

February
2012

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
February 14, 2012
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

From the Editor's Desk

Well, this is the second newsletter I have published and I believe I now have a good understanding of the timeframes, layout procedures and the software tools utilized.

In order to correctly establish and maintain consistency, I revised my first 2012Feb" issue and renamed it as the January 2012 newsletter such that it will correspond to subsequent newsletters. The revised version basically contains the same information, with only minor updates and will replace the previous February 2012 version as the January 2012 issue on our Website for historic reasons.

This is the current (new) "February 2012" issue and it contains current information and will be put on the website as February 2012.

I will try to publish each issue of our newsletter two weeks prior to each TRAACA general monthly meeting. Therefore, the deadline for any articles or notices will be by the end of the month prior to each club meeting. (e.g. Articles need to be submitted by February 29th for the March newsletter, etc..) This is the "deadline" (latest possible.) I would really like to publish the newsletter on the 1st of the month it is due (March 1st for March.) But, I can't do them all at once and really need them as soon as possible prior to that so I can insert, edit and organize them and create any others as required. After this, the newsletters also need to be put on our website and Richard needs time to do that too, and some are required to be mailed, before the information becomes obsolete.

Thanks, Ray Bartell
TRAACA "Tallahassee Chassee"
Newsletter Editor

February Birthdays

- 2 Marianne Trussell
- 5 Wayne Hadden
- 9 Russ Haines
- 13 Tommy Sykes
- 14 Carlo Basta
- 19 Mary Smith
- 20 Arlene Finley
- 22 Ada Alice Wells
- 23 Carolyn Grimes
- 27 Betty Edwards

Happy Birthday!!!

Sunshine Committee:

If you, or another club member you know of, are having any health problems or other issues, please let us know. We don't know if someone doesn't inform a "Sunshine Committee" member, club officer or anyone.

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If you don't see a member for a while, call and see how they are doing. It helps to know that others really care.

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TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2012

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 44 members in attendance and two new members – Craig Brown and Lori Forster

Opening prayer: John Schanbacher

Pledge of Allegiance: We have decided to begin each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance – we will be obtaining a flag for this purpose.

Welcome: Tommy Sykes – Tommy greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

50/50 Drawing:

Believe it or not – Lori Forster, one of the new members, won the pot!

Announcements & Reports: Tommy Sykes

The results for the “George Campbell Member of the Year” election were announced and Richard Duley announced that Bob Love was the recipient. He was not available and will be given the Plaque next meeting. Congratulations Bob.

Ray Bartell, our new “Chassee” newsletter editor, was introduced and he hopes to have the newsletter out very soon. He needs articles from the Club and asked that members send them to him at his E-Mail - raymondbartell@yahoo.com.

Richard Duley, our new Webmaster advised that he will be updating our website as soon as possible; he is working on the software.

Tommy reported that there were about 16 club members at the Monthly gathering at the North End Sonic.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Glenda Schanbacher

Sharon Palmer, Cheryl Bartell, Nancy Haines all continue to have health considerations. Louis and Jimmie Lou Hurst’s 13 year old grandson continues to have problems. Please keep those members and their families in your prayers. Contacts from club members would be welcome. If you know of such needs, please contact Glenda Schanbacher or Lois Duley.

Tours: Bill O’Rourke

Bill O’Rourke announced that there will be an official club tour on Saturday, January 28th to Cairo. We will be visiting a long time favorite restaurant, “Mr. Chick”. Wayne and Rosa Ann Had-den will be hosting us at the Restaurant and will have their Museum open. We’ll be meeting the Winn Dixie on North Monroe (at Fred George Road) around 8:00 AM and leave promptly at 8:30 AM. We’ll tour the Museum first and eat lunch at 11:00

AM. Route details will be available at the meeting place.

Additional Tour - Norm Madsen announced that we have been invited to participate in an Antique Car Display in Monticello Saturday, January 21st. He asked for a show of hands from those who would be interested in participating; he will be sending details via E-Mail soon.

Treasurer's Report:

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

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.

Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel - Friday, January 14, 2011 at 8:30 AM.

Quincy Gulf Station – Friday, January 14, 2011 at Noon; this is a hot dog Friday.

Moultrie Swap Meet – February 3rd thru the 5th.

Old Business:

For the clubs information, the Officers and elected members of the Executive Board follow. Note that the Executive Board consists of the Officers and four elected members:

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| President | Tommy Sykes |
| Vice President | Bob Brown |
| Secretary | John Schanbacher |
| Treasurer | Norm Madsen |
| Newsletter Editor | Ray Bartell |
| Webmaster | Richard Duley |
| Executive Board | Glenda Schanbacher |
| | Tom Link |
| | Dan Rainey |
| | John Wells |

New Business:

As of last October, our Caterer has decided that she no longer will be able to serve our needs. The Executive Board has begun working on finding alternative means of providing dinner at our meetings. They will continue to work on this. Tommy led some discussion and the club has pretty well agreed that meal cost could be as much as \$10 per person and that a Caterer needs to be able to prepare, deliver and serve the meal. The interim meal tonight was provided by club funds and came from Subway.

**Program:** Gary Edwards

Gary gave an excellent, detailed summary of the Pontiac GTO's history and its place in the "Muscle Car" era of the sixties.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at the Old Antique Car Museum beginning at 6:00 PM.

Program – TBA

Respectfully submitted by: John Schanbacher, Secretary.

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:

<CTRL key + click to the following link.>

http://traaca.org/traaca_news.html

Some Additional Events:**Forward From Jack Hanbury for member information:**

On Wed. April 18th The Buick Driving Enthusiasts car club will make Havana their touring destination in the afternoon after leaving Mr. Chicks in Cairo. Lynn Crutchfield is your point of contact. She has planned on 60 cars, 120-130 people. Her phone # is 352-542-0356 or contact her at gator8crutch@aol.com. Lynn has requested that each shop contact her with store incentives if possible. Also, she is interested in a Scavenger hunt and I am not real sure the best way to do this and dearly need your input. Do we want to try and turn this date into more? If so, what? Want to print up some "return to Havana" coupons? Invite another car club? Please contact Mrs. Crutchfield and tell her what your store plans to do April 18th. Thanks guys, Tonya

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Always on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
 at the Old Auto Museum location
 Dinner at 6:00 pm
 General Meeting to start at 6:45 pm

Menu

Meal will probably to be served by Sonny's BBQ

Program

A Jack Hanbury presentation on his Hershey trip

And the following TRAACA Club Meeting for March will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2012

The Two Monthly Get Together Events on the Fridays Following the General TRAACA Club Meetings

(Next two are on February 17, 2012 and March 16, 2012)

Meet at Cracker Barrel

at the I-10 and North Monroe location
 We meet for Breakfast at 8:00 am

Meet at old Gulf Station in Quincy

Off of Hwy 90, on the south side of the highway 90 —
 See Picture on Title Page. - We meet for lunch & Car talk.
 [Hot Dogs are provided on odd # months.]

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

Whataburger on Apalachee Parkway
 3rd Saturday of each month

National and Regional Events

Check <http://AACA.org> for all events and for full details of these and other 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.

TRAACA Cruise to Wayne & Rosa Ann Hadden's "Mr. Chicks" Restaurant & Museum in Cairo, Ga.

We meet at the Winn Dixie on North Monroe around 8:00 AM and left for Cairo at 8:30 am as scheduled. It was a great day for the cruise and Bill O'Rourke provided everyone with a very good set of printed, detailed, directions and a map of the route.

There were about 38 members there, plus our hosts Rosa Ann and Wayne Hadden who provided coffee and cookies for us. I didn't count, but I think we had over a dozen antique and classic vehicles there too. A good time of fun, fellowship and food was had by all. Ray Bartell



**Wayne & Rosa Ann
Hadden**





Model T Story – Part 2

Submitted by Craig McCollum]

A young man named Joe Piper from Corydon, Iowa had built the car. He was studying to be an engineer. From the quality of his work in building this car, it looked like he was headed in the right direction. The car had been featured in a 1953 issue of Ford Times. Joe later abandoned engineering and earned a law degree, going on to become a very successful businessman with homes in both Iowa and Florida.

After the upholstery and top were finished, we drove it everywhere. This was a very active time in the old car hobby. The car was a regular at many antique car events and was surprisingly well accepted by the old car folks and “hot-rodders” alike. Today, looking back, I believe it was because of it’s unique combination of parts, a cross-over if you will, a Model T that looked original, but could be driven anywhere, any time in any traffic situation. Kind of like a cross-over song. No one really understood it, but they liked it, and at the same time, it confused them. Instead of selling this one, we kept it. This car stayed around for over four years, a record for my dad and very unlike him.

The car was in several auto shows in the 1950’s. I remember my dad driving the car from Des Moines to Omaha for an auto show in the fall of 1958. At that time, it was a 3 hour drive between Des Moines and Omaha, all on two lane roads. When the show ended, he left Omaha in early afternoon, with plenty of time to make it back to Des Moines by early evening. About 40 miles into his trip, he realized that the headlights were only working intermittently, so he doubled back and spent the night in a Hotel in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Early the next morning he set out for home. By late afternoon, he wasn’t home and my mother was frantic. She called the Highway Patrol to have them look for him. When the Highway Patrolman asked her for the license number of the car, she told them: “what difference does the license number make, it’s a black Model T with red wheels and it will be going fast.” An hour or two later, he pulled in the driveway. I remember him getting out of the car, mad as could be. As he slammed the door he exclaimed “I’m going to give this thing a damn good selling!” He came in and told us the rest of the reason for being so late.

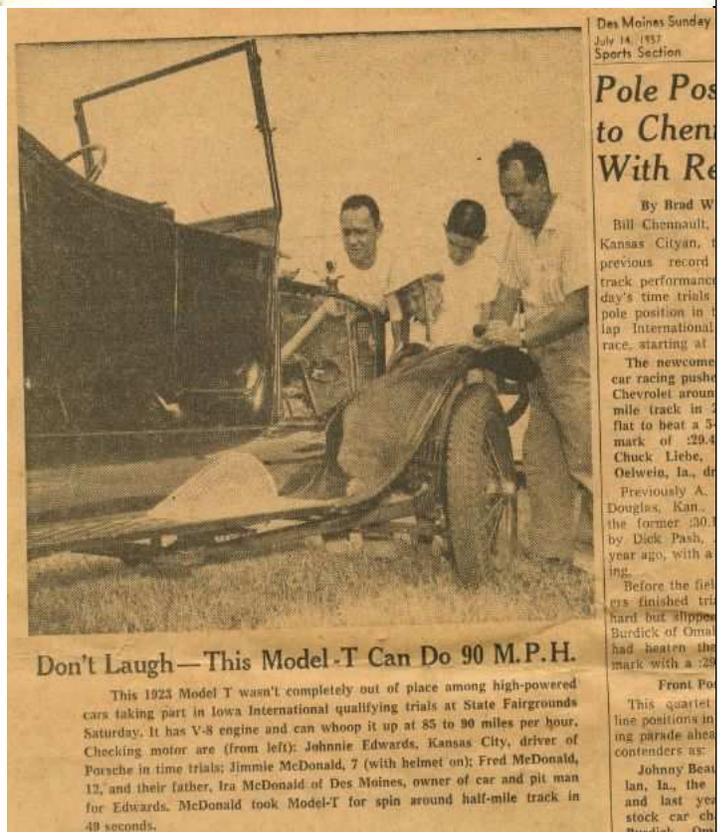
Like any other Model T, it did not have a gas gauge. He had filled the gas tank in Omaha the night before. Apparently, while the car was parked in the hotel garage overnight, someone siphoned most of the gas out of it, leaving only enough to make it to the middle of nowhere. He was finally able to gas and started out again only to begin having ignition problems. He always claimed that the car had a “gremlin” in it, an intermittent problem that would mysteriously fix itself before you could find the root cause of the problem. They spent the better part of the

day trying to find the problem, which as usual, had fixed itself.

True to his word, he gave the car a “good selling.” He advertised it in the AACA Magazine and sold it to man in Houston, Texas.

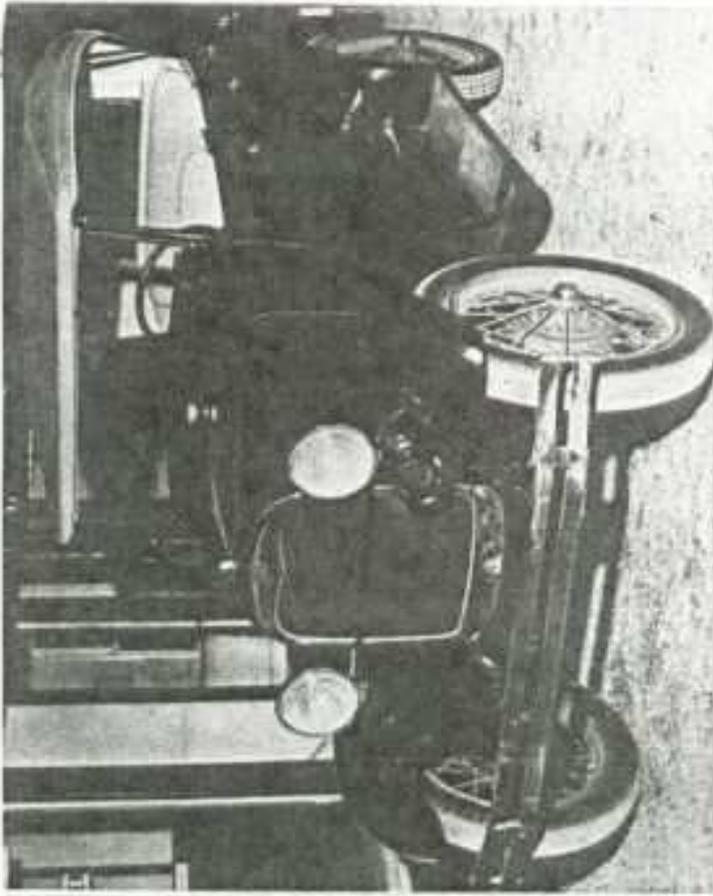
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Model-T Story: Continuation from previous Page.



CUSTOM CONVERSIONS

Oldsters again on the Roads

by Burgess H. Scott

In the fall of last year J. H. Alexander of Prichard, Alabama, bought a 1929 Model A touring car which, after considerable work, he restored to the excellent condition shown in the photograph above. He dismantled the body and fenders and virtually rebuilt the car, either repairing the various members or replacing them with genuine Ford parts.

The original paint was removed down to the metal to make way for the present lustrous black lacquer paint job. The wire wheels were painted red and all chrome work was re-chromed. Alexander's only departure from the original was with the upholstery and top. The old black leatherette upholstery was



replaced with new gray, weather-resistant plastic, and the same material was used for the door panels. The top was fashioned from current Ford convertible top fabric, in which a large rear window was left for better visibility.

All of his work was on the body, as the engine required only minor tuning and adjustment. The restoration cost \$600, and Alexander now values his shiny Model A at \$1,000.

Joe Piper of Corydon, Iowa, used three generations of Fords in building the roadster pictured above. The body and frame are 1923 Model T, the 21-inch wheels are from a Model A, and the 60 hp V-8 engine, front end, transmission, and differential are from a 1937 Ford. The car can do 85 mph easily and delivers up to 25 miles per gallon.

Before Richard A. Adams of McHenry, Illinois, went into the Navy he built the little 900-pound roadster shown below. Starting with the frame of a midget car, he installed a 1946 Mercury engine, a 1936 Ford transmission, a cut-down 1936 Ford rear end, and a 1937 Ford radiator, shortened six inches. The hood is 1935 Ford and the rest of the body was hand-made. He reports an easy 90 mph. ■





**From your Reporters in the field:
Ramblings and Roving's
of
Junkyard Dog & Fluffy
Found in our back yard very close.**

The pictures show a hobbyist doing what he enjoys and doing it at his own speed. While building a 1932 Ford Roadster and taking some of his own liberties to change things, he will have a one of a kind. His 1948 Mercury PU is the same way. The 50 Ford Woody/steel body station wagon is also a little different from norm. The trailer has history and how and what it is made from. This man and family including his garage tell a story. Every jacket, sign, name tag, picture and even the old chairs have a story and history how received. The old bikes in yard with surf boards, hub caps, pedal cars a lot of unknowns to many may never been seen from the street or by others. They are just his to enjoy and share if someone is interested. This was a great day to talk old times and great memories.

Junkyard Dog & Fluffy



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January 21 - Saturday's Drive to Monticello

By: Sue Aigotti

A group of AACA members met at Publix on Mahan Drive to cruise to Monticello for the Business Expo they were having. It wasn't a beautiful weather day but it was not cold.

Instead of traveling on US 90 we took some back roads through Leon and Jefferson counties. Along the way several folks pointed, waved and admired the parade of old cars. Highlights of the trip were a yard full of Canada geese finding food and a tiny church build in front of a full size one.

We got to Monticello and parked across the street from the Monticello Opera house where the Expo was being held. Some of us ate a snack at some local restaurants and poked around in the antique shops and the Expo venue.

In the true tradition of ride and eat we ate lunch at the same restaurants when the time came.

We sat around and talked and were serenaded by the banjo and guitar duet of Jackson Gladwin and his friend Jacob.

Participants were:

Wease Kaylor and Sue

Gary Edwards

Bob and Carol Love

Bill and Peggy O'Rourke

Paul O'Neal and Jean

Norm Madsen and Kathy

Buddy Rogers and Craig McCollum joined us once we had arrived.

For the return trip some one else will have to provide details. Wease and I had a date with the last day of hunting season. *[Took some different back roads on the way home.]*



Junkyard Dog & Fluffy: Continued from previous page (from page #7)



Happy Valentines Day!!! Ray B.

**And now a word from our sponsors:** [*Reprinted from January 2007 article by Bob Love—Updated.*]

Beginning in January 2007, the Chassee began carrying advertising to help support the costs of publishing. Although we do not expect to make any money from this endeavor, we do hope to help alleviate the continually rising costs to print and distribute our monthly newsletter. If you, or someone you know wishes to advertise in our publication, please have them contact Norm Madsen or send your check, card or drawing directly to Norm Madsen (*See Title Page.*)

We must ask that you restrict your advertising to the following criteria:

1. Advertisements must be in good taste and be free of any derogatory language.
2. Advertisements must be free of any reference to sexual, racial or gender bias.
3. We encourage advertising geared toward the auto hobby but will not discourage any and all efforts to approach our readers.
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6. Annual Listing Price: Business card: \$35.00 Quarter Page: \$50.00 Half Page: \$100.00.
7. Conformity to the above rules at the discretion of the Newsletter Editor.

Thank You, Ray Bartell - Newsletter Editor

LOTS OF SPACE AVAILABLE [See Next Page for Examples.]



**This is old picture I of my father in his uniform and car. He was a US Navy Pilot.
Can anyone tell me what car this is? (Year, Make, Model, etc.?) Thanks, Ray Bartell**



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