

February
2009



Traveling in
the Past
and Present

Next Meeting
Feb 10th, 2009

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

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Getting to Know You

Richard Duley, President of TRAACA



I was born in Miami, Florida. My parents moved there from Washington, D.C. after WW II. As a young boy my father taught me how to repair things and especially cars. He let me drive the family car when I was only 12 years old. From that point on, I developed a love for cars and always wanted to have one of my own.

My first car was a 1955 Chevrolet two door green coupe. I worked part time at a local grocery store as a bag boy while in high school and saved all my money so I could fix up my car. I replaced the original 265 cubic inch engine with a 327 cubic inch engine and special racing cam. I made many more modifications to the car, and my dad said that I was spending too much money on that darn car. Just after agreeing with him, I had to call him from a telephone booth to see if he could give me a ride home. My car was stolen!!

During this time I became interested in another area, girls. It became a distraction from my love for working on cars. I now had to make choices between a new set of tires, four barrel carburetor repair kit or gas and date money. Normally my dates consisted of going out to the local "Pizza Palace" drive in and hanging out with other car buddies. We would normally go out and drag race on a back road. If I won, it was an adrenalin rush and my buddies would tell the story until the next opportunity to race. We would always make

it a more exciting happening than it really was. On one evening, a friend of mine was killed while racing. He went off the road and hit a utility pole. It was now time for me to grow up and recognize the danger in late night drag racing.

I was starting to get serious with a girl I was dating and wanted her to have a nice car to ride in during our dates. I decided to buy my first new car. I saved my money and finally was able to put enough down payment on a brand new 1965 Corvette Stingray Fastback. It was blue with a 327 fuel injected engine. I will never forget that car!

However, I decided to get engaged to my girlfriend, Lois. In order to buy an engagement ring I needed to sell my car and get something more practical. The Corvette payments were coming every month! I found a buyer for my Corvette and promptly went to a used 1957 Chevrolet station wagon.

To fast forward in my story, Lois and I moved to Tallahassee about twelve years ago when I had an opportunity to transfer my position to one in the Aviation Office of the Florida Department of Transportation. It was an opportunity to move from the big city to the country. I became a tree hugger and canopy road person.

I am very excited to be the new President of the TRAACA and hope to have a great year.

Thank you for your support in advance.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Wayne Hadden
- 9 Russ Haines
- 13 Tommy Sykes
- 13 Gail Harper
- 18 Ricky Harper
- 19 Mary Smith
- 20 Arlene Finley
- 21 Phyllis West
- 23 Carolyn Grimes
- 27 Betty Edwards

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2009

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 45 members in attendance.

Opening Prayer – Norm Madsen

Welcome: Richard Duley – Richard Duley greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He welcomed Steve McClung brought by Jack Hanbury and Brian Webb brought by Jerry Wise.

50/50 Drawing:

Bob Love, the lucky winner.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer- Carol Love

Carol gave the report. Details are available from her.

Sunshine

Shirley Moore passed around a card for everyone to sign for Tom Link. We were glad to see Jay Mottice at the meeting.

Tours- Bill O'Rourke/Bobby Hollingsworth

Bill was out of town and there was no tour report. Richard suggested a breakfast boat tour at Wakulla Springs on May 2.

Announcements & Reports:

Member of the Year- Presentations and plaques were presented by Bill Thompson. Norm Madsen was chosen as Member of the Year and Norm also was presented with a plaque in appreciation for being president of the club for the past two years.

New Club Web Calendar-The calendar can be viewed on the web. It has club sponsored events and tours and Southeast Region National Events.

New Directory - A draft of a new directory was passed around and the members were asked to make corrections or place their initials next to their name if the information was correct.

Old Business:

Member dues after February 1st. are \$30.00 -Richard Duley reminded the club members of this increase for late submittals. This of course, applies only for renewals.

New Business:

The following items were recommended by the Executive Board, discussed and approved as noted:

1. Donation to Children's Light House \$100
2. Donation/ Gift to Caterer \$100
3. Supplement to expenses \$300 for AACA Bob Love to attend the National Meeting in Philadelphia.
After discussion, the recommended amount was raised to \$500.
4. New Committee members needed - Please see Richard after the meeting if you would like to serve on a committee.

Coming Events:

Lunch every Friday around noon at the Quincy Gulf Station. Hot dogs will be available this Friday.

Soap box derby sign ups are next Tuesday at the Shriner's at 6:30. Rally races are being held Feb. 14 and 15, Mar. 14 and 15 and the first week of April at Summitt East off Highway 90 just east of I-10. The race is June 13.

Feb. 7 is the Moultrie swap meet.

Feb. 20 from 6-10 pm Pete Zulinke's band is playing at a Mardi Gras in downtown on Adams Street.

April 4 is the new Car Museum First Anniversary Celebration.

June 20 is the Watermelon Festival and Car Show – Kedra would like someone else to chair the committee. She has information and can help.

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: Club Planning and Jeopardy Trivia Game

1. Richard is looking for topics for future meetings. He suggested tax implications of selling cars or a derby car race.
2. The program was a Jeopardy Trivia Game that was enjoyed by all. The members decided that Norm Madsen had the most correct answers and was awarded Coca Cola playing cards.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 beginning at 6:00 pm at the old car museum.

Respectively submitted - Lois Duley standing in for John Schanbacher, Secretary



2009 All American Soap Box Derby Rally



FOUR RACES! One Double Elimination and One Single Elimination Each Day Weigh in and Inspection 7AM
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DATE:

February 14th & 15th

LOCATION:

SUMMIT EAST

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HWY.90 EAST & I-10

EXIT 209B

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2009 Transportation Show in Pelham, Georgia

February 28, rain date of March 14th

This year's 2009 Transportation Show will be showcased in lovely downtown Pelham on West Railroad Street. Vendors from Alabama, Florida and Georgia will be there. We are hoping for a huge turnout this year and would love to have your participation as well. We are interested in having antique cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, bicycles, even skateboards. All modes of transportation will be highlighted at this event and we are even opening this event up to "tricked out" rides. If you are interested in entering this event, registration forms are available at www.progressforpelham.com and register on line. Registration will begin at 8:30 am, with the show starting at 10:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. Judging will begin at 10:30 am with winners announced at 2:30 pm.



Yesteryears Remember When?



From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee -

Official Publication of The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

30 Years Ago:

A feeling of fellowship prevailed at the February 1st, 1979 meeting of the Tallahassee Region A.A.C.A. when 26 members met in the new home of Bill & Nancy Thompson, who had prepared a welcoming fire in the fireplace for a cold night. We were happy to have Bobby & Nell Hollingsworth of Quincy, as visitors and we hope they will want to become members. The club was informed of the results of the open board meeting held January 22 to determine the future of our Springtime Tallahassee Show. They will not be able to fund us, at all, this year due to restoration of the Walker Library. They must match \$12,500 of Federal funds. It was decided that we will not participate in Springtime Tallahassee this year or hold a car show. If anyone wants to put their car in the parade, that's up to their discretion.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gladys Bauer, Secretary

20 Years Ago:

What a feast! As always we had great food and a great time at our last meeting as we enjoyed Rosa and Wayne Hadden's lovely home and hospitality. About 60 members and guests gathered—some with their old cars—on Feb. 12, 1989. The minutes from last month were approved and our treasurer reported \$1,020,14 in the kitty. President Brock announced that our Springtime Show will not be as it has been in the past. Since the function of the Northwood Mall has changed to mostly offices, the management is not interested in having a show there this spring and the mall, now under new management, wants us to pay to show our cars. Instead, it was felt the best option would be to have a spring tour this year in place of a show. Catfish Sigman of the Telford House in White Springs has invited us back to White Springs, so plans were made for a springtime there on April 15, 1989.

Bye for now, Sharon Heber

10 Years Ago:

The February 9th, 1999 meeting of the Tallahassee Region AACA began at 6:30 with a pleasant dinner at the Golden Corral Restaurant. In January, club members voted to return to Tuesday night dinner meetings, and although several members were out of town on the 9th, there was still quite a turnout! Ken Hart, substituting for Diane, opened the meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Larry and as of 2/9 the balance in the club's account was \$2,148.27. Fred Tyler had a stroke in early February and is currently recuperating. John Heber announced that the White Springs/Dowling Park tour was back on again. Two dates were available: April 17, or May 22. Since so many members go to Cairo in early May for the Great Southern Antique Car Rally, it was decided that April was better. Jenny Hart, Secretary



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



This is what it looks like as we sit around the Gulf Station on hotdog Friday. From left to right we find Fluffy, Bill O'Rourke, Russell Sloan, Bill Brundydge, Ed Shuler and Ray Bartell. Not in the picture are Jack Hanbury and Jack Herzog. There are a few tall tales, but no lies told. If you believe that we will sell you a bridge in the desert. Most of the time hotdog Friday comes on the second and fourth Friday of the month. Sometime in the near future we hope to go to Don Pumphrey's farm again. Maybe meet and eat there. There are times when we go to Neal's to see what he has going on. We never know what may be next. So join us if you like. First and third Friday's are bring your own. Hope to see 'ya!

Fluffy

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Things of Interest in the Hobby

SAY GOODBYE TO HERSHEY

Some of us may have heard about this, but it was news to me. Recently an editorial went out about the Hershey Company about to go out of business, moving their plant to Mexico and laying off hundreds of employees. The author was calling for a boycott of all Hershey chocolate products and had some strong opinions about the CEO's decision to break up this original enterprising American business. If you would like to read the editorial and the *Snopes* more accurate description of this, please go to this web site. It is of interest to all Hershey devotees, and could seriously effect the car hobby.

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/business/hersheys.asp>

News from Driving Force

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Fellow Hobbyists, some of you are no doubt aware that Congress is considering funding another ill-advised "Cash for Clunkers" program. In the past, such scrappage programs have been largely funded and administered at the state level. Unfortunately, Congress is poised to ram a stimulus package through within 30 days of the inauguration. Many congressional members, at the urging of car dealers and manufacturers, are petitioning the Obama transition team to support a federal scrappage program funded with billions of U.S. Taxpayer dollars as part of the stimulus package. Many of you may wonder how this will affect the old-car hobby. It will impact us immediately in some ways and eventually in others. There will be an immediate reduction in older parts available for restoration and project cars. Old cars will be looked upon as detrimental to the environment and will be labeled as such. Most government programs and initiatives such as this start out as "voluntary". Eventually, they then become permanent, and we may all be compelled to rid ourselves of older cars or prevented from driving them. In addition, body shops and auto-service-related businesses will dwindle in number, driving up repair costs. Once old cars are labeled as gross polluters due to this legislation, we will be forced into emissions testing or even paying carbon taxes on our cars. There is even the possibility of federal auto registrations to keep track of these older cars. Trust me, you and your hobby will be disproportionately affected by this legislation. SEMA has recommendations to politicians that will help in these times of crisis while cleaning the air. Act now! You can respond to the Action Alerts available at www.semasan.com. Sincerely,
Tom Cox, Vice President Membership AACA

News from National AACA

February 12-14 is the 73rd Annual meeting of the Antique Automobile Club of America in Philadelphia, PA. Local news: Bob Love received notifications from National that he is to receive another *Master Webmaster Award* for our web site and a *National Service Award*. Both are to be presented at the National Meeting in Philadelphia. He and Carol plan to attend. Bob stated, "I didn't earn these all alone. Without the help and contributions from club members, it would not be the same award winning site that it is. Thank you". **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Benefit Car Show for Natalie Eades



Natalie is the two year old daughter of Jason and Chelsea. She is currently in Shand's.
She has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

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Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America extends our sympathy to member Phyllis West in the death of her husband Roy D. West who passed away at his home in Tallahassee Wednesday January 28th, 2009. From the Democrat obituary "when not working on any special project, Roy could be found in his "Garage Mahal" under the hood of one of his many classic automobiles. As a teenager he loved going to auto races on the beaches of Daytona, which fueled his lifetime passion for all things automotive. He belonged to many car related clubs, but his favorite was the Antique Automobile Club of America." Memorial contributions may be made to: Big Bend Hospice of Tallahassee, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32309.

AACA Calendar of Events for 2009

February 12-14 AACA 73rd Annual Meeting- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 26-28 AACA Winter Meet- Lakeland, Florida Orange Blossom Region

March 15-18 AACA Western Divisional Tour- Sonora, California Mother Lode Region

April 2-5 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet Charlotte- North Carolina Hornets Nest Region

April 15-18 AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour- Birmingham Alabama Dixie Region

May 4-9 AACA Founders Tour- Midland, Texas, West Texas Region

May 28-30 AACA Eastern Spring Meet - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Gettysburg Region

June 4-6 AACA Central Spring Meet - Prior Lake, Minnesota Minnesota Region

June 11-13 AACA Southeastern Special Spring Meet - Lebanon, Tenn., Middle Tennessee Region

August 23-28 AAA Glidden Tour- Golden, Colorado Rocky Mountain Region

September 18 AACA Grand National Meet- Topeka, Kansas Topeka Region

September 17-19 AACA Central Fall Meet- Topeka, Kansas, Topeka Region

October 7-10 AACA Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, Pennsylvania Hershey Region

November 5-7 AACA Western Fall Meet- LaQuinta, California Sun 'n Sand Region



Getting to Know You...

TRAACA has a large roster of members, including some new ones. In an effort to get to know our members better, this form is for you to use as a guide to write your story and send in with a picture of your favorite antique car and of you (IMPORTANT!) to TRAACA Editor, 2431 Oakdale Street, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Articles will be published in the order they are received. Oh, and the first four responders get a gift!

Your Name _____ Spouse _____

How did you become interested in antique cars? _____

How long have you been in the antique car hobby? _____

When did you join TRAACA? _____ How did you find out about TRAACA? _____

Who introduced you to the hobby? _____ When? _____

Did someone in our club invite you to join? _____ If so, who? _____

Do you attend meetings on a regular basis? _____ somewhat? _____ no? _____

Do you own an antique car? _____ If so, please describe _____

What is the first memory of an old car that impressed you? _____

When did you purchase your first antique car? Please elaborate _____

Do you have a dream car you would love to drive or own? _____ If so, please describe _____

Have you ever attended an antique car auction? _____ If so, where and when? _____

What did you think of it? _____

Would you sell your car at auction? _____ If not, why not? _____

Are you a member of national AACA? _____ Have you participated in any national AACA events? _____

If so, when and where? _____

What was your experience? (Describe if you showed a car, won a trophy, just observed, etc.) _____

Have you been to Hershey? _____ If yes, describe your experience _____

Have you toured in a regional or national event with your antique? _____ If so, describe your experience _____

What do you like most about TRAACA? _____

Briefly describe your occupation and work status (full time, part time, retired) _____

Have you served on any club committee? _____ If so, which? _____

Tell one interesting story about your antique car, how did you find it, where, etc. _____

What is your favorite club activity? _____ (please use additional paper if needed)



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FEBRUARY 14th is VALENTINES DAY!

Don't forget your "significant other" Besides flowers and candy, a night out at a good restaurant will be both romantic and fun. It would be even more fun and memorable if you drive you antique car to the restaurant! Remember: buying stuff stimulates the economy.

VEHICLES FOR SALE:

1966 T-Bird, Town Landau, 390 CI, vinyl top, automatic, air conditioning, light blue, 120K miles. \$6K Call Tom Deckert at **878-2381**.

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More details on club web site: www.local.aaca.org/traaca



Notes from the Editor's Desk

Well, I made it through the first issue, so this one is slightly easier. In this February *Chassee*, you will find a "Getting To Know You" form that I am going to ask anyone who will be brave enough, to use as a guide to write your story and send it back with a picture of you, your significant other and your favorite antique car. You can follow the format, or just ad-lib on your own, but I need some members to let yourselves be known! Tell us about you. Some have already participated in the past and we thank you. You can do this again if you like. See this month's feature story!

I mentioned last month that I will need your help to submit your stories about antique cars for the newsletters. I'll try to find interesting reading and pictures for your pleasure, but I know most of you have a good story or two. Don't make me have to call you up and bug you!! Get 'em in.

Bill Thompson

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Next Meeting

at
The Former Antique Auto Museum
February 10, 2009
6:00 p.m. for Dinner

Menu:

grilled chicken, baked pot., salad, veg., rolls and dessert

Program:

Marc Mitchell will be our guest speaker. He is a NAS-CAR Truck series driver from Tallahassee.

Monthly Cruise-Ins

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

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

Helen's Silver Bullet Diner on Apalachee Parkway
3rd Sat each month

National and Regional Events

February 2009

1 - Nashville, TN - Stones River Region 21st annual automotive swap meet. State Fair Grounds.
Bruce Henderson - 615-890-1144
12-14 - Philadelphia, PA - AACA Annual Meeting
26-28 - Lakeland, FL - Southeastern Winter National Meet
28—2009 Transportation Show in Pelham, Georgia

March 2009

15-18—Western Divisional Tour—Sonoma, CA. Hosted by AACA Mother Lode Region

April 2009

2-5— Southeastern Spring Meet , Charlotte, NC
15-19—Southeastern Divisional Tour, Birmingham, AL