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Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
July 10th, 2006

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

The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

TRAACA Members participate in Annual Social Security Tour

Pat and Dan Baxter

Dan and I participated in the 12th Annual Running of the Social Security Run "Roam around Georgia" put on by the HCCA Atlanta Region. It was held May 17th-19th at Forsyth, Georgia. This year there were 84 vehicles registered with the oldest being a 1909 Buick Model F. The majority of vehicles were Ford T's and A's. Some stand outs were a 1930 Dusenber Model J, 1916 Locomobile and 1913 Overland. Cars are eligible from the year 1935 and earlier. That is one thing that we found exciting...a chance to tour with the "oldies" and most of the time that included the drivers and passengers!

We have participated on 11 of the 12 tours. We have driven our 1920 Ford T Speedster on it as well as the 1928 Ford Tudor we had at the time. This year though we broke in the 1931 Ford Roadster that we acquired last November from my Dad.

We arrived on Thursday and much to our delight they had arranged a 54 mile tour that had not been on the original program. It was a good drive to test the A. About half way through the tour we stopped at Buckners Restaurant and enjoyed a good country style meal. Upon returning to the host motel and freshening up a bit we enjoyed mingling with the other early arrival folks and then after some refreshments we played Bingo for prizes.

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Stanley Steamers

Craig & Belle McCollum

As a kid I can remember going camping at Long Peak, Colorado which is part of Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). I've returned about 3 times in the last 30 years. Estes Park is known as the gateway to RMNP and besides being a tourist town, it is a campers' destination for groceries and showers (essential to get Belle to go camping). Estes Park, Colorado was a tourist location long before Rocky Mountain National Park opened in 1915. During my last 3 visits I've noticed a steam car in town which provided transportation for Hotel guests. I didn't know much about the Hotel other than they don't allow campers to wander in.

A few years ago we were camping on the way to a wedding and saw a steam car in town, but at a distance. My first thought was that it was a race car and probably not an original as many of those had been totaled in races or trying to set a speed record. Belle said that a lady was driving. Being the car guy that I am, I only pay attention to the car and don't notice who is driving especially if it is a female.

We asked around and found out that there was going to be a steam car event at the hotel that weekend. We had to sneak in the hotel grounds since they only allow guests on the property. There were a number of steam cars being test driven in preparation for the weekend event.

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2007

Tallahassee Automobile museum

There were approximately 41 members and three guests.

Opening Prayer - John Schanbacher

Welcome Guests & New Members - Norm greeted guests, Neal & Barbara Stevens and Joe Kendrick. No new members.

Opening Remarks - Norm Madsen

50/50 Drawing -

Drawing was held and the winner - Judy Brundydge

Committee Reports

Treasurer - Andy Mohney

Details are available from Andy.

Sunshine - Shirley Moore & Sharon Palmer

Shirley reported that Richard Duncan is progressing at TMH and has been moved to a private room. He was involved in a very bad motorcycle accident.

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

Short Tours - Jack Hanbury/Craig McCollum

There are none in planning at this time.

Long Tours - Dan Rainey

An overnight (optional) or day tour to White Springs was planned for this coming Saturday. Due to interference with the Father's Day weekend and the Monticello Watermelon Festival, it was decided to postpone and reschedule for the fall season. In lieu of this, Craig McCollum will arrange a casual gathering at Monticello with parade participation if anyone desires.

2007 National Tour - Bill Thompson reported that our advertisement in the National Magazine appeared in the May/June edition along with the activity card. He also described the process if our members want to participate in the tour proper. They must also register via the National Activity Card. All members are encouraged to contact Bill for assignments.

Announcements & Reports - Norm Madsen

1. The Executive Board met right after the May meeting to discuss a request from Neal Davis for a donation to the 2007 Soap Box Derby in the amount of \$500. The club has supported the Derby in the past and has bought two cars over the past couple of years. The Board decided to honor this request with the following stipulations:

- ◆ That the club receives more visibility in the Soap Box Derby advertising.
- ◆ That future requests be made in writing at least three months prior to the event schedule. This would give at least two meeting cycles to have the request considered by the Board and then taken to the Club for approval, as our by-laws require.

The Board recommended approval from the Club "after the fact". The Club approved the expenditure.

2. Report from the "great Southern Antique Rally in Cairo was given by several of the participants. The Rally and subsequent show was well attended by approximately 157 cars and about 20 of our members participated. We again had the largest club participation as in several other years. By the way, Norm won "Best Ford". Congratulations Norm.

3. The second TRAACA Cruise-In at the North Sonic was attended by around a dozen member's cars. There were around 50 cars total. Attendance was affected by a threat of adverse weather.

4. Jack Hanbury reported on the "Havana Memorial Day Cruise-In For The Troops". It was a relaxed day and enjoyed by approximately 12 of our member's cars.

5. Neal Davis reported on the 2007 Soap Box Derby held on June 9th. Several club members helped out and the event was a success. There will be nine racers going to Akron, Ohio this year. This is an excellent result for the Tallahassee Region Soap Box Derby organization. Neal described how car sponsorship is done and how this really helps their operation considering they have a budget of around \$20,000! He also described how the cars are assembled and checked.

6. Norm announced that the Tallahassee Museum of Natural History has requested help in getting their 1919 Eppes Sister's Model T serviced and running again. Years ago, TRAACA restored the car and some years after that, got it running after it was stored in a glass enclosed shelter for a very long time. We then stored, serviced and got it running again while their present administration building was under construction. It has not run since then! Contact Norm if you would like to participate.

Old Business/New Business

None this meeting.

Coming Events

1. Cruise-In on Saturday, July 07, 2007 at the Sonic on North Monroe by Hardee's.

2. 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 - Gene Densmore

Gene treated us with a slide show of a part of his license plate collection focused on 1930 plates. He showed slides of his collection of 1930 plates from all states (except Alaska). He brought them all with him to view after the program. We learned tidbits of license plate lore from each state. Most significant was the use of the word "iodine" on South Carolina's plates. South Carolina started with the word "Iodine" on the 1930 plate and expanded the phrase for several years. They were touting the amounts of iodine found in fruits and vegetables grown in the state and it died down with the advent of iodized salt in the 1940's. In addition, we learned that plate sizes were standardized to 6"X12" since 1956.

Next Meeting & Location

The meeting will be held on July 10, 2007 at the Antique Auto Museum.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary



Social Security Tour

Friday morning was registration and then we had some free time until 2pm when the Medicare Tour started, so Dan and I drove the Model A to some nearby small towns with antique shops and browsed around. Friday's tour also was 54 miles. We drove some nice back roads and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. We stopped about 16 miles in the tour at Indian Springs State park for a break and an old fashioned watermelon cutting. We left there and proceeded on the tour to Jackson City where we stopped at the Fresh Air BBQ for dinner. Upon leaving we drove back to Forsyth where we were met by the Keystone Cops and directed to parking at the town square. We enjoyed some special entertainment and then the vehicle banners and driver directions were handed out for the following day timed Social Security Run. Of course while sitting around the square many found the one small diner that served ice cream! Ice cream, we found, is very popular on these tours. After this street party, we all returned to the host motel and had a chance to chat with folks we hadn't seen since the prior year.

The Social Security Tour on Saturday was 122 miles. Cars started leaving at 8:30am and drove to Juliette home of the famous Whistle Stop Cafe from the movie "Fried Green Tomatoes". We took a break and wandered around for some photo taking and then continued on to the Jarrell Plantation. We toured the plantation and enjoyed a juice break. We then continued on to historic Milledgeville where it was optional to do the historic walking tour or drive by the landmarks. We then had lunch at the Cornbread Cafe.

We continued on to Monticello, Georgia where we again had a chance to stretch our legs, snoop in shops and locate the only place selling fantastic ice cream cones out of a florist shop! After leaving we toured on back to Forsyth to the host motel where we had a chance to freshen up and then proceed on for the banquet and closing program.

Tom and Sharon Lyle had also signed up for the tour, but Tom had some mechanical problems and left early. Other locals participating on the tour were Jerry and Linda Lindsey driving their Model T and Steve and Blanche Gordon from Thomasville.

This is a tour anyone with an older vehicle would enjoy. Hope we can get a group representation from our club to participate on this in 2008!

Pat Baxter



Some of the classics participating in the tour line up downtown.



We couldn't have asked for better weather for touring with the top down.

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Watermelon Festival

Monticello, FL

16 June 2007

The watermelon has been a major part of Jefferson county's agriculture economy for over 100 years. Monticello used to be called the watermelon capital of the south primarily because the watermelon provided over 85 percent of the pollinated seed that was sold to companies all over. This seed was then sold to growers all over the world. Declining sales and crop disease eventually halted sales around 1979. Currently, Western states such as Colorado have taken over seed production as they have less humidity and a better growing environment. In 1998 there were only 22 growers listed. Many of the old time growers have passed away and only about 5 growers are left in Jefferson county.

Folks still come from all over to Monticello to pay tribute to that succulent, vine ripe, red beauty that satisfies an appetite on a hot Summer day. It was at this 57th annual watermelon festival that 3 TRAACA members drove their antique cars in the parade. Norm Madsen's 1954 Packard, John Schanbacher's 1965 Chevy and Craig McCollum's 1970 Jaguar XKE represented the club with signs on their doors. We were formally announced via the PA system at the Court House roundabout.



Norm transported a blond Beauty Queen who has parade waving down to a science. The parade pace was faster

than last year; however, it was hot enough to have the air conditioner on. Two of the parade cars were equipped and Norm keeps saying he will hook it up one day in his Packard. I had cold air blowing on me even though my windows were down so that I could answer that recurring question "What make is that?".

After the parade we displayed the cars in the Farmers & Merchants Bank parking lot along with other TRAACA club members. There were about 20 vehicles including an antique boat. The car show has become a tradition; however the last couple years its been an unsponsored "drive-in" show.



Fortunately I bought watermelon early as I noticed that the carts were empty on my way home.

Craig Mccollum
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(Photos courtesy of Shirley Moore)





Stanley Steamers

Belle tracked down the driver of the car we saw in town and found out that she was the Great-Granddaughter of Frances Edgar (FE) Stanley, the inventor of the steam car. She said her husband and someone else had built 2 reproductions of a 1906 Stanley steamer model H Vanderbilt Cup Racer. Turns out that the hotel was the Stanley Hotel built by Freelan Oscar (FO) Stanley 1907 - 1909. FE and FO were twins. While FE invented the steam car both brothers manufactured cars together. FO even used a 12 passenger Stanley Steamer Mountain Wagon to transport hotel guests back in the day. I guess the Stanley Steamers I had seen in previous visits to Estes Park were recreating history.

Steam cars are mechanically simple compared to gas powered internal combustion engines. They have fewer parts, were reliable (compared to gas cars), and didn't need a transmission. In 1900 over half the cars were steam powered. The Stanley's bragged that they would give you a new car if you could hold the throttle open for more than 3 minutes. No one could, as the power (torque) was huge.

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Note that the large white building in the upper left of the picture is the Stanley Hotel.



Other steam cars on the grounds of the Stanley Hotel



1906 Stanley steamer model H Vanderbilt Cup Racer (reproduction). Note 2nd reproduction in background.



Established in 1981, the Stanley Museum in Kingfield, Maine, is located in the beautiful Georgian-style Stanley School built in 1903. Kingfield is the birthplace of the Stanleys — important to note because the steam car for which they're most often remembered was built in Water-town, Massachusetts.

“Getting To Know You”

AACA Member Profile:
Paul & Jean Josey O’Neal
Interviewed by Gary Edwards



What is your occupation?

Paul: Truck driver for Strictly Wholesale

Jean: Wallpaper hanger.

How did you become interested in the antique car hobby?

Paul: I've loved cars since I was just a kid and have been a fan of stock car racing since I can remember.

Jean: Although I've always liked antique cars, I've caught Paul's enthusiasm for the hobby which increased my interest.

How did you come to join the Tallahassee Region of AACA?

Paul: As some of you may know, I am first cousin to TRAACA member Bill O'Rourke. So when Bill and Peggy invited me to be their guest, I came to a meeting and joined on the spot.

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

Paul: The Ford Mach I and Shelby Mustangs.

Jean: The 1957 “baby” Ford Thunderbird.

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

Paul: My mom had a 1962 Chevy Nova and one day she asked me to wash the car for her and, after that was done, to take it out on the road and “blow the carbon out of it”. So I took her at her word, after cleaning it up, I got in the car and headed for the interstate highway. Once out on the road, I wound it up to over 70mph (apparently a speed that her car had not seen before!) and along with the carbon, I blew the engine!

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

Paul: A 1969 to 1971 Mach I Mustang.

Jean: A 1957 Thunderbird.

What do you like most about the antique car hobby?

Paul and Jean: We both enjoy attending various antique car events and spending time with others who share our interest in the hobby, and now that we have our 1963 Mercury Comet we are excited about taking it on tours.

What other hobbies and interests do you participate in?

Paul and Jean: We both enjoy attending NASCAR races as well as watching them on TV. We enjoy traveling and camping in our RV and that comes in handy when we attend NASCAR events too.

Paul: I enjoy collecting die-cast antique car models and have over 200 so far.



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

(From the editor: These days is what you might call the "dog days" of summer, so I guess the mutts ain't getting' out much these days. I've substituted a little sumthin' given me by Fluffy a while back. I promise I'll git it back to ya soon, Fluff.)

If you want to wear a Y.O.M tag on yer ol car (no that's not "You Owe Me", it's Year of Manufacture) , here's a little bit of ciphering to help keep it close to home. Those numbers on the tags actually mean sumpin'!

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Notes from the Editor's Desk

November Tour Update

As of July 1, we have 84 entries received by National and these will be forwarded to us the middle of July. As your Tour Registration chairman, I am soliciting all materials you can provide (brochures, maps, itineraries, etc.) so that we can send out the packages when we receive the entries from National. Please bring them in to the next meeting (Jul 10th).

If you have not placed your name in for one of the tour committees or been contacted by a chairperson, contact Bill Thompson (850-385-6581) and let him know you want to help. It is going to take a full club effort to make this a successful tour.

Bob

TRAACA Editor and Webmaster

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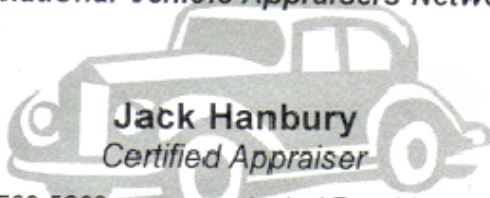
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Norm Madsen, TRAACA President

Greetings, members and friends!

A CHANGE OF PLANS. TRAACA's "long tour" to White Springs, planned for June 16-17, was cancelled at our last meeting. Most members felt an all-day and overnight drive was a bit much in the old cars, due to the very high temperatures we've been experiencing lately. Many thanks to Dan and Julie Rainey for planning the route and the activities. We'll try to do this tour later in the year when things cool down a bit.

In the absence of a monthly driving event, Craig McCollum arranged for us to attend the Watermelon Festival in Monticello. Those who attended joined some local folks for a car show at the FMB Bank. A few of us put signs on our collector cars and drove in the parade. After the parade, we enjoyed music, arts and crafts and local food downtown.

Wally Bentley always loved getting the club involved in the Watermelon Festival, and since his death, our participation has faded. I was happy to see that Wally and Carolyn's daughter brought out the 1931 Model A Pickup and the 1946 Ford that Wally used to drive. And I was thrilled to see Carolyn Bentley helping show off the cars. Wally's daughter plans to spearhead the Festival car show next year, making it as big an event as it used to be. I told her the club would follow her lead.

(Editor's note: See article on pg. 4 for those that remember Wally. It's good to see he's remembered and that his legacy remains with the cars.)

NATIONAL TOUR NEWS. Plans are well underway for the National AACA Tour our club will host in November. More than a dozen folks have called for registration packets already. Registration forms are printed and the dash plaque design is finalized. The theme is "Touring the Real North Florida," and we have planned three fun-packed driving days for the 100-plus cars expected to attend. There will be plenty of tasks for all TRAACA members, so be

ready to volunteer when Tour Chairman Bill Thompson is ready with the assignments. Bill will update us at the July meeting.

HAVE A GREAT JULY! I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on July 10th for our monthly meeting at the Antique Car Museum!

AND, ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Work has kept me very busy this past month, but I always manage to make time for the old cars. The long-awaited part for the chassis lubrication system on my '33 Packard arrived last week, and I spent every spare moment putting the system back together. A few days ago, I finished the repairs, put in a fresh Optima battery and took the old girl out for a long drive. The lubrication system worked well, and doing the repair work myself was very rewarding. I enjoy tinkering and learning about the cars, but driving is still the greatest thrill!

See you down the road!

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Keep the Hobby Going

By Myron Smith

Chairman Development and Support-Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota

Since my only child just made the leap, turning 16 last September, I have had a while to think about how to keep youth interested in the hobby I've enjoyed so much. We've been in those awkward years where he is too old to play with toy cars on the floor with imaginary roads, but not old enough nor doesn't have enough money and attention span to start and complete a restoration.

The number one thing necessary to pass our hobby down to offspring is time. You have to spend time with them for them to appreciate your interests.

There are a multitude of peripheral hobbies which the too young and under funded can participate in which will slide right in or become a part of your car hobby. Some activities which either Nathan or myself have participated in include:

Gas station memorabilia (called petrobilia) — A collection of signage or oil company advertising, cans or old equipment can really compliment your garage décor.

License plates collecting — Do you have corresponding plates for your state for the year of each of your collector cars? Or, how about the same year plates for each state you have visited with your collector car? Might be a fun thing to look for? Or, how bout a plate for each the birth years of your children and yourself ?

Literature and advertising — This doesn't have to be old. Free literature is as close as your local car dealership. And hang on to it. It will get old. I have pieces that I collected when I was a small child, which can document show cars now.

Photography — Son Nathan has been particularly involved with this one. He has shown some of his car photos as 4-H projects at the local county and state fairs, or they would also work in an open class at county fairs if you are not connected with 4-H.

Model cars — I have enjoyed model cars since I was 5, and now as one who no longer even qualifies as a young adult even by AACA standards, I still like them.

My particular favorites are those models made between 1958 and the mid 1970's. I particularly like the "annuals," those models that were made for

only one year to correspond with the new models of real cars. Models are a good way of learning what various parts of a car are and how a real car is constructed. And they can be great to learn how to distinguish various eras, brands and models of real cars.

With a little patience, the looking for models or any other peripheral hobbies at rummage/garage sales, swap meets, flea markets, antique shops and of course Ebay can compliment the quest to find items for your real car project. And, it provides a diversion to have your young one have something to look for while you are searching for some part for your project.



Left— Vintage Gas Pumps of Days Gone By
Right—Collecting Automotive Signs is a Fun Part of Petrobilia



The AACA Library & Research Center (LRC) houses an incredible wealth of automotive historical material. Located in Hershey, PA, the center contains sales brochures, manuals, photographs, advertising materials and periodicals - all relating to the history of the automobile. From the November 1895 issue of the Horseless Age to the latest issue of Automotive News, and the latest product brochures, the LRC strives to bring people and automotive history together. Contact them with your needs.

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1934 ARIZONA - MOHAVE COUNTY

Copper mining in Arizona has always been an important industry. Even today Arizona supplies 65% of all copper mined in the US. For three years (1932-1934) Arizona produced all state vehicle license plates from copper (in a patented process) to advertise the great copper mines in the state and make plate painting easier and cheaper. This is the only time in the United States, license plates were made from copper. The 1934 issue is the most valuable of the three years and the only one to show a patent number! Not visible in the picture on the very bottom edge, left of center in tiny letters, is "PAT. No. 1898379". "License Plate Values", 9th edition, lists the 1934 Arizona as \$100 in "Good" and \$200 in "Very Good" condition. The plate shown grades "Good" to "Very Good" and was purchased on eBay for \$110.68 about 2 years ago. Measuring 10 5/16" by 5 9/16" the plate weighs 4.8oz. A modern Florida aluminum plate is 12" by 6" (national standard) and weighs 3.6oz.

In researching the patent, I found the idea was to be able to color the plate with one pass of a paint roller. The shiny copper (well, it was shiny in 1934) made another color unnecessary. The patent was filed July 5, 1932 and granted February 21, 1933.

ALPCA (Automobile License Plate Collectors Association) six grading standards are: "Poor"; "Fair"; "Good"; "Very Good"; "Excellent"; "Mint". The standards for "Good" and "Very Good" are:

"GOOD" - Some minor surface deterioration. All metal intact, no tears. Obvious signs of use or deterioration, but still very displayable. Closed pin holes and small nail holes on metal plates. Up to two geometrically well placed drilled holes 1/8" or smaller. Some chipping into informational content on porcelain plates (ALPCA has in the past suggested no more than 2% foreground, 3% background). Left-over plates with significant paint deterioration. Most

defects on display not noticed from 25 or more feet away.

"VERY GOOD" - Minor paint or surface fading or a few scratches, showing signs of use. No extra holes, drilled or nailed. No rust on front of plate. No retouching of paint or magic marker touchups on reflectorized tags. On porcelain plates, no chipping in informational content, such as state name, registration number, and date. On left-over plates which were never used, but have some weather damage, many will fall into this category.

For more information on ALPCA - www.alpca.org. If you have any general questions about license plate collecting, Email Gene Densmore - aa4us@arrl.net

The 1934 Arizona plate is from the collection of Gene Densmore - ALPCA 9238

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 ★ Devoe Moore, fellow TRAACA member and owner of the TACM is moving the museum. ★
 ★ The new facility for the museum at I-10 and US90, is just about ready and the move is ★
 ★ planned for this month. If you want to help ★
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 ★ 3036). A firm date will be announced shortly, ★
 ★ possibly at the next meeting. ★
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Yesteryears Remember When?



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30 Years Ago:

Randall & Jo Kendrick and John & Eileen Brooke were hosts for the July 1977 meeting which was held at the Kendrick's. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as distributed. Thanks were extended to Carolyn Pope, who wrote up and distributed the minutes in the absence of Gladys Bauer. Our Treasurer, Foy Thompson, was on vacation, but before leaving he reported a balance of \$863.63 in the treasury. Framed, 11 x 14 pictures of various club members' cars were distributed to those present at the meeting. The cost of each picture is \$5.00. The money is to be sent to Foy Thompson, Treasurer of the Club. The President reminded Committee Chairpersons that it's time to start making plans and gathering help for the Perry Show, which is to be held October 29. The Perry people have promised their support for trophies, advertising, and all the other things that go into putting on the show. It is hoped that a Motel will be reserved for the Club, this month, possibly Howard Johnson's. Present plans are to hold the banquet at the same place as last year. All members present signed a card for Henry Forster, who has had surgery on his back. Henry is recovering at the VA hospital, in Gainesville, Florida. We're thinking of you, Henry, and wishing you well!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Pope

20 Years Ago:

The Western Sizzlin Restaurant on North Monroe St. was the sight of the club's July 21, 1987 meeting. There were 50 people present who enjoyed a good meal and great fellowship. Fred Tyler opened the meeting with prayer and the topic immediately shifted to the Great American Race. Many people were very happy about this event for various reasons: some were happy to have been a part of it; some were happy to have won a "special" prize; and most were very happy it was over. It took a lot of hard work and long hours but the reward in the end was the appreciation of the racers and officials over the welcome they received. Good job, Tallahassee!! Those of you who weren't able to attend the meeting, the winner of the race was a 1916 Mitchell Roadster (No. 18 in your Official Program). The race actually had another car announced as the winner, a 1936 Olds (No. 41) but it was discovered that they had made a wrong turn and they were penalized for it which gave the Mitchell the winning time. There were many club members who gave a lot of time and energy to the Great American Race. Dan Rainey gave a special thanks to Ken Hart, Phil Reichert, Dean Pickard, Russ Haines, Charlie Smith, Bill Tyler and Frances & H.C. Summitt for their efforts.

Good-bye until next time!
Diane McCarthy

10 Years Ago:

The weather was hot, and so were the racers participating in the MGNA American Great Race XV on July 3rd, as they came into Tallahassee for their final over night stop. The race began on June 21 in Sonoma, California, and finished in Jacksonville Florida on the 4th of July. Prior to the racers arrival, a variety of cars were on display at the Shine Time Car Show on Park Avenue. And what a variety we had! Many local car clubs joined together to put on a "warm-up" show for the gathering crowd waiting for the first of the race participants to pull through the elaborate finish gate constructed on Adams Street. You name it, and it was there- everything from jazzy street rods, to originals, from American to foreign makes, from sleek sport models to grand sedans. No doubt, there was something for everyone to enjoy! In total there were 34 cars registered in the display. Awards were given for several categories, and one Tallahassee Region award winner was Curtis French for Best Paint, on his Valiant convertible.

Jenny Hart, Editor





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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

July 10, 2007 6:00 p.m. for Dinner Menu: Breakfast fixings: eggs, bacon/sausage, biscuits.
6:45 Regular Meeting

Program: Neal Davis will discuss carburetors and "Numbers Matching" on collector cars.

Local / Area

July 7 Untamed Mustang Club of Tallahassee Car Show. 4015 No. Monroe. Top 40 + specialty awards, silent auction, food & beverages available, vendors, raffle, and live entertainment. 9:00 a.m.

July 28 Seminole Summer Showoff Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. 3:00 p.m. Sanford, FL.

Sep. 8 15th Annual Emerald Coast Car Show, Fort Walton Beach High School.

Monthly Antique Cruise-In

[Sonic/Hardee Drive-Ins on US 27N](#) just north of Capital Circle
1st Sat

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