December 2014

Traveling in the Past and Present





Next Meeting
December 9, 2014
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

## Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

# The 1940 LaSalle Wiring Project Final installment in the series

#### TRAACA Club Project Conclusion by TRAACA member Dennis Tober

This is the final article regarding the 1940 LaSalle wiring harness installation initiated by member Neal Davis for the benefit of TRACCA members to participate, learn and team together as an annual car club project.

First of all, I would like to thank Neal for lending space in his shop and his supervisory expertise for the successful completion of the project.

Secondly, I would like to thank shop members Todd and Dave whom were always willing to lend their time and expertise when I needed help. The experience provided by Neal and shop staff is beyond compare of my personal garage experiences anywhere. They were all willing to drop what they were doing to assist anytime and their skill levels were outstanding!

In addition, I would also like to thank Bill Elliot, Paul O'Neil and Jack Hanbury for showing up and generously donating their personal time, expertise and labor the first weekend of the project.

There are several things I learned from this endeavor.

One is that according to Neal.... "Dennis I have come to the conclusion that you could never make a living as a mechanic!."........I knew this before starting the project and same was confirmed after project completion....I laughed!.

Secondly, I learned that Neal is a true master, a mechanical genius and a very fine gentleman and true to his word. After watching and interacting with visitors to the shop, I never saw an unhappy or dissatisfied customer. Comments from those I interacted with were all at the top, therefore earning his shop my personal rating of four lug wrenches!

I learned that there was always a wide range of different vehicle types and vintages in the shop at any time. I also learned that it was extremely important to just walk away from a task when frustration arose.....and to sometimes just quit and begin another day.

Conclusion of this Article is Continued on page #4.

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#### TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA **MEETING MINUTES** November 16, 2014

#### The Home of Don & Pam Pumphrey (Annual Chili Dinner & Auction)

Pledge to the Flag: All present

**Opening Prayer**: Dan Rainey

**Welcome**: Don Pumphrey

Don and Pam welcomed everybody, and thanked everyone for the great turnout and for bringing an abundance of food!

**50/50 Drawing**: None this meeting.

**Announcements & Reports**: Don Pumphrey This being the Annual Chili Dinner & Auction, the official meeting was shortened and consisted of the following:

#### **2015 Officers Elected**

President: Reuben Plachy

Vice President: Craig McCollum

Treasurer: Norm Madsen

#### **2015 Officers We Still Lack**

- Secretary
- **Newsletter Editor**
- Web Master
- Four Elected Executive Board Members

This year's "Member of the Year" award was given to Pam Pumphrey by an unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be the Annual Christmas Banquet which will be held at the **NEW** Tallahassee Auto Museum on December 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM. More information will be forthcoming as to food assignments etc.

It's "Moultrie Time" The annual Moultrie Swap Meet will be held on November 21st through the 23rd. You might be able to sell some of what you bought in our Chili Dinner & Auction.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Sunshine:** Pam Pumphrey

Please let Pam or other members of her committee know of needs and positive things also.

**Treasurer's Report**: Norm Madsen

The report was given by Norm Madsen, details are available from him.

Tour Committee: Bill O'Rourke

Activity for December will be our TRACA "Annual

Christmas Banquet".

Show Committee: Norm Madsen

No Activity Reported.

**Other Committees:** No reports.

#### **Coming Events:**

Friday Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel -Not scheduled for this month.

- Quincy Gulf Station This has PROBABLY been cancelled for this Friday due to Bobby Hollingsworth's back problems. ???
- See our website at <a href="http://traaca.org">http://traaca.org</a> for more events. Click on "Club News and Calendar" Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities at www.aaca.org.

Old Business: None.

**New Business:** None.

#### Program:

Annual Chili Dinner & Auction at the Pumphrey farm. Craig McCollum was the auctioneer. Craig did a masterful job as auctioneer, much stuff changed hands.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 beginning at 5:30 PM at the New Tallahassee Auto Museum.

Respectively submitted by John Schanbacher, Secretary.

See calendar for schedule changes during Holiday months

#### **AACA and TRAACA Club Dues**

(Contact Club Secretary John Schanbacher if questions)





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#### The Next TRAACA Club Meeting

The next meeting will be the **Annual Christmas Banquet** which will be held at the <u>NEW</u> Tallahassee Auto Museum on December 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM.

Normally the meeting is always on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the <u>Old</u> Auto Museum location with Dinner at 6:00 pm & General Meeting to start at 6:45 pm. **However**, we will be starting a little earlier than normal, at **5:30 pm**, due to bringing food items to set up for dinner starting at 6:00 pm and in order to allow time to eat, gift give, and for time to tour the museum.

#### Meni

Bring assigned category dish {Call Pam at (850) 385-2290 if questions.)

#### **Program**

#### Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange.

Bring inexpensive corresponding Male/Female gift for exchange.

#### - Temporally Canceled due to back issues -

Meet at old Gulf Station in Quincy every Friday The men meet for lunch\* and talk Cars at 12 Noon.

The station is off Hwy 90, on the East end of town.

- See Picture of the Hollingsworth's Gulf station on Title Page -
- \* Hot Dogs are provided on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month. (but, bring your own lunch on all other Fridays)

Monthly Get Together Event on the Fridays Following the General TRAACA Club Meetings. We Meet at the Cracker Barrel for Breakfast

at 8:30 am at the I-10 & North Monroe location

[The next one will be on December 12, 2014]

#### The Sunshine Committee

If you, or another club member you know of, are having any health problems or other issues, please let us know.

#### **Sunshine Committee Contacts:**

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OR

Bella McCollum Phone: (850) 997.7701 Email: mccollumc@embargmail.com

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#### **Club Event Planning**

Check out our Club Activity Calendar and the Activities Page for all the latest events and shows for TRAACA members on the web at: http://traaca.org/traaca\_news.html

**Merry Christmas - Matthew 1:18-25** 

#### **December Birthdays**

- 6 Gregory Taylor
- 9 Evelyn Bartell
- 10 Steven Litherland
- 20 Lynne Taylor
- 22 Janie Brock
- 27 Bill Brundydge
- 28 Phil Reichert
- 29 Al London
- 29 Dan Stallings
- 30 Kathy Hanbury



There will be free Birthday cake, cookies & coffee at our general club meetings to celebrate all member birthdays occurring each month.

#### **Monthly Tallahassee Cruise-Ins**

Sonic/Hardees on North Monroe

1st Saturday each Month (just north of Capital Circle)

Whataburger Drive-In on Thomasville Road

2nd Saturday of each month — Ford & Chevy Clubs Last Saturday of each Month — Street Rod Club

**Crawfordville Hardees** 

2nd Saturday of each month — 6pm to 9pm

Whataburger on Apalachee Parkway

3rd Saturday of each month

#### **National and Regional Events**

Check the AACA website at <a href="http://www.aaca.org">http://www.aaca.org</a>, for all events and for full details of these and other national events.

Tallahassee Region, Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) Members can also read details and lists of Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) events in the AACA "Antique Automobile" magazine.

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#### Continuation of article from page #1:

#### The 1940 LaSalle Wiring Project: Conclusion

There are a couple of other things I would like to note:

First, old vehicles are exactly that.....old vehicles. There are no estimate books for vintage vehicles. They can be cranky and cantankerous at times. A simple task can easily become very complicated and time consuming. For example, old rusty and stuck bolts and nuts take time and sometimes cannot be salvaged. One example, four hours it took me to remove a taillight assembly without breaking the glass.

Another, only on the third attempt was the windshield properly installed (this was not part of the club project), but attempted by myself and then turned over to a outside professional that on their second try was then successful. It turns out that aftermarket seals leave something to be desired to true size and specifications and installation of the center post can be quite demanding after glass is in. It should be noted that the professional handed the task stuck with it to completion and stayed true to original quote. I highly recommend leaving some things to the pros. Estimates are exactly that – estimates are educated guesses and things can certainly change depending on uncertain unknowns.

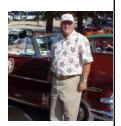
This project was the second one of an annual nature that was conducted for the benefit of the club that I know of...this one and one conducted last year at another members house. I highly recommend that the annual project concept be continued as a regular event. However, it is most important that the effort be supported by club management properly and consistently alerting and informing members of the event and opportunity available. Not everyone can attend and not everyone would want to attend, that is the reason behind these articles......to inform all members of what went on and what was accomplished. Heck, I may not be able to attend any particular event in the future. However, if members are not properly notified and kept informed, then everyone misses a great opportunity.

This was truly a rewarding experience and I recommend that similar events be strongly supported in the future. I highly recommend that this event be continued annually and for those that could not participate, I hope the articles were well received. Dennis Tober

THE END







From your Reporters in the field: Ramblings and Roving's of Junkyd Dog & Fluffy

(Sometimes with Stray Dogs too)

By Jack Hanbury

- No Article This Month -







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Thanks, **Perry Swanson** 

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Thank You, Raymond Bartell - Newsletter Editor



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#### Note

This will be the last Tallahassee Chasse newsletter I will be editing for our TRAACA club. Thanks to those members who submitted articles for our newsletter through the years. Especially to "Junkyard Dog and Fluffy" for being so reliable through the years.

I don't know who the new 2015 Editor will be, but I wish that member the best and know whomever it is can count on your support too.

Thanks, Raymond Bartell, Editor

Merry Christmas! Jesus is the reason for the season. Matthew 1:18-25 [KJB]



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