

July
2014



Traveling in
the Past
and Present

Next Meeting
July 8, 2014
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

2014 Watermelon Festival Car Show and Results

By Craig McCollum

The hot weather didn't deter the crowds from viewing over 70 hot cars and trucks entered in the 7th Annual Wally Bentley Memorial Open Car Show held in the Farmers & Merchant's Bank (FMB) parking lot on Saturday 21 June. One of those entries was a 1946 Ford which was previously owned by Wally Bentley, and now owned by his daughter, Brenda Bentley who keeps the car in the same Monticello Carport her father did. Wally was also a member of the Tallahassee Region Antique Auto Club of America (TRAACA) who hosted the show.

Prior to Trophy presentation, two lucky winners pocketed \$76 each from the cash raffle and a third won a large Igloo ice chest donated by Waukeenah Fertilizer & Farm Supply.

Talk about luck, Mike Luck, a Monticello resident, won a Summer Family Membership donated by Honey Lake Plantation Resort & Spa.

Trophy winners

- © Don Pumphrey won "Best 1931 or older" with his 1931 Ford Model A roadster pickup;
- © Johnny Lightsey won "Best 1932 - 1954" with his 1932 Ford;
- © Chester Holley won "Best 1955 - 1987" with his 1970 Dodge Charger;
- © Richard Lasseter won "Best Late Model" with his 2013 Ford GT;
- © Trent Stewart won "Best Custom/Street Rod" with his 1955 Chevy Bel Air;
- © Norman Padgett won "Judge's Choice" with his 1987 GMC truck;
- © Richard Aderhold also won "Judges Choice" with his 1966 Chevy SS; and
- © Ron Levy won the "Wease Kaylor Memorial" * trophy with his 1972 Pontiac Gran Prix".
* Wease Kaylor was a TRAACA club member who passed away last year.

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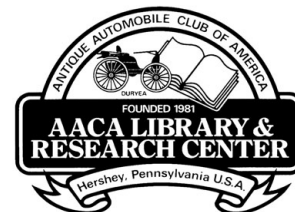
Lori Forster

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TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2014

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 52 members present along with two guests, Craig Brown's mother, Kitty and Chuck Williams, guest of Don Pumphrey.

Pledge to the Flag: Don Pumphrey

Opening Prayer: John Wells

Welcome: Don Pumphrey
Don welcomed everyone. and especially our guests.

50/50 Drawing: Lori Forster
The winner was Bob Newman. Who, by the way, donated his winnings back to the Club.

Announcements & Reports: Don Pumphrey
On June 21st, the Club is sponsoring the car show at the Seventh Annual Monticello Watermelon Festival. Craig McCollum described the need for more volunteers to park cars, do registration etc. Volunteers need to be in place around 8:30 with the show judging beginning around 11:00 (after the parade). Registration fee is \$15 includes raffle ticket for door prizes. WCTV will interview Don & Pam on June 17th at noon concerning the car show.
Birthday cake is available today to celebrate member's birthdays in June. Thanks to Pam for providing the cake.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Pam Pumphrey.
Pam announced that Jean O'Neal's Son in Law passed away last week. Tom Link still is need of our thoughts and prayers. Tom Lyle's wife, Sharon fell and is in the hospital now and will be going to rehab soon.
Cards are being passed around for the above and also a birthday card is going around for Richard Duncan. Richard and Mable are not able to participate in the club meetings but enjoy receipt of the newsletter. They have been active members for a very long time.
Bob Critchlow expressed thanks for cards he received upon the death of his mother who was 100 years old.

If you know of other member's needs, please let Pam or other members of her committee know.

Treasurer's Report: Norm Madsen
The report was given by Norm Madsen, details are available from him.

Tour Committee: Our "tour" (activity) for this month will be the "Watermelon Festival".

Show Committee: Norm Madsen
See above for the Monticello "Watermelon Festival Open Car Show" on Saturday, June 21, 2014 .

Other Committees: No reports.

Coming Events:

- ◆ **Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel – Friday, June 13, 2014 at 8:30 AM.**
- ◆ **Quincy Gulf Station – Friday, June 13, 2014 at Noon. This will be a Hot Dog day!**
- ◆ Model Train Show at the Fair Grounds on June 28th.
- ◆ Celebration Baptist Church will have their annual open "Father's Day Weekend Car Show" on June 14th beginning at 3:00 PM.
- ◆ See our website at <http://traaca.org> for more events. Click on "Club News and Calendar"
Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities at www.aaca.org.

Old Business: We have a need for a Club Vice President, let Don know of your interest. Let the campaigning begin!

New Business: None.

Program: Lori Forster & Craig Brown
The program today was about the Seacrest Wolf Preserve in Chipley. They described the activities available there including the opportunity to interact with the wolves. You can walk into the habitats where Gray, Arctic and British Columbian wolves live. Craig showed many pictures and some showed the differences between the wolves and their domestic dogs. The Preserve is a worthwhile visit but maybe too far for a club tour with their activities beginning in the afternoon.

Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 beginning at 6:00 pm at the **OLD** Tallahassee Antique Automobile Museum

Respectively submitted by **John Schanbacher**, Secretary



Ford-T 10 Million (4 juillet 1924)



The Next TRAACA Club Meeting is Tuesday, July 8, 2014

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

Sonny's BBQ

Program

TBA

*And the subsequent TRAACA Club Meeting
will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2014*

Meet at old Gulf Station in Quincy every Friday

The men meet for lunch* and talk Cars at 12 Noon.

The station is off Hwy 90, on the East end of town.

- See Picture of the Hollingsworth's Gulf station on Title Page -

* Hot Dogs are provided on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month.
(but, bring your own lunch on all other Fridays)

**Monthly Get Together Event on the Fridays
Following the General TRAACA Club Meetings.
We Meet at the Cracker Barrel for Breakfast
at 8:30 am at the I-10 & North Monroe location**

[Next two are July 11, 2014 & August 15, 2014]

The Sunshine Committee

If you, or another club member you know of, are having any health problems or other issues, please let us know.

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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: http://traaca.org/traaca_news.html

July Birthdays

1 Nan Brown
1 Gary Edwards
4 Robert Critchlow
12 Mabel Duncan
17 Jack Gaskins Jr.
21 Dennis Tober
26 Paula Link



There may be Birthday cake, cookies & coffee at our general club meeting. (Think I was told this would be ongoing.)

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

Crawfordville Hardees
2nd Saturday of each month — 6pm to 9pm

Whataburger on Apalachee Parkway
3rd Saturday of each month

National and Regional Events

Check the AACA website at <http://www.aaca.org> for all events and for full details of these and other national 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.



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Note: Did not have room for the Thomasville Road Wal-Mart Car Show photos. I will try to include some of them in next few months newsletters. Editor

Continuation: Photos for 2014 Watermelon Festival Car Show and Results Article on Page 1

Trophy: Don Pumphy - Ford Model A Truck 1931



Registration: Peggy, Glenda, Kathy & Belle



**Trophy Winners:
Chester Holly, Ron Levy and Norma Padgett**



Do Bees: Jack H., John, Bill O., & Bill B.



John Schanbacher sent me a dozen photos of strange and some dangerous custom car modifications. Here are a few:



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**The 1940 LaSalle wiring project - Second in the series
by TRAACA member Dennis Tober**

Zen and the Art of Harness Wiring

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, a cult book written in 1974, explores the meaning and concept of quality. The thesis is that to truly experience quality one must both embrace and apply it as best fits the requirements of the situation. Such an approach could avoid a great deal of frustration and dissatisfaction common to modern life.

What does the title of this article and the process of re-wiring an antique automobile have to do with the above? Well, after acquiring my 1940 LaSalle and restoring the mechanicals from radiator to fuel tank and most everything in between, including, radiator, fuel tank, generator, starter and carburetor overhaul, engine machining and rebuild and then to see the vehicle's wiring harness go to flame on engine start certainly qualifies as an experience possessing a great deal of frustration and dissatisfaction.

So, how does one take on such a daunting task whose hands-on mechanical experience is largely based solely on a range of youthful mechanical experiences ranging from early on bicycle repair, the building of self designed wooden skate sleds, at the age of 14 years tasked with the responsibility of maintaining the old outboard motor on my own personal skiff that I used as my primary mode of transport in the bays and bayous of South Florida, to also keeping an assorted number of old jalopies running through my early years. My first car was a 1950 Pontiac 2-door sedan. My brother told my Dad I paid \$35 for it as Dad thought \$50 was way too much to spend on any vehicle. The struggle was on to keep it running enough to give my girlfriend Trilby a ride home from school and for a Saturday night date. Other vehicles were a 1950 Willys "woody" jeep, a '55 Chevrolet Bel-Air and a 1961 MGB. This was the same kid that flattened beer cans and wired them to mufflers to cover up the ticketable sounds caused by South Florida muffler termite holes that spread across each vehicles steel exhaust system like bad acne.

Now all of a sudden that mysterious thing called "Electricity" shows up. Here my experiences are probably the same to similar unpleasant and scary encounters most folks have faced. Some say it cannot be observed, be seen or heard. I can attest to that not being true from watching it strike a telephone pole 10 ft from me, travel down the pole and then back up the pole to blow the electrical transformer box to bits and to be knocked off my bicycle by the concussion unconscious. I regained my bearings after who knows how long and then crawled to the curb and waited for an extended period for my eyesight to come back. I do not know how long this took place, but the popsicles I had in the basket were just sticks and paper when I picked the bike back up.

Knowing that the task would be monumental, I sent an email to antique car club members for suggestions. My initial idea was to purchase some wire and start replacing strands one at a time. This sounded reasonable until someone mentioned that the wiring is a harness and each wire is wrapped with other wires sheathed together and also into and out of separate branching harnesses. The second suggestion was to follow a color-coded wiring diagram, but unfortunately due to 73 years of aged and crumbling cloth sheathed wiring, this also was not such a good idea. Another was to take a slide picture of removed harness and enlarge on a wall as a guide, not a bad idea at all. This is maybe where the Zen thing starts to come in as Neal Davis responded with the most generous of offers. That was to donate space in his auto shop along with volunteering his extensive personal expertise to lead and teach interested club members how to properly replace the entire wiring harness from bumper to bumper as a club project. That is a quality project! The club was consulted and the project was scheduled for spring 2014.

The project was begun the second week in April. A brand new wiring harness was ordered and the front seat taken out of vehicle to provide room to get underneath the dash. Club members that showed up at Neal's shop that first Saturday workday were Bill O'Rourke, Paul O'Neal and Jack Hanbury.

The day ended with the front headlamp and parking light assemblies removed as well as the windshield. The top of the dash actually resides behind the shield glass and unfortunately after 74 years the rubber seal had hardened and glued itself like epoxy to dash and glass. New glass would be in order! But that is OK, as everyone did the very best they could to save the old glass but to no avail.

To be continued.....

Photos for this article are on the following page (P6)





Photos for “The 1940 LaSalle Wiring Project” article on the previous page (P5)

Removed windshield, interior, parts (& labeled them), instrumentation, dash, headlights, wiring, etc. ...



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This Newsletter Article was submitted to me by Norm Madsen

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One For The Road

In the early 1920s, Henry Ford was always looking for new ways to improve operating efficiency. One day as the Model T cars were coming off the assembly line, Ford noticed many wood scraps being discarded. This seemed wasteful to him and he proposed that all wood scraps were to be converted into charcoal.

Ford already had a large chemical plant in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; to be exact in Kingsford, Michigan. That town was named after Henry Ford's cousin, E.G. Kingsford who also happened to have brokered the land sale for the plant to Henry Ford. Originally, the new company was called Ford Charcoal, but was later re-named Kingsford Charcoal in E. G.'s honor.

Today, the Kingsford Products Company remains the leading manufacturer of charcoal in the U.S. More than 1 million tons of wood scraps are converted into quality charcoal briquettes every year.

The Kingsford High School sports teams are named the **Kingsford Flivvers** and their mascot is a Ford Model T.



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TRAACA CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE - 1962 Thunderbird**

1962 Ford Thunderbird, 2 door, hard top, for sale. Has had the same owner since March 1971. The engine was overhauled in 1994 at 128,288 miles. Current miles is 53,000+.

All new parts installed, including bronze valve guides, .020 oversize pistons, all crankshaft bearings were stock sizes.

Car was appraised in May of 2012 by Jack Hanbury. The appraised "fair market value" was \$14,000.00.

The asking price is only \$7,500.

Call Richard or Mable Duncan at 850-539-4910.

**FOR SALE - 1966 Ford Pickup Truck**

Custom Cab Twin-I-Beam F100
289ci Hi-Po motor , T-5 trans & new Clutch
4.11 9in. Rear, New Interior and Carpet,
Custom Instrumentation (have original too)
Body/Paint are Great. Power Steering,
Custom Wheels, new tires & brakes
\$12,500 obo (possible trades)
Call Ray Bartell @ 850-668-1620

FOR SALE**3 Antique Autos**

I have three cars I am interested is selling.

1. 1926 Model T coupe, \$10,000.
2. 1924 Model T touring car \$9,500.
3. 1929 Model A cut-down pickup \$8,500.

OR \$25,000 for all 3 vehicles.

If interested call me at: **912-381-2458.**

Thanks, **Perry Swanson**
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[1922 Ford Model-T Runabout of Norm & Kathy Madsen]



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