

January  
2007

# Tallahassee Chassee



Traveling in  
the Past  
and Present



**Next Meeting**  
January 9th, 2006

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

## The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

### A new view

2007 Club President—Norm Madsen

Happy New Year, fellow TRAACA members, and thank you for choosing me as your president for 2007. I appreciate the efforts of the many past Presidents and pledge to continue their efforts to keep our great club moving in the best direction. This is our 36<sup>th</sup> year as a club, and we are stronger than ever.

My heartfelt thanks go to Gary Edwards, our most recent President, for two years of a job well done. Membership is up and most club events and meetings are well attended. Gary has done much work behind the scenes, motivating officers and committee chairs to keep their respective balls rolling. Also, he has been the main contact for people looking for information about TRAACA. This includes outsiders seeking classic cars for public and private events, prospective members, the media, the FSU film school and others. Gary has great ideas for the club and has offered to assist me any way he can as I get up to speed in my new role. I will gladly and gratefully accept his help.

I attended my first meeting of the Tallahassee Region AACA nearly seven years ago. I didn't yet own any old cars, and walked into my first meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant on a Tuesday night in 2000 knowing nobody. I was a bit

nervous and insecure, but wanted to meet people who shared my interest in the old car hobby. I found myself very entertained by the meeting and the program. I had fun and learned a few things. Most importantly, I was made to feel welcome and encouraged to become an active participant. I left my first meeting eager to return for the next month's meeting. I attended the next meeting and happily joined the club.

When it came time for me to buy my first antique auto, a TRAACA member volunteered to come along and advise me. The help was invaluable and most appreciated, and I ended up with a vehicle that has given me hundreds of hours of pleasure (not to mention a few hours of frustration, also...). That car is my 1931 Ford Model A Coupe, and I plan to report on my experiences with it in a future newsletter.

To me, TRAACA is not just a car club. It is a warm, friendly bunch of people that I am pleased and proud to be a part of. I not only attend meetings and events with other club members, but I feel genuinely cared about and supported. This is a sharp contrast to other clubs I have been a part of (including other car clubs). People, we have something special here.

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### Club Officers

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Peggy Tyson
- 8 Connie Cox
- 13 Randolph Brock
- 19 Sandra Mohnney
- 22 Max Zurko
- 26 Rosa Ann Hadden
- 29 Shirley McCammon
- 30 Sharon Lyle

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
October 10, 2006**

**Tallahassee Automobile Museum**

**Opening Prayer** - Ed Shuler

**Welcome Guests & New Members** - Gary Edwards

Gary welcomed Bob & Ann Lumsben, guests of Bill & Nancy Thompson.

**Opening Remarks** - Gary Edwards

Gary told still another joke.

**50/50 Drawing** -

None this meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Treasurer:**

Norm Madsen gave the report in the absence of Andy Mohney.

**Sunshine** - Shirley Moore & Sharon Palmer

We were asked to remember former member John Plott and member, Joe Cox both of whom passed away this year. Long time members Dorothy Campbell and John & Laurianne Graham were visited recently and are doing well.

Jay Mottice has been in the hospital recently.

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

**Short Tours** - No report this meeting.

**Long Tours** - No report this meeting.

**2007 National Tour** - No report this meeting.

**Announcements & Reports** - Gary Edwards

1. The Member of the Year ballots were tallied and the choice was Gary Edwards. Last year's recipient, Nell Hollingsworth made the presentation.
2. The Hollingsworths reported on the Havana Anniversary parade. Some 17 cars and 14 lawn mowers participated!
3. John Wells introduced Tom and Marjorie Moody who attended the meeting. They are Charter Members and were very instrumental in the formation of the club. John and Ada Alice are also Charter Members and we owe all of the Charter Members a debt of gratitude for their foresight and hard work over the 35 plus years the club has been in existence.
4. Neal Davis reported on Soap Box Derby activities. There are two "Rally Races" scheduled for February and March, 2007, both on the 17th. in Cairo, Georgia. There will be a sign up meeting in January 11, 2007 for participants in the Rally Races and the "All American Race" which will be in Tallahassee in June. Neal needs volunteers for all of the activities. He also has a need for participants. If you know of kids that may be interested, contact Neal (850 576 5148 or 850 385 8302).
5. Neal Davis reported on a way of helping the club defray publication expenses for the newsletter. He is coordinating the collection of advertisements to be put into the newsletter for the year 2007. For \$35.00, your ad (probably business card size) will appear in the newsletter from January through December 2007. If an ad is taken after January, it will expire in December never the less. Contact Neal.
6. Bill Thompson presented Gary with a plaque commemorating his service as President.



### Old Business

Officer Nominations for 2007 from the November meeting were presented:

President - Norm Madsen

Vice President - Gene Densmore

Treasurer - Andy Mohney

Secretary - John Schanbacher

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster - Bob Love

Executive Board Nominations (4 members)

Bobby Hollingsworth

Tom Link

Bill Thompson

Bill O'Rourke

No other nominations were received and the slate was voted in. Welcome to the new nominees and thanks to those repeating service.

### New Business

Gary led a discussion concerning possible location changes for our monthly "Cruise In" presently held on the third Saturday at the Whataburger on North Monroe. Some alternatives were discussed with no consensus. The matter was shelved for the time being and the existing location will be continued at least until January's meeting.

### Coming Events

1. Cruise-In on Saturday, December 16, 2006 at the Whataburger on North Monroe.
2. 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 - Annual Christmas Party

The event was again a success, very well attended (about 65 persons). Many Christmas gifts were exchanged and some re-exchanged. Many thanks to the Thompsons for their hard work as party hosts. As a note of appreciation for the Caterer, a collection was taken up and presented to them.

### Next Meeting & Location

The meeting will be held on January 9, 2007 at the Antique Auto Museum.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary



## TRAACA TREATS

from Member's Kitchens to our friends.

From Carol Love comes this old southern recipe handed down from Bob's mom who got it from her mom.

### Sweet Potato Custard

#### Ingredients:

##### Filling

- 2 cups mashed (cooked) sweet potatoes
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- 1 large can evaporated milk
- 2 tsp. Lemon extract
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 2 whole eggs beaten

#### Directions:

- Mix the filling ingredients.
- Pour into a 9 in. fluted pie shell.
- Bake at 425 Degrees for 15 minutes.
- Lower oven to 350 Degrees and bake until center is set.

##### Hints :

You may substitute Splenda for the corn syrup. I have used 4 eggs instead of 2 and liked the result.



We have a wonderful group spirit, and during my tenure as your President, I hope to see it continue to grow. So let's get on the road and have some fun!

Here's to a great 2007 for us all and for TRAACA!

Again, thanks! Please feel free to call or email me anytime.

*Norm*

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## TRAACA Members help Havana Celebrate 100 years



Dec. 9, 2006

TRAACA members showed up in force on a sunny but cold Saturday morning to parade through the streets of Havana, FL. 17 antique or classic vehicles preceded the gaily decorated lawn mowers on a route that wound by street vendors and the many antique emporiums that have placed this small panhandle town on the map.

The small rural community of Havana has become one of the main centers of the antique trade in this area. For most of its existence, the town's main industry was tobacco farming. Now it's a real center for antiques and small shops that cater to the tourists looking for that one item to complete their collection.

## A Club Christmas Celebration

Members enjoy a holiday feast and gift exchange at the Tallahassee Auto Museum



A great Christmas meal was served to more than 65 club members.



Last year's Member of the Year presents the 2006 Award to outgoing president, Gary Edwards.



Santa's helper assisted those needing help in unwrapping.





**From The Rummage Box**  
**A publication of the AACA Regions Committee**

## Regions and Chapter issues

By Joe Gagliano  
 Vice President - Regions

It has been a real pleasure being the Vice President of Regions over the past two years. It is a challenging job, but very rewarding. There is a sense of accomplishment when we are able to assist and sign up a new region or chapter and an equally disappointing feeling when we are notified of the disbanding of one of our local affiliates. As VP-Regions I also become a "sounding board" for many issues that affect our regions and chapters. There are many diverse opinions, processes and traditions that are embedded in our local clubs and in some cases these tend to create issues. This may be more common when we are out recruiting new members, especially younger members. No matter how you like it, one fact is true, times are changing and whether you are willing to accept change may determine how you survive in the future. It's true in business, at work, in your community and in your club. I'd like to share the most common issues I've run into in the past couple years as your VP- Regions.

◆ Why are we here?

Many of our members forget why they joined the club in the first place...to have fun. They've forgotten that to recruit and hold members you have to have activities, programs and an environment that are fun. Arguing and bickering at meetings isn't fun.

◆ Management of the region or chapter and responsibilities of the officers.

All regions are required to have a documented Constitution and set of By-Laws. These documents are the basis for how the club will be operated and define the processes and proceedings to be followed. They typically define the elected officers and their responsibilities. If the membership decides, these should be revised; there should also be a process to define the change and voting process.


◆ Region/ Chapter activities and events.

Local activities and events are the responsibility of the region and chapter, National AACA does not dictate how you will manage them. Our concern would be any situation or incident that would have a negative or detrimental impact on our national organization. There are well defined guidelines for hosting a National event or activity which must be followed.

◆ Sensitivity to the opinions and beliefs of other people.

We live in a very diverse society and we need to respect the beliefs of others, and avoid comments and situations which could cause some of our members to be offended.


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## “Getting To Know You”

### AACA Member Profile: Bob & Carol Love



#### What is your occupation?

**Bob:** I'm a Computer Analyst for the State of Florida—Dept. of Community Affairs.

**Carol:** I'm a management Analyst for the Department of Children and Families at the Headquarters level.

#### How did you become interested in the antique car hobby?

**Bob:** Being raised by a master shade-tree mechanic (my dad) got me interested in everything about cars and when I got the chance, I went back to that age I grew up in through the hobby.

**Carol:** When I was young, old cars were the only things that were affordable. Now that Bob and I are reaching the age of maturity, we just enjoy the things that were necessities when we were younger.

#### How did you become members of the Tallahassee Region of AACA?

**Bob & Carol:** We met Dan and Pat Baxter when we were members of the Panhandle Model A Club. We wanted more activities that were closer to where we live and they suggested AACA.

#### What was one of your favorite cars when you were growing up?

**Bob:** The first car I ever actually bought by myself was a 1957 Plymouth 2 door hardtop (man, was that a real chick magnet!).

**Carol:** The only car I had ever owned when I was young was a '48 Packard. It was quite a machine. At that time my ex-husband and I had a '58 Pontiac that was quite unique, also. Either one would have to be my favorite from youth. My parents had panel trucks or station wagons so they were not "cool" at all.

#### Share a story about one of your cars that is a special memory.

**Bob:** I was a real novice when we got our first antique car (1929 Model A Tudor) and had to learn the hard way about loose lugnuts! On the way to our first outing in the car, we were driving north on Woodville Highway at the high rate of 45mph when the front end of the car just dropped to the road with a loud crashing sound, and when I looked up after getting the car slowed down enough to get it to the side of the road, I noticed the left front wheel was still headed toward Tallahassee without us!

**Carol:** The way we acquired our first Model A! Bob and I had gone to Moultrie to the November car corral. We saw this Model A that looked like a Bonnie and Clyde car – just rebel enough so that I loved it. However, it was just before Christmas so I asked Bob to wait until after Christmas to purchase so that we would not tie up too many funds at that time. Well, Christmas came and went – it was really nice, by the way – and then January and into February and still Bob didn't say anything about the Model A. So finally, I asked when we were going to look at it. He seemed surprised that I was interested. He thought that because I asked to wait until after Christmas that I didn't want it.

#### Is there a dream car that you do not currently own that you'd like to have?

**Bob:** There are just so many out there that I would love to have, but if money were no object, it would have to be one of those big Deussenbergs or Packards of the 20's and 30's.

**Carol:** If I were to "dream" I would want one of the really beautiful brass era Packards or an older Cadillac – we're talking '20 or '30s era when they were custom built and beautifully outfitted. Now that is dreaming.



### What do you like most about the antique car hobby?

**Bob:** Getting out on the road touring in an antique car with a bunch of other like minded friends.

**Carol:** Riding, food, fellowship.

### What AACA National Tours and Shows have you participated in?

**Bob & Carol:** We were part of TRAACA for the Fall 2003 Meet. That was an experience. We had never seen or participated in a show before and so that was a real eye opener! Then we went to Palatka in November 2005 to the Azalea Region Southeastern Divisional Tour. We have also participated in regional meets in Birmingham, AL and Gainesville, FL in Driver Participation Class.

### What other hobbies and interests do you participate in?

**Bob:** My occupation is also a hobby as well, as I like to play with computers and am presently managing the club web site as well as another car club web site where we are members.

**Carol:** I am very active in my church, Medart Assembly of God. I sing in the choir, co-lead a Sunday School class and am the scribe for the Women's Ministry.

### And now a word from our sponsors:

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Bob Love  
Editor

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*Ramblings and Rovings of  
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### **BARN FINDS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD**

During the past year Junkyard and Fluffy have had some adventures prowling around the neighborhood. They sometimes run across that infamous and illusive "Barn Find" everyone seeks. They can't always relate to us where it is or even if it is available, but they do bring back some evidence in words and pictures. Here are some of the unusual and fascinating "bones" these boys have dug up.







# Yesteryears Remember When?

## From the Archives of THE TALLAHASSEE CHASSEE

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### 30 Years Ago:

The first meeting of the year was held at the Henry W. McMillan National Guard Armory, Capital Circle East. Our new President, Roger Collar, gave a welcome to all and expressed appreciation to the retired officers for the fine work they did in 1976. He stated that we have an opportunity for a fresh start, and that the group has really two goals: to have fun together, and to learn from others. Foy Thompson gave the current balance in the treasury as \$672 and explained that the dues for the year are \$10.00 and checks should be made out to TALLAHASSEE M.A.R.C. Optional dues were mentioned as \$3.00 to receive the newsletter from M.A.R.C. and for membership in the National A.A.C.A. \$8.50 single and \$11.50 for husband and wife. Northwood Mall would like to have cars on display on Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19. The Board determined that Saturday the 19th would be the way to go. Becky Sizemore is to be informed of our decision. \$100 is to be paid to the Club if we participate. April 2 was given as the date for our SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE Car Show, to be held in conjunction with Springtime Tallahassee. The Springtime Tallahassee Committee will pay for trophies. After much discussion, John Brooke moved that we participate. Cal Williams seconded the motion. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned, after a big THANK YOU to BILL TYLER, for hosting the meeting and THANKS to ALL THE LADIES who furnished so many delicious goodies â€” cakes, brownies, cookies, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Bauer

### 20 Years Ago:

Our January meeting was held January 13, 1987 at the Western Steer on the Apalachee Parkway. There were 35 members and 6 guests present. This is the beginning of a new year, and what a year it will be. If there was ever a time that ANYBODY would want to be active in the old vehicle hobby in Tallahassee, FL., it would have to be this year! We have 4 events coming up this year that will make this a year to remember: Springtime Tallahassee Car Show, the Panama City to Apalachicola Antique Motor Car Race, the Great American Race and the Forest Festival in Perry! Now, isn't that an ALL-STAR line-up? This is also a year when the club will need every available member to participate and help out at these activities. Please be willing if you are called on to help. Fred Tyler opened our meeting with a prayer. The treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Campbell and Charlie Smith then added his kind compliments concerning the outstanding job put into the newsletter. Ridge Canaday encouraged people to dress in costume for your car's era at future meets and activities. It was mentioned that there are patterns for vintage ladies clothes at the Florida State Museum gift shop. Used clothing shops are also good resources for obtaining vintage clothes. The meeting closed with the club presenting Dan Villella, our past president, a plaque of appreciation for his service to the club last year.

Goody-bye until next month,

Diane McCarthy

### 10 Years Ago:

The Classic Car Museum developed by Larry and Ruth Barker and Wayne and Rosa Ann Hadden is set to open at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, in Cairo, Georgia. A formal name had not been decided on at press time. The museum is located at 1125 Highway 84 East in Cairo. The Barkers and Haddens are inviting all of the Tallahassee Region members, their families and friends to attend the Grand Opening on January 25 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. There will not be an admission charge on Grand Opening Day. Among the outstanding classics in the museum are the 1921 McFarlan and a 1930 Studebaker Commander Roadster owned by the late Milford Barker, a 1920 Kenworthy and a 1929 REO Roadster. Tallahassee Region AACA Annual Christmas Banquet was held on Sunday, December 8, 1996, at the Wakulla Springs State Park Lodge. Forty six members and guests attended. Our very special members John and Janet Ricketts joined us for the banquet. The Ricketts journeyed to Tallahassee from their home in Palm Harbor, FL, for the 1997 Founders Tour Committee meeting held earlier in the afternoon. Encore...The Chassee Editor Continues Into 1997. Hi! I'm back as your Tallahassee Chassee editor, at least for the first four or five months of this year. One of our talented members has agreed to take over the editorship in May or June after the Founders Tour is over. I am not at liberty to reveal who this person is until his or her appointment is made public. I have been assigned the responsibility of preparing and publishing the Founders Flyer on a daily basis during our Tour in May. So, you got me again, for awhile.

Larry Benson,

Editor



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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Next Meeting

January 9th 6:00p.m.

Regular monthly meeting at Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

### Local / Area

Jan 6-7 - 13th Annual Ford and Mustang Roundup—Silver Springs, FL

Monthly Antique Cruise-In at the [North Monroe What-A-Burger](#) Drive-In  
3rd Sat (Sponsored by TRAACA)

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



### National - Southeast

Feb 9-10 — Philadelphia, PA. AACA Annual Meeting.

Feb 22-24 — Punta Gorda, FL. AACA Winter Meet. Hosted by AACA Peace River Region