids. A few days later, Efrain was telling us about a movie that had old cars in it that they were watching. Efrain and his wife, Erika, and the kids were all on the couch watching the movie and when some old cars appeared on the screen, little two year old Isabella jumped up and pointed and said, "Look! It's a Packard!" Efrain said they could not stop laughing!

I guess you just can't start too soon to recruit new people into the old car hobby! Efrain and Erika have a beautiful 1969 Cadillac Convertible and several 1960's Corvettes.



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Norm Madsen, TRAACA President

Hello, TRAACA Members and Friends!

MORE DRIVING FUN. Our previous President surveyed the membership, to determine which club activities we enjoyed the most. Top choice---club tours. Accordingly, our tour directors have planned some outstanding driving events. July's tour took us to Chattahoochee, where we visited the Woodruff Dam, then to Marianna to see the Caverns State Park. Also in Marianna, we had an enjoyable meal together at Jim's Buffet & Grill. Many thanks to short tour director Jack Hanbury and to Nell and Bobby Hollingsworth, for a well-planned and fun-filled driving day. We had excellent weather, and drove about 150 miles.

August will see more driving fun, when we trek to Wakulla Springs and then to the Tallahassee Museum, with a meal stop together along the way.

And, of course, we will bring the old vehicles to Sonic and Hardee's on North US 27 for our monthly Cruise-In on the first Saturday of the Month, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see TRAACA members, guests and friends at these events.

NATIONAL TOUR NEWS. The National Tour is three months away, and we now have about 100 paid deposits and application requests! Please see Tour Director Bill Thompson at the August meeting to volunteer to help with the tour. If you don't know what you want to do, tell Bill you are ready to help wherever he needs you. Bill says we need all the volunteers we can get! He'll update us at the meeting.

MORE ABOUT THE MEETING. Our monthly meeting will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the (same old) Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. Instead of a program, we will have one of our great old-fashioned Ice Cream Socials. Come and enjoy some cool summer treats and have a long visit with your club friends!

ANTIQUÉ CAR MUSEUM MOVE. John Schanbacher is the volunteer coordinator for club participation in the Museum move. This is tentatively scheduled for late August. Let John know if you will be able to help. Let him

know, too, if you have a car trailer available to help move any of the fine museum vehicles.

AND, ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

I've had some fun times driving the '33 Packard on short, local trips this month. I am still holding off bringing it on the monthly tours, since I found out the tires are 20 years old, or maybe older. Experts say tires become unsafe after only five years, regardless of how good the tread looks. Better safe than sorry, as they say...

See you down the road!

*Norm*

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## Notes from the Editor's Desk

### November Tour Update

Is everyone looking forward to the November tour like I am? I certainly hope so. As the Registration Chairperson, I've been talking to quite a few AACA members from all over the north, east and south. They all seem enthusiastic about coming to drive around the countryside with us. It seems we have a reputation of sorts, for putting on a good show or tour! Our club has done this before with excellent results. I had a lot of trepidation about the job as Registration Chairman for the 2003 show. I made a few mistakes and still managed to get through the ordeal, but it really gave me an appreciation of what it takes to put on an event such as this. I hope all of you can join me in preparing and conducting our next big event. I know we can really shine and make this event enjoyable for our fellow AACA enthusiasts.

TOUR UPDATE: As of Aug 3, we have 41 actual paid entries with more to come. I mailed out packages to 108 AACA members that sent their registry cards and \$5 to National. I have talked to about 10 more who have not yet sent their cards in! It looks like we are going to have a full contingent for our little shindig!

*Bob*

TRAACA Editor and Webmaster



### Car Trouble with Jay Leno

tool and die maker by trade and with this wealth of knowledge that he had to give, made him feel very good about our eagerness to learn from him. To this day we both reflect on the skills we learned, welding, brazing, and paint prep like sand blasting as he had all these tools in a grand garage that was twice the size of his house.

Together, we worked on that car for eleven years; the final installation of hand sewn upholstery was installed with the help of Ford Motor Company patterns and Billy's mom. It was the spring of 1978 and we were ready for the national auto show in Florida that year, but we could not go to the show with Billy. He said that he would take pictures and it would be just like being there.

Billy loaded up the car and with a blast of the horn, Ahooga, drove this pristine Ford Model A all the way to Miami, and much to our surprise, two weeks later Billy was home and mounted to the grill of the Model A was the coveted Best in Show emblem. The historical Vehicle Association's Best in Show; **we were so very proud**. The car scored 998 points out of a 1,000 only because of the debate between Judges as to the proper color of the Engine head bolts, should they be green or Black?

February 1995, Billy dies at age 66, and all the cars along with the rest of his estate are put up for auction in December. Buyers from all over the world had read the billing about the inventory and the Best in Show 1930 Ford Model A Deluxe and it caught the interest of one **Jay Leno, the Tonight show host on NBC**, who sent a liaison to Fremont, Ohio to buy that car at all costs.

The day of the auction, Tim was there with all the money he had in the world \$11,000 in cash in his pocket in an effort to keep the car in the family. The bidding went quickly over \$13,000. Now very distraught, Tim went and sat down on the curb and began sobbing as he was out of the bidding in the first 30 seconds. The car that we had worked on for years, rode in many parades, and local car shows had slipped from his grasp.

The many well wishers who knew Tim could only stand and watch, than all of a sudden, a grass roots support motion came on, the people began to cry foul, "this is the man that built the car and yet he cannot have it!" The bidding was final and with the stroke of the gavel, the car went for over \$18,000. The hired gun for Jay Leno was still on the phone with Mr. Leno and he told the story to him of the two young boys that worked with this

man since 1963 that he was angered to see this happening. The man in a few minutes walked over to Tim, shook his hand and introduced himself as the agent of Mr. Jay Leno and that he was at liberty to negotiate a settlement, so "how much money do you have?". Carla jumped in and said \$10,000.

He said, "Wait right here." He went over to the auctioneer that had finalized the transaction and had him to write him a bill of sale for \$10,000 and walked over to Tim and said, "Mr. Leno was very touched to hear of your love of this car, as he too is a car lover and really appreciates your story and the great support of the people around you. He is pleased to settle a sale to you for the \$10,000 right now if you want it." Well, the smile on Tim's face told the story, they shook hands and the Model A crowd went crazy! The rest is history. Tim still has the Model A deluxe and brings it out for parades and family reunions and still draws a crowd to this day where ever it goes, as everyone in Fremont knows the story of the car trouble with Jay Leno.

To this day, whenever my brother and I take a drive in the 1930 Ford Model A Deluxe, we think of the Jay Leno story. More importantly, we think of Billy Veers and his role in being a surrogate father for my brother and me. Without his caring and nurturing, who knows where my brother and I would be now. Thanks Billy!

-- Speech was given at the north side Toast Masters Club of Tallahassee, Florida honoring Mr. William (Billy) Veers by the author and reprinted with his permission.





**ACA Museum**

**By Dave Zimmerman  
Vice President - ACA Museum**

Your ACA Museum is a world class facility. If you have not taken the time to visit this facility you should. The Museum Board of Directors have worked very hard to ensure that your visit will be a pleasant experience.

The exhibits are rotated every few months, from the timeless beauty and classic elegance of Model T's, Thunderbirds, and motorcycles, visitors are transported through uniquely themed displays to be sure there is something of interest for everyone. In 2006 we had the Muscle Car exhibit, which proved to be very popular and it was followed by the Brass Cars. These beautiful cars give us a look at the early days of motor cars.

The Museum is also the home of the Museum of Bus Transportation. Come and see buses from the very earliest to more modern means of conveyance.

The Museum has become an affiliate of the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC, which will give us the ability to exchange exhibits and articles of interest between the two entities.

Special event space is available for weddings, banquets, trade shows, and more.

The Board of Directors is constantly working to give you, the members, a Museum you can be proud of. Please visit and take advantage of your Museum.

The Museum is located just off Route 39, one mile west of Hersheypark Drive in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Regular admission \$9, seniors age 61 and older \$8, juniors age 4-12 \$7, children age 3 and under are FREE. The Museum is open daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For further information, please call 717-566-7100 or visit on the web at [www.aacamuseum.org](http://www.aacamuseum.org).



**Hello from the ACA  
Regions Committee**

**By Terry Bond  
Vice President - Regions**

As I assume my new duties as ACA's Vice President of Regions and Chapters, it is absolutely thrilling to know that I've got the support of a fine hardworking committee, and also a network of enthusiastic Development and Support volunteers all across the country.

My emphasis in the coming season is communications. Our new ACA President, David Berg, has stated it quite well - we work for the members! Communicate with us regarding your needs and we will take your great ideas and suggestions to heart to help make ACA even better.

One of the neatest communications tools we've got at our finger-tips these days is the internet. Through the miracle of e-mail and websites we can now gain instant access to much more information than we'll ever need!

For pure enjoyment of the hobby, however, you can't beat ACA's Discussion Forums. Visit the ACA Web site and click on the "Discussion Forum" tab. That will instantly transport you to an entire menu of hobby related forums. If you want general info about ACA there is a section for that, where you can discuss everything from judging to legislation. Pick your favorite car - from Buick to Packard and there is a wealth of information at your disposal. You can ask questions and get answers about most anything car related there.

The forums are the most active in the auto hobby and receive thousands of visitors each month. Join the crowd - you'll be glad you did!

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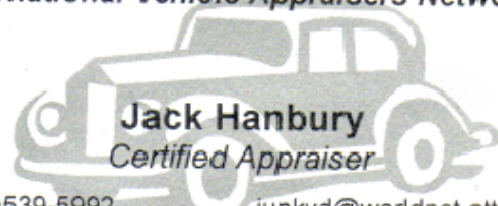
### From your Reporters in the field: Ramblings and Rovings of Junkyard Dog & Fluffy

Sometime back, Junkyard Dog and Fluffy found a few cars. Not only in our own back yard, they were really right under our noses. Maybe two miles from Junkyard Dogs house! It looked as though they were collected and brought in. There we found a 1950 Ford pickup, a 1952 Ford pickup, a 1964 Chevy, a 1960 Ford 2 door hardtop, a 1955 Ford 2 door sedan and a 1960 2 door hardtop Mercury. All of these would need total restoration and more, but this stuff is still out there so, keep on looking and we will keep on sniffing. This stuff is closer than you think.

Fluffy on the trail, see you later



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1968 YUKON TERRITORY - CANADA

This Canadian plate is one of my all time favorites. The old miner panning for gold is a wonderful symbol for the Yukon Territory. It may not be evident in the photo but there is actually a little lump of gold in the pan. Real gold? I hardly think so but it sure looks and feels like it! As for "Land Of The Midnight Sun" - that reminds of my favorite poem by Robert Service, "The Cremation Of Sam McGee". My father introduced the poem to me in the '40s and I can recite it from memory to this day! The poem opens with:

"There are strange things done in the midnight sun  
By the men who toil for gold."  
The arctic trails have their secret tales  
That would make your blood run cold."



This plate, from the collection of Gene Densmore (aa4us@arrl.net), is in "Excellent" condition (by ALPCA standards) and has a book value of \$50. It was acquired a couple of years ago on eBay for \$27.22.

References: "License Plate Values" Ninth Edition 2007

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## Yesteryears Remember When?



From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee - Official Publication of The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America  
Compiled by Bill Thompson

### 30 Years Ago:

Wakulla Springs was the beautiful setting for the August 6 picnic and monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Region A.A.C.A. (Car Buffs). Swimming was one of the sidelines enjoyed. Elliott and Mary Brown and their son, Elliott, Jr., from Chattahoochee, Florida joined us in their 1929 Model A Ford. The Elliotts enjoyed the event so much that they paid annual dues and became members of the Club. Fred Tyler, and Marge & Roger Collar reported that they've reserved the Southern Inn, at Perry, Florida, for rooms for the October Show. Rates will be the same as last year. Room 101 will be the Registration Room. You can expect a Pool side Party, Friday, October 28, from 6-9 p.m., and a Gaslight Parade is planned for that evening. Fliers will be out, soon, to give details for the Awards Banquet, etc. Be on the lookout. A "Thank You" note was read from Jane Forster, in appreciation of cards and flowers sent to Henry by the Club. Henry is still at the VA Hospital in Gainesville, Florida. Russ Haines made a special point of calling Roger Collar, from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to say that he and the family made it O.K. that far in their 1929 Chevrolet. They're headed for Michigan. We wish them LUCK there and back.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gladys Bauer, Secretary

### 20 Years Ago:

The last club meeting was held on the 23rd of August under the oak tree at Bill & Nancy Thompson's home. There were 41 people in attendance and 3 visitors. Fred Tyler opened the meeting with prayer. The three visitors were Deanna Poppageorge, from the Tallahassee Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; Denise Elert and Gary Marx from the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce. They talked to the club about the upcoming Spotlight Tallahassee event to take place Sept. 25-27 at the Civic Center. They want about 20 cars for a judged car show. The club had discussed this event at our last meeting and had agreed to participate. There were only 4 people who agreed to leave their cars at the Civic Center outdoors for the full three days. The organizers are hoping to do a lot of advertising (radio, TV, printed media) and have agreed to include the Club's emblem on local TV. There will be 24 hour security and the event area will be fenced off. Dan Rainey, Bill Thompson, Claude Allen, Wayne Hadden, Ridge Canady (2 cars), Bill Tyler, Gertrude Gorbitt, George Campbell (3 cars) and Pete Kerwin have agreed to participate in the show. If anybody else would like to participate in this event, please contact Dan Rainey. It was mentioned that the food show on the weekend of August 8 netted the club \$200. Special Thanks go to Pete Wright, Claude Allen, Wayne Hadden and Dan Rainey for participating.

Goodbye until next month,  
Diane McCarthy

### 10 Years Ago:

Tallahassee Region AACA's August 12th meeting took place at Moby Dick's Restaurant. Approximately 30 members and guests attended. Guests were introduced and welcomed: Elizabeth Hogan (Bill and Fred Tyler's sister) and Julian Mews, invited by Wayne and Rosa Ann.

The Great Race Shine Time car display that took place in July was declared a success. Also final information on the Great Race was shared: LaGrange, GA was the winner of the Hospitality award, however, many folks who attended the race activities on July 3rd made mention of the wonderful baskets given to the racers from Cairo, GA... (maybe next time Wayne and Rosa Ann!) Dollars earned by the club for selling display signs totaled \$75. A follow-up was given by Bill Thompson on the Founders Tour. Many thank you's from tour participants have been received, acknowledging the club's hard work and dedication in making the tour a success. Bill also announced that the Region has received the grant check for \$1,800 from the City of Tallahassee with respect to Founders Tour activities. A trophy was given by the club to Wayne and Rosa Ann, as a gesture of appreciation for the endless effort they gave as Chairpersons of the Founders Tour.

Jenny Hart, Editor



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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Next Meeting

**August 14, 2007** 6:00 p.m. for Dinner Menu: tossed salad, meat loaf, baked pot., veg., and rolls.  
6:45 Regular Meeting

**Program:** "Ice Cream Social". A demonstration will be given on how to eat ice cream using only a common spoon (which will be available to all members and guests).

### Local / Area

**Aug. 18** Another November Tour dry run. This time the southern leg to Wakulla Springs and the Tallahassee Museum. Details will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

**Sep. 8** 15th Annual Emerald Coast Car Show, Fort Walton Beach High School.

Monthly Antique Cruise-In

[Sonic/Hardee Drive-Ins on US 27N](#) just north of Capital Circle  
1st Sat

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