

January
2009

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
Jan 13th, 2008

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

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TRAACA 2008 Review

The year 2008 has come and gone. But for us TRAACA members, we can look back at a good year of fun events, good meetings, food, fellowship and memorable experiences with our old cars. We were fortunate to have our monthly meetings at the old Antique Car Museum and some delicious catered meals by Linda Curry. An important part of our club meetings are the programs, so take a quick look at this past year...

January '08 Program:

"A different type of Cruising"

Will Mitchell from Cruise Holidays of Tallahassee gave a short presentation on a proposed club group cruise last summer to the Caribbean.

February '08 Program:

Several members related their experiences with their first car, how they found it, why they got into the hobby and maybe, what they've learned.

March '08 Program:

The Internet and the Old Car Hobby Featuring a complete view of the award winning TRAACA Web Site

April '08 Gene Densmore

Hydrostatic gasoline gauges and how they work and the trials and tribulations of converting the '30 Studebaker from electric gauge back to the original hydrostatic type.

May '08 Program

Pebble Hill DVD created by Robert Porter of the November National Tour.

June '08 Program

Test your antique car knowledge. Winner with the most correct answers gets a prize!

July '08 Program

Ever heard of a classic car museum where you can actually drive or ride in the cars? How about a classic car with a cloth body, or the most rare of all Plymouths? Come see the July program for these and other interesting and unique antique cars you've probably never seen before.

August '08 Program:

A visit and talk with Sherm Carey VP Regions-Development & Support Southeastern Region AACA.

September '08 Program:

J.C. O'Steen gave a presentation on polishing techniques for various types of antique automobile trim.

October '08 Program:

"What's the big deal about Hershey?" An AACA video presentation. (Replaced by a Mississippi Cruise-In DVD)

November '08 Program:

Club Auction & Picnic

December '08 Program:

Christmas gift Exchange

Our members enjoyed some great cruise ins at Sonic, short tours and relaxed drives, along with our very first luxury cruise ship adventure. We very much appreciate the leadership of our president Norm Madsen for his second consecutive year with TRAACA. The club has a variety of talented and interesting people, and hopefully each of us will make an effort in 2009 to get to know some newer members and regular members as well. Our new President elect Richard Duley has already held a director's meeting and has presented some new ideas he plans to use to continue the tradition of making TRAACA a great club. He will be writing a column soon to introduce himself to the membership so we can get to know more about him. Let's show our support!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
MEETING MINUTES
December 09, 2008

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 61 members in attendance for this, the Annual Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange.

Opening Prayer - John Schanbacher

Welcome - Norm Madsen greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He welcomed and introduced several guests and new members, Ray & Cheryl Bartell.

50/50 Drawing—No drawing for this meeting.

Committee Reports

Treasurer - Andy Mohney—Andy gave the report. Details are available from Andy or Norm.

Sunshine - Norm—We learned that Ruth Barker passed away recently. She was the wife of Milford Barker both of whom were long time club stalwarts. Milford was an avid antique automobile restorer. Examples of his work can now be found in the Hadden's Museum. Ruth was always willing to help in any way she could in club functions. Continue to remember Jay Mottice, Roy West and Tom Link. As always, we need to keep all of our members who have considerations in our prayers and make contact with them.

Long & Short Tours - Bill O'Rourke/ Bobby Hollingsworth

There will be a "Tour of Christmas Lights" beginning at 5:00 PM at the Winn Dixie at highway 27 and Fred George Road on December 28, 2008.

Announcements & Reports - Norm Madsen

1. The 2008 "Member of the Year" ballots were distributed and results will be disclosed at the January meeting.
2. Norm and the club congratulated John Wells on his retirement and his birthday. John and Ada Alice are Charter Members of the Club and have been active for some thirty years!
3. Bobby Hollingsworth announced that the Annual Havana Lawn Mower Parade will be held on December 13th.

Old Business/New Business

1. The Executive Board presented a proposed slate of officers for 2009 as follows:

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Executive Board</u>
President -	Richard Duley	Officers
Vice President -	Bob Love	J.C. O'Steen
Treasurer -	Carol Love	David Taylor
Secretary -	John Schanbacher	Norm Madsen
Newsletter Editor -	Bill Thompson	T.B.A.
Webmaster -	Bob Love	

The slate was voted upon and passed with the T.B.A. to come at a later date.

2. Norm announced again that the 2009 dues are now due. Cost is \$20; after February 1st, it will cost \$30.00. Renewing TRAACA members **MUST** be members of the National Club.

Coming Events

1. Next Cruise-In will be on Saturday, January 03, 2009 at the Sonic on North Monroe by Hardee's. Begins around 5:00 PM
2. Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel the Friday after each regular meeting date beginning at 8:30 A.M. This month it will be on December 09, 2008.
3. Lunch every Friday around noon at the Quincy Gulf Station. Hot dogs will be available this Friday.
4. 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** - Everyone

Program was, of course, the Annual Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange. Good turnout of over 60 members and Norm Madsen was our moderator and "Santa Claus" of sorts!

Next Meeting & Location

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 13, 2009 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Old Museum.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary



Yesteryears Remember When?



From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee -
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30 Years Ago:

December 7, 1978: Midst a setting of ceiling-hung red balls and beautiful white popcorn trees on each table, the December meeting got under way at the Capital City Country Club. Accomplishments for 1978 were mentioned and appreciation was again extended to the Stucky's for bringing their 1910 Cadillac, judged "Best Restoration of the Year 1978" to our Springtime Tallahassee Show. Several of the members had restorations of their antique cars, including one Model A Ford which was painted Garnet & Gold. Our group won its share of trophies at the various shows, and club shirts were received and worn for the first, this year.

January 8, 1979: A welcome, roaring fire greeted us in the fireplace of DeVoe & Shirley Moore's game room. As we met for the first meeting of the New Year, 1979. Fred & Elizabeth and Bill Tyler were co-hosts. The meeting was opened with the introduction of two new members: Bob Dotson, Assistant Basketball coach at FSU, and Bruce Webb, General Manager, Station WGLF 104. The group availed themselves of refreshments, (yummy double-chocolate cake, cheese wafers, and cookie assortments, along with Pepsi's and coffee). This was all prepared by Elizabeth and was excellent fare to eat while we viewed an AACA movie: "The Wonderful World of Wheels—75 Years of Cars".
Sincerely, Gladys Bauer, Secretary

20 Years Ago:

January 10, 1989: Forty-six members and guests met at Moby Dicks Restaurant for our first meeting of the new year. Although I could not be at the meeting, John (he took copious notes) reported that by the time he got to the meeting there was plenty of evidence that a bunch of folks did them selves proud by satisfying some hungry appetites. Fred Tyler led the club in prayer to open the business meeting. Jo and Dewitt Whitfield were introduced as guests of the Haddens. The Whitfields recently completed the restoration of a Model A sedan and had just driven it to Dallas, Texas and back---without trouble of course! Minutes of the last meeting were approved and there was no old business to discuss. President Brock turned the floor over to Millford Barker who gave preliminary details of the first tour proposed for perhaps April or May. The tour will likely start at the Barkers home and will go to Bainbridge, Ga. And possibly Lake Talquin. Wayne Hadden told of Cairo, Ga.'s desire to host a car show on May 5 and 6. Ideas being discussed in addition to the old cars display include a gas-light parade, a tour around Grady County, a breakfast, a costume party, and possibly car competition. Janie Brock mentioned this is the 20th anniversary of the club and suggested we might want to celebrate the occasion with a tour during the same time of year as in 1969.
Sharon Heber

10 Years Ago:

The first meeting of 1999 for TRAACA was at the Forest heights Baptist Church. Members were asked to bring a favorite dessert to share. The main focus of the meeting was to plan the club's next big event—the Springtime Tallahassee Antique Auto Show on March 27, 1999.

HISTORY OF ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB

January 17, 1969—Tallahassee Antique Car Club Pre Organization group meeting at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee with 21 on roster.

September 22, 1970— Organizational meeting at Tallahassee Federal on North Monroe.

October 25, 1970—Meeting with Jack Kranyik, Director of the New Florida Region Model A Restorer's Club.

November 22, 1970—Initial meeting for the organization—Capital Chapter New Florida Region Model A Restorer's Club. Pres. John Wells, V.P. Charles Smith, Sec & Treasurer Richard Boutin, dues \$5.

December 1970—25 people attend a Christmas Party at the home of Larry & Judy Barker.

Charter Members: Boutins, Cottinghams, Eikmans, Tom Moody, Randall Kendrick, Frank Rayner, Fred & Elizabeth Tyler, Bill Tyler, John & Joe Wells, Charlie Smith.

Source: Club historical records



No article this month, but will continue in future newsletters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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VEHICLES FOR SALE:

1931 Model A Tudor, frame off restoration including a new LeBaron-Bonney interior. Call Lee Stees, Jr. at 850 843-1458. Car is in Perry, Florida.



1966 T-Bird, Town Landau, 390 CI, vinyl top, automatic, air conditioning, light blue, 120K miles. \$6K Call Tom Deckert at 818-2381.

1965 Rambler Ambassador 990

I have been unemployed since last April and unfortunately now need to sell my old Rambler. I live in Ocala and have not found a buyer locally. My car is a 65 Ambassador 990 sedan. It is pretty well loaded with options including 287 V-8, A/T, P/S, P/B, Pwr tinted windows, Remote mirror, compass, day/nite mirror, factory floor mats and more. I have a set of Magnum 500 wheels on it now, but also includes originals. It has 74800 miles. It had a valve job and timing chain/gears done last year. It runs and looks great. The interior is like new. I would like to get \$2700 out of it, but am open to offers. I am attaching a few pictures for your review. If you know of any one in your club that might be interested please refer them to me. Thank you very much. Tom Ostrander (352)622-9984 Ocala, FL. email:

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

While on a trail of two Mustangs and a pickup truck, Junkyard Dog and Fluffy, picked up on another find. This one had to do with old Sponge Bob Square Pants. There it was, in all of its color, bright yellow with green dots, Sponge Bob the truck. It has many things added, the color, seats done in Sponge Bob likeness, and the tall gate of the truck altered to read DA SUN. Now the best part, the bed of the truck has a made to fit boat. Just back up to the ramp and slide the boat right out. It fits in perfect and comes with a small outboard. Fluffy knows that this really works as he has it out from the Light House before seeing it all together. It really is something to see.

While there in the brush we noticed another truck. This one an old Studebaker, early 1950s I think. Checking this out we find the truck is on a Trans Am frame. He has used it all, engine, transmission, just everything. Did I say, dash, instruments, mirror, etc. Now for the good stuff. Top chopped about three inches then added the hood scoop, the brake light over the back glass. This will be real nice and different when finished. This is all for now, but we will just keep on sniffing. As ever and always, Fluffy



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The American Dream: The Pursuit of Happiness (Horsepower!)

By Gary Edwards

Our country's declaration of independence states that our inalienable rights are "life, liberty, and the *pursuit of happiness*". For the performance car enthusiast, including those of us who love the muscle cars of the 60's, the pursuit of happiness must include the pursuit of *horsepower!*

Back in the day of the classic muscle cars, it was not unusual to take an insanely high powered performance machine, and (what else?) make it go even faster! The guys at Royal Pontiac (a dealer in Michigan during the 60's) would "Bobcat" their already strong performing Pontiac 389 and 421 engines by doing some simple "tricks", such as using thinner head gaskets and removing the gaskets on the spark plugs to increase compression, using larger jets in their three carb set up (Tri-Power) to get better performance off the line, putting shims under the valve springs to allow for higher rpms without valve float, and advancing both the static timing and the mechanical advance to increase acceleration. It worked so well it cut off a full half second off quarter mile times and helped to sell a lot of Pontiacs. Some of those tricks won't work today unless you have access to racing fuel and the means to pay for it! Good old Sunoco 260 leaded fuel isn't around anymore and certainly not at the forty cent cost of yesterday.

So what's a car guy in search of more horsepower today to do to satisfy his/her hunger with today's lower octane pump gas? Fortunately, there's a lot that can be done to turn a muscle car into a snarling beast and still be able to run on today's available fuel.

First off, the way to get more horsepower from your existing power plant is to increase the flow of fuel and air through the engine, but don't try to do this by just sticking a bigger carb and intake manifold on it and expect to get great results. In fact, the engine may run worse and sim

ply bog down because the carb and intake combo is too *big* for the engine to handle. (It reminds me of the time as a little boy my dad put his *big* hat on my *little* head!). The proper approach is a comprehensive, "*big picture*" view. Is your camshaft, as well as both intake and exhaust manifolds (or headers) up to the job? If you have a big carb and small restricting exhaust manifolds or a small cam, all the extra air you are pushing into the engine through the bigger carb will do no good if it can't get out of the engine fast enough. It's important to select the camshaft, carb (or carbs), and exhaust (or exhaust headers) so all of them perform in unison, like a finely tuned orchestra. If you want to maximize performance on pump gas, you probably need to limit compression to something under 10 to 1, or you will have pre-ignition problems. Also, higher performance tends to generate more heat and load on the cooling system, so it's important that cooling capacity is sufficient to keep up with the increased demands on it. Other upgrades to maximize performance include a high performance electronic ignition, port matching of the intake runners to the heads, a three or five angle valve job and bowl work (to increase flow around the valves), increase jet size in carbs in order to match demands of higher flow (especially important if engine is running too lean which will cause pre-ignition). It is also strongly recommended to have the moving parts of the engine balanced and blueprinted to reduced stress on the rod and main bearings due to handling increased loads

So what kind of results can you expect if you want to turn you mild mannered "Clark Kent" into "*Super Car!*"? My 66 Pontiac GTO in stock condition was 360 hp with three carb set up and zero to sixty times were just over 6.0 seconds. Now my "souped up" 66 GTO is estimated to be something over 425 hp and zero to sixty times just under 5.0 seconds (if you think I'm exaggerating, let me take you for a ride).

I give a lot of credit for Jim Hand's book "How to Build Max-Performance PontiacV-8s" as well as technical help from Comp Cams in terms of selecting a camshaft that can take advantage of the

rest of my engine "package".

So here is my Max Horsepower recipe: Engine balanced with all moving parts within one tenth of a gram

Pistons and head work for 9.7 compression (stock was 10.75 too high for pump gas)

Stock 1966 Pontiac Tri-Power Carbs and intake manifold (upgrade jets from .068 to .070)

Hooker Competition Headers with Jet-Hot coating (inside and out)

2 1/2 inch dual exhausts with turbo mufflers

Comp Cams Extreme Energy flat-tappet camshaft (274H) & lifters

Comp Cams Bee Hive Valve springs

Comp Cams Roller Rocker Arms

Five angle valve job and bowl work

Port matching of intake manifold runners and heads

Cooling system improvements with high flow water pump, high capacity fan, & shroud

Mallory Promaster coil & Unilite distributor

Nothing beats having a classic car that performs with the best of the modern cars but looks way cooler! And *WOW*, is it ever fun!





MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are saddened to learn of the death of one of our previous long time members, Gladys Bauer. She passed July 2, 2008 at home. She was the wife of another long time member Ray Bauer, or "Mr. MoPar" for the many Chrysler cars he had owned. "Gladys" was the TRAACA secretary for years and hosted club meetings at their home frequently. She was 87. Memorial contributions were made in care of First Christian Church, 200 W. Third St., Mansfield, OH 44902.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to TRAACA member Dan Rainey in the death of his father on Christmas Day, 2008. He was 90 and had experienced a brief illness prior to his passing.

Notes from the Editor's Desk

Welcome to the new year - 2009! As your new newsletter editor, I wish to make an appeal to all of our membership - your newsletter will be what YOU make it, so I am soliciting any and all information you can provide regarding the old car hobby. Most things are copyrighted and we can't reproduce them without permission from the author, but we can freely print any and all original stories, pictures and non copyrighted material for our newsletter. National AACA provides interesting and informative articles for our use, but our local club has many good bits of information we want to hear about. Just submit your old car related news, notes and pictures and I will take it from there. Send them in by mail, or email as soon as possible so that we can start a collection of good articles for this year. It won't be easy to follow Bob Love's award winning newsletters, but with your help we can make this another good year for our club.

Bill Thompson

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Next Meeting

at
The Former Antique Auto Museum
January 13, 2009
6:00 p.m. for Dinner

Menu:

salad, spaghetti, bread, and dessert

Program:

short business meeting and
TRAACA Trivia Jeopardy

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

January 2009

16-18 - South Beach, FL - AACA South Florida Region - Art Deco Weekend - Classic Car. Mel Mann -
softaaca@aol.com

17 - Cape Coral, FL - Edison Region - Annual AACA Car Show

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

April 2009

2-5— Southeastern Spring Meet , Charlotte, NC

15-19—Southeastern Divisional Tour, Birmingham, AL