

December
2010

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
December 14, 2010
Old Car Museum
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Gift Exchange follows

TALLAHASSEE REGION ANTIQUÉ AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

The Early Fords

By Mack McDougal

Mr. Henry Ford had learned good business sense, but in other matters he was not the brightest crayon in the box. His first car was built in a rented work shop in 1896. It wasn't until he finished what he called, the quadracycle, that he realized there was no way to get it out of the shop. He had to get permission from his landlord to cut a large door in the side of the building. I'm guessing he was the inventor of the garage door. He also had a bit of a reputation for terrorizing the town with his first car. He was called before the Judge and fined for his "reckless" habit of hitting people. The Judge further instructed him that he could only drive the machine on the city streets in the evening, after most of the city had retired.

He sold his first car and set about building another quadracycle with improvements. He tried several times to make a motor car company, but failed financially. The original Model A, and Model B were not popular. His 1904 Model C Runabout was a little more successful. It offered a 10 H.P. two cylinder engine and could attain a speed of 30 mph. The cost was \$950.00.

The Model K came out in 1906 and was the first 6 cylinder production auto. It was considered to be a luxury model and he disliked building for the rich only. He

tried to convince his financial backers that building smaller, cheaper cars would be more profitable, but they disagreed. The model K sold for \$2,500.00 and not many were produced.

The 1908 model S was the last car to have a 15 H.P. engine and right-hand drive. It sold for \$750.00 without a top. A top was sold as an accessory and cost an extra \$50.00. This was the first of his models to have a Mother-In-Law seat and was the brunt of many jokes. 1908 was the first year for the Model T. 800 of the two-pedal, two-lever models were made before the traditional three-pedal Model T was offered. There was also a Tourster Model T made in 1909 only. It had no doors and the front and back seats were identical. It sold for \$950.00 The 1913 express wagon was a forerunner of the station wagon. It's body wasn't made by Ford and was the last year (until 1926) that a color choice was available in his vehicles.

The 1915 Model T was the first year for wire wheels and electric lights. The wire wheels and two-speed rear axle were accessories. The basic runabout sold for \$390.00 Roller shades and an oval rear window were standard on the 1919 Model T. It utilized the single center door that was used from 1915 to 1923. The 1924 Touring Model T was the same as the 23 production model, but the price was dropped to \$295.00 This was the year of the 10 millionth Ford.

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TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2010

**Annual Chili Dinner & Auction
at the Home of Bill & Peggy O'Rourke**

There were approximately 67 members and three guests in attendance.

Opening Prayer: John Schanbacher

Welcome: Richard Duley – Richard Duley greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

50/50 Drawing:

None this meeting.

Announcements & Reports: Richard Duley

None today except for the Christmas Dinner to be held on December 14, 2010 at the Antique Car Museum (Old Location). Carol Love will be coordinating and announced the following food assignments. Last Name Beginning With:

- A-H Salad
- I-N Vegetables
- O-Z Dessert

Meat, Drinks and Paper Goods will be furnished by the Club. The usual gift exchange format will be utilized. Directions will be announced at the beginning of the exchange. Decorations will be handled by Glenda Schanbacher, Nell Hollingsworth and Peggy O'Rourke.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine:

None this meeting

Tours:

None this Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

None this meeting.

Coming Events:

See our website <http://traaca.org> for more events. Click on "Club News and Calendar". Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities www.aaca.org.

Old Business:

None this Meeting.

New Business:

None this month

Program: The TRAACA Annual Auction.

The Auction was held and Dan Baxter officiated as Auctioneer.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at the Antique Car Museum beginning at 6:00 PM.

Program – Annual Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange.

Respectfully submitted by: John Schanbacher, Secretary

TRAACA members and their cars participate in the Annual Tallahassee Veterans Day Parade





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The Model TT truck was offered in 1926 with oversized 30 X 5 balloon tires in the rear. Henry bought the Lincoln Company in 1922 and offered a luxury Lincoln Phaeton in 1926. It had a reputation for flawless engineering. The Model T was the car that put America on the road, but after many years of presenting the same old black car, the competition was closing in. It was time for a new model. Ford shut his doors and re-tooled. The first modern Model A rolled off the assembly line in 1928.



1911 Model T Roadster



1920 Model T Speedster



1922 Model T Runabout



1926 Model T Depot Hack



1927 Model T Roadster



1928 Model A Sport Coupe



1929 Model A Tudor



1929 Model A Coupe

TRAACA Club Auction Day and Chili Dinner



Auctioneer Dan Baxter exhorts members to support their club through their bids for all the great items donated by the members themselves.



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Collecting Vintage Tools

Walden-Worcester

Prior to 1920, Walden-Worcester wrenches were used in just about every garage.

Charles M. and Fredrick E. Walden founded the Walden Manufacturing Company in 1906 which first made socket sets based on a distinctive wire-handle ratchet invented and patented by Walden. Their socket wrenches soon became the standard for automotive repair and became the basis for the development of interchangeable sockets and drive tools. The company produced about 5000 wrenches in 1907 and continued to develop new tools on a regular basis. In 1914 the company became Walden-Worcester, Incorporated and grew rapidly as the demand for automotive tools increased. A patent filed in 1916 by the company covered an inexpensive way to attach a socket to a wrench handle which allowed Walden to expand production. This early socket configuration used a 1/2 inch square drive stud with a friction ball that eventually became an industry standard. Walden-Worcester merged with Stevens & Company in 1926 to form Stevens Walden-Worcester, In-

corporated. At the time, Stevens was making specialty tools and toolboxes using the logo "Stevens Speed-Up Tools". By 1928, production had increased to 4.5M and included a wide variety of socket tools, wrenches, and specialty tools. Walden was in business until the 1990's and had shortened its name to Stevens Walden and used the logo "SW" in a circle.



Pictured are some Walden Worcester wrenches I didn't know I had. Eighth wrench from the left is thought to be a headbolt /sparkplug wrench for a Ford model "T". Its marked "3620 Walden Worcester USA Pat Pending 5/8 15/16". While its the correct size, I'm pretty sure there were plenty of Ford script tool kit wrenches to fill the need back in the day.

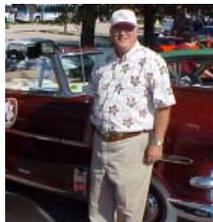
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Reporters in the field: Ramblings and Rovings of Junkyard Dog & Fluffy

Junkyard Dog with Stray Dogs trip to Hershey second week... part 2.

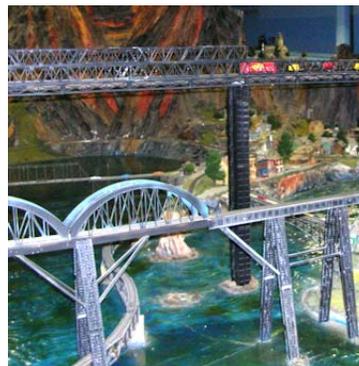
Sunday morning Oct.10, you could shoot a shotgun at any of the Hershey's fields and not hit anything. The place is clean as a pin and it looks like the greatest show/flee market was never there! Gone. (Thanks for wonderful memories) We changed locations of The Mother Ship, today as planned from Norfolk & Southern RR milepost 103.3 to lower orbit for better galaxy communications. (TV & NASCAR @ 2pm). With the morning open we headed off to the AACA museum featuring antique woodies. This is always a good trip because the museum changes each year and I enjoy seeing all the clubs history in the region room. This week is continuing the same as last week, 40's in the morning and 70's in the afternoon. Monday we plan taking the land rover over to New Jersey Galaxy to visit "NorthLandz Model Railroad" worlds largest as per Guinness records.

I also found out that you Do Not pump your own gas in this state. The oncoming running attendant got very upset when I picked up the gas nozzle and started to pump gas. (I thought. I would need my ray gun). Just think how this could improve employment in Florida at every little market. This model RR is just too big to explain. We spent hours before we found out that we had not traveled even half way. Tuesday was the annual trip to TCA (Train Collectors Association) headquarters in Strasburg, PA and a lot more trains real and toy. Again, this is like putting a kid in a candy store. After visiting two new locations of train layouts and daily picnicking, we headed to the mother ship. Wednesday, we relocated to the Galaxy of York. York Fair Ground Show is to toy trains, as Hershey is to cars; if they made it or you need it you can probably find one or more of them here. Since the show doesn't open until Thursday we had all day for junkyard travels. We returned Frank's clutch & pressure plate, after 2 years, to Corvairs Ranch a yard worth walking through again. It has hundreds of old Corvairs. We continued to search for a yard that we had not finished walking through a few years back, but were unable to smell the rust to find it. Thursday was our only rainy day. Being as we were going to be indoors, all day at the train show, we had another great day. Friday was spent trying to finish the other buildings and pick up anything we may have missed. Saturday, the mother ship started its return trip trying to put as much space between happy farms and back to reality. The only problem encountered on return was trying to finish off all the food before landing. That was done in grand fashion and I didn't hear any complaints. I understand the crew has already signed up for next year. A tidbit of information, we have never had a bad trip just some have been better than others.



The lobby of the AACA Museum

Outside Northlandz, home of the Great American Railway, Doll Museum & Art Gallery



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Program
Christmas
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and Fellowship

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

January 2011

15-16 - Miami, FL - Art Deco Weekend Car Festival held along Ocean Drive on South Beach. Parade on 1/15 and show on 1/16.
For information: AACA South Florida Region's Show Chairman - Mel Mann at - soflaaca.com.

February 2011

6 - Nashville, TN - AACA Stones River Region 23rd annual automotive related Swap Meet. Tennessee State Fair Grounds, Exit 81, I-65. Nashville, Tennessee 615-890-1144

10-12 - Philadelphia, PA - AACA Annual Meeting, 717-534-1910