June 2007

Traveling in

the Past

and Present

# Tallahassee Chassee





## Next Meeting June 12th, 2006

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

# The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

#### Milltown Murals Motorcade

By Bob Love

The Milltown Murals are so named because they depict the history of the town as it was in 1925, when its name was changed to Lakeland. Originally the town was called Alapaha from the time the post office was established in 1838 until 1857, when it became Milltown.

Numerous TRAACA members accepted the invitation of this small rural community to bring their cars up to help them celebrate. We also were able to turn this event into another of our one day tours. A pleasant two hour drive north brought us into a town typical of the rural south like many others in this area, but with one big difference. The main historic center of the town contained buildings with full size murals on their street-side facades. For once all the beautiful antique cars were not the main attraction, but a complement to the artistry depicted on the building walls.





For more on this tour, turn to page 3.



Another successful year for the Cairo bunch with the 19th Annual GSACR. The TRAACA team also came through with, once again, the largest club participation with more than 20 cars at this year's event. As usual, the folks from the Syrup City put on quite a show and much of the kudos must go to our own members Wayne and Rosa Ann Hadden for their enthusiasm and drive to get this show on the road.

On the road, is the recurring theme of this annual event (as well as the eating part!). For as Wayne likes to say at the beginning of each gathering, we eat, then ride, then eat, then ride, etc..

Friday evening began with one of my favorite pastimes, eating great barbeque with a host of old friends and new acquaintances. (continued on page 4)



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- 6 Fred White
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- 23 Pam Pumphrey
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# Happy

### **BIRTHDaY**



# TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

#### May 08, 2007 Tallahassee Automobile museum

There were approximately 50 folks attending.

Opening Prayer - Ed Shuler

<u>Welcome Guests & New Members</u> - Norm greeted guests, Mark Raciappa, Joe Abal and Anthony Finch who was a guest of the Taylor's. In addition, Kendra Baumgardner joined our club today. Welcome Kendra.

<u>Opening Remarks</u> - Norm Madsen noted that Harbor Chase and Julie Lerner provided the dessert for today. This was in gratitude for our participation at their event on April 6, 2007. We had around 17 cars in attendance. In addition, Julie wrote a nice article for the Chassee.

#### 50/50 Drawing -

Drawing was held and the winner - Peggy O'Rourke.

#### **Committee Reports**

Treasurer - Andy Mohney

Details are available from Andy.

Sunshine - Shirley Moore & Sharon Palmer

We were saddened to learn of the death of Laurianne Graham, she passed away on April 27, 2007 at the age of 93. She was a WW II veteran and will be interned in Arlington National Cemetery. She and her husband, Jack, were Charter members of the club. Keep Jack and their family in your prayers.

We also learned that Richard Duncan was involved in a very bad motorcycle accident and is in intensive care at TMH.

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 will be a tour (or gathering) at downtown Havana "Show & Shine" on May 26th from 11AM to 2 PM.

Long Tours - Dan Rainey

No report this meeting.

2007 National Tour - Bill Thompson brought us up to date on activities thus far. Our advertisement in the National Magazine will appear in the May/June edition. Things continue to move along. Many items still needed to be finalized. All members are encouraged to contact Bill for assignments.

### <u>Announcements & Reports</u> - Norm Madsen

- 1. Due to continued light turn-outs at our Cruise-In at the North Monroe What-a-Burger and problems with the management, our club will participate at the North Monroe Sonic Cruise-In (by Hardee's at the Oak Valley Shopping Center). This is held on the first Saturday of the month. This will be on a trial basis and may be replaced someday with a gathering of our own
- 2. Various reports were received of our club's participation in local car shows and displays.

- 3. Craig McCollum reported on the Lakeland, Georgia "Milltown Murals Motorcade and Display". We had around 13 cars from our club along with 20 or so others.
- 4. Sue Aigotti reported that there were around 36 cars at the Chevy Club's annual "Spring Fling" on May 5, 2007. This was special in that their car won First Place.
- 5. Neal Davis updated us on the 2007 Soap Box Derby activities. The Tallahassee Race will be held on June 9, 2007 at the same location at Blair Stone & SE Capital Circle. They have had seven races this year and expect to be able to send up to 10 cars/kids to the Nationals at Akron this year! He will need our help again this year. Our Volunteers will be at the site at 6:00 AM to direct traffic and whatever else needs doing. You can just show up!

#### Old Business/New Business

None this meeting.

#### **Coming Events**

- 1. Cruise-In on Saturday, June 02, 2007at the Sonic on North Monroe by Hardee's.
- 2. Cairo "Great Southern Antique Car Rally", May 11 12, 2007.
- 3. See our website calendar for more events. Click on <u>"Club Calendar"</u> www.local.aaca.org/traaca Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities www.aaca.org.

#### **Program** - Nell Hollingsworth

Nell treated us with a history of Coca-Cola from it's beginnings to the present. In addition, she brought several items from her huge collection and explained the involvement of Quincy, Florida with Coca-Cola stock. Many residents got into their stock through a banker's urging and "got well" financially because of this!

#### **Next Meeting & Location**

The meeting will be held on June 12, 2007 at the Antique Auto

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary







# Milltown Murals Motorcade



As most old car owners know, it's not always about driving them.



The A's and T's were always moving around town, some even giving rides!



Not everyone brought old cars (this is a rural area!).



The organizers and car owners made sure the children were involved.



After a short parade around downtown, we all gathered at the park.



A local group kept everyone entertained from the gazebo



# 19th Annual Great Southern Antique Car Rally

Photos courtesy of Ed & E'Lane Shuler



Our hosts and the driving force behind GSACR, Wayne & Rosa Ann Hadden.



Midway point in the rally. Enjoying RC Cola and a Moon Pie with the firemen.



Rolling out for the gaslight parade through downtown Cairo (largest turnout ever!).



Displaying the cars and meeting friends in the shade of the big trees in the park.



Despite some smoke from forest fires many miles away, it was still a nice drive.



Enjoying a day with the old cars, isn't that what it's all about?



# My 5th car

My 5th car is related to each of my 4 previous cars. It was a 1931 Durant. Billy Durant organized General Motors. He lost control in the crash of 1921. By 1922 he had put together Durant Motors and made both the Durant and Star (my 1st, 3rd and 4th cars). I owned the Durant and 3 Star cars at the same time which should have made me a big time collector. I think Bill Harrah in Reno Nevada only had 3 Durant Motor cars at once. The relation with my 2nd car (1938 Ford) is that I traded the 1938 Ford for the Durant in 1965. To complete the trade I had to include a NOS right front fender for the 1938 Ford as the original one was dented. I had pounded it out but never finished the repair. Can you believe I bought a NOS fender for \$15?

This picture shows the Durant shortly after I acquired it. Note the hole in the running board. Actually both running boards.



The car was in great condition including the paint. Over the 14 years I had it, I replated the chrome, detailed the engine, painted the wheels and put new tires on. I never rebuilt the 6 cyl continental engine as it ran fine. The original upholstery was poor so I just covered it with Army blankets.

This 1931 Durant was my main transportation for 3 years while I attended the University of Iowa. I had a 100cc Yamaha motorcycle to get to classes and built a bolt on bumper rack on the Durant to carry it. The Durant would cruise at 65 mph on interstate 80 on various weekends to my parents house 120 miles one way. The car had no heater so I got one at the junk yard for \$10 and hung it under the dash with wire. Hoses were hooked up directly to the rubber radiator hoses with a valve to allow Summer shutoff. Heat was dependent on the outside temperature and how much card board I stuck in front of the radiator. Snow storms were no problem as I now had heat and the tall skinny tires plowed right thru the drifts.

One weekend I was returning to school on interstate 80 and the sleet was so thick my vacuum wiper couldn't keep the windshield clear. I noticed there wasn't any traffic thru the 1 inch unfrozen windshield hole. When I rolled the side window down to stick my hand out to melt the ice with my fingers I saw the reason. All the cars had slid off the road either on the side or in the median. I kept on going but moved to the center of the road where the crown was the flattest. Slowing down would likely put me off the side also.

I even provided transportation for my parents'

neighbor (one of my former paper route customers) to the University of I owa hospital for some specialized surgery. This guy was almost as old as my dad and willing to ride in a 1931 car in below freezing temperatures driven by a car crazy kid. What trust. Of course we made the 120 mile trip with no problems.

My female younger cousin needed a ride home from school for Thanksgiving. She had never ridden in the Durant. We were about half way home on interstate 80 and the wind was blowing so strong that it popped the roof fabric off at the front and it ripped half way back. I think it was when it started raining in thru the chicken wire that she started crying. Now I'm not worried about the wind and rain, I'm worried about obtaining materials to repair the car for the return trip on Sunday.

On another one of those interstate 80 drives back to school, I broke an axle. Fortunately I had my motorcycle on the back rack so I could continue on to school. That next evening I borrowed my Grandfather's 1953 Hudson to tow the car home. Due to my need for transportation, I had the axle welded as I was unable to locate a replacement. I continued to try and locate another axle for many years, but was unsuccessful. Some years later that axle came back to bite me on a trip to Hawaii.

After graduation I attempted to drive my first car (1926 Star) from Iowa to California for shipment to my new job in Hawaii. Some place in the desert, West of Salt Lake City, the fan on the Star seized up and went thru the radiator. I hitched a ride back towards the city and rented a U-Haul truck. Near where the Star had broken down I found an old open trailer which I used as a ramp to load the car into the truck. Even with the car in the truck I stopped to see the famous Harrah car collection in Reno.

Three years later I returned to Iowa to sell my 4th car (Star) after which I was going to drive my Durant to California. Imagine driving the Durant about 3 years later on the same route remembering what happened the last time I tried this. I could hear every noise waiting to signal another breakdown as I drove thru the desert. I made it to Wendover (near the Bonneville speedway) where I stayed the night and changed the oil. Next day the car was running great until about 70 miles before Reno and the axle broke again. Lucky for me that a highway worker stopped by. He said he would come back after work and tow me into the next town of Fernley where I checked in at a motel that had those rounded (aero dynamic) aluminum trailers for rooms. I quickly pulled the broken axle out (I've done this before) and the guy took me to a welder who worked out of an old Quonset hut in the desert. He was a little apprehensive, but I said I had no other option. I installed the repaired axle that night and was ready to go the next morning. After stopping at the Harrah car collection, the Durant made the shipping docks in Oakland California, although the wheel had a 1/2 inch wobble. After about 4 years in Hawaii, I was able to locate a NOS axle on the mainland

I had to sell both the Durant and 1926 Star in 1978. I've never sold a car I owned since then.

Craig & Belle McCollum mccollumcb@earthlink.net



# "Getting To Know You"

# AACA Member Profile: Gary & Betty Edwards

#### What is your occupation?

**Betty:** Registered nurse work part-time at Big Ben Hospice. **Gary:** Financial Consultant (investments) at A.G. Edwards.

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

**Gary:** I have to thank my dad for getting me interested in motorized vehicles at an early age, starting with taking me for rides on the gas tank of his 1947 Whizzer motorbike when I was six years old! Soon after that he took me to an AACA National Meet at the Devon Horseshow grounds in Pennsylvania, just a year before they moved the show to Hershey. By age 12, I had my own go-kart. At 16 I learned to drive in our family's 1940 Chrysler (which I drove both in high school and college) so I had a great respect for old cars early on.

**Betty:** My interest has more to do with Gary's interest and I support him in the hobby. I also admire and respect the pioneers who designed and engineered the early cars in the developing history of the automobile.

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

**Gary:** During my Dad's final years, he had to sell his home and move to an assisted living facility. The Whizzer motorbike was rotting away in the basement, and I was tempted to just throw it out. I thought better of it, and decided to restore it (how hard could that be??) Once it was restored, I began inquiring about joining antique car/vehicle club, and came across Ken Hart, who was then the President, and I joined.

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

**Betty:** I remember a really nice light blue 1959 Chevrolet Impala that we had. I really liked the styling of that car with the neat tail fins. I also liked my first car, a blue 1968 Chevrolet Camaro.

**Gary:** Due to my dad's influence, I liked Mopars, especially the Chrysler 300s and Desoto Adventurers of the 50's with their awesome hemi engines. Later on when I started driving, I liked the muscle cars, so even though I couldn't afford a GTO, I bought a used 1962 Pontiac Catalina with a 389 and a three speed, which was as close as I could get.

#### What is your favorite antique car?

**Betty:** I like the older pre-war cars like the Ford Model A's. **Gary:** That's easy, my 1966 Pontiac GTO convertible.

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

Betty: One time when I was driving my 1962 Ford Falcon home with a friend from nursing school, the "tell-tale" oil light began to flicker on and off as I began driving up one the long hills of the trip. I knew that meant trouble, but I thought I was OK as long as the light didn't stay on all the time. I kept driving till I got over the top of the hill, and by the time I started down the other side, it was staying on constantly, so I pulled off the road and shut off the engine. By that time, the damage was done and the engine was ruined. Someone stopped to help us, and took us to a phone so I called my dad, and he came to the rescue. Amazingly, he never yelled at me for my mistake and not long after he bought me another used car to use for nursing



school. Now I know better to stop even when the light starts to flicker!

Gary: Once when my sister and I were just kids, our mom was driving the 1940 Chrysler to take us to visit our grandmother. During this particular trip, the spring on the clutch linkage broke, with the result that the clutch pedal would flop down against the floor when depressed, but not return to the up position. Our mom wasn't going to be outdone by this turn of events, so she stopped, opened up the trunk, got out a piece of clothesline rope, tied one end under the clutch pedal onto the shaft, and the other end was on the seat so she could pull it with her left hand. The rest of the trip was made by her pulling up the clutch pedal each time she had to shift and we finished our travels that way until she got the car home and my dad put a new spring on the clutch pedal.

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

**Gary:** I guess my dream car is actually a stable of cars as I'd like to have one of each of the cars I grew up with: a 1940 Chrysler Windsor, 1952 Desoto with the Firedome V8, 1959 Rambler American (fire engine red), 1962 Buick Special, and 1962 Pontiac Catalina.

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

Betty: The nice people I meet in the hobby.

**Gary:** I agree, plus beside the activities of touring and cruiseins, I also really enjoy researching the history and development of the vehicles I own as well as others that I would like to acquire. I also get a big kick out of restoring and tinkering with the antique vehicles to make them run better and look better.

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

**Betty and Gary:** The 2003 National meet and the 2005 Divisional Tour in Palatka. Also the many local shows and events as well as the terrific TRAACA tours.

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

**Betty:** Tennis, gardening, cooking, but first and foremost my family, especially our children and grandchildren. **Gary:** Riding roller coasters (I've "collected" 235 of them and especially like the traditional wood coasters), tennis, and of course our children and grandchildren (my wife is terrific too!).









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

As you are traveling east on I-10, down around the Madison exit, you have by now missed the old Texaco truck. We have been checking on that landmark for a lot of years. Then one day it was gone. Where could it be??

So, the ever present Junkyard Dog and Fluffy hit the trail. After checking every nook and hook, we found it. It was not really gone after all. Right here under our very nose. You may have guessed it. It was at Neal's place. Davis Oil Company, Justin Davis, happened to see the Gulf truck and decided to have the old Texaco truck done.

It needs a lot of work, but in the end it should turn out great. As I understand the history of this truck, it belonged to Justin's grandfather. If this is so, it may have been used to deliver gas to Fluffy's father in the big city of Pinetta. He had one Visi-pump at his place with a small Texaco sign. I've got a picture somewhere.....

So, here we go nose to the ground in search of stuff,

Fluffy



Photo by Jack Hanbury

Now that's what I call a project!

# Notes from the Editor 2s desk

I try each month, with the help of other's, to bring to the club membership as a whole, some of the flavor and excitement experienced by those that participate in the club's activities. As I read back through and view the photos, I re-live some of these events and enjoy them all over again. But, I remember a lot more than what is pictured here or in the words crafted by others, because I was there. The experience of participating with others and especially doing so in an old car is the reason Carol and I joined AACA and The Tallahassee Region.

We have a good core group of participants at most all events. We have come to appreciate their dedication and enthusiasm for the hobby. We also have more members that are missing out on a lot of this! You must get out and participate to really enjoy our hobby like it should be experienced.

If you are without wheels, call one of us! We'll be glad to have you along (either to ride or maybe even drive!). We want everyone to share in the fun. Believe me, you won't find it all just by attending the monthly meeting or reading this newsletter. (I hope it helps though!)

### Bob

TRAACA Editor and Webmaster







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Norm Madsen, TRAACA President

Greetings, members and friends!

THERE WAS PLENTY TO DO IN MAY. May was yet another great month for the antique car hobby in the Tallahassee area.

On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, QuincyFest Blues and BBQ Festival included the first of three car shows for the day. The second event for the day was the big Chevy Club show (with all makes invited) at Lee Vause Park. Finally, in the evening TRAACA officially participated in the Sonic Cruise In on US-27 North for the first time. This was better attended than our Cruise Ins at the old Whataburger location on North Monroe, despite its being our first time attending as a club.

About 50 people attended our regular May meeting at the Antique Car Museum, where we ate, visited and enjoyed Nell Hollingsworth's program about her Coca Cola memorabilia collection. Thanks, Nell, for sharing so many of your wonderful Coke items for all to see!

The big event for May was the Great Southern Antique Car Rally, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in Cairo. The weather was excellent, the food was fine and great old vehicles were everywhere in town. Over 100 vintage cars were on display in the show at the park, and many of these were driven nearly 40 miles in the morning's Poker Run driving event. Our club won the award for most vehicles attending from a single club. Everyone had a great time and most everyone drove away with some sort of prize. After the show, the Hadden's opened their Cairo Antique Car Museum to the public---a perfect ending to a perfect day! Thanks Wayne and Rosa Ann!

Finally, the City of Havana hosted a Show and Shine on the 26<sup>th</sup>, drawing lots of admiration for the dozen or so of our members' cars in attendance. Again, we had good weather and also a great time showing off our cars and visiting the local shops. Many thanks to Short Tour Chairman Jack Hanbury for organizing the event!

MORE FUN COMING IN JUNE. At this writing, our second monthly Cruise In at the Sonic on US-27 North (North of Lake Jackson, heading out of Tallahassee) has already happened. The much-awaited rain kept some folks from attending, but I counted a dozen of our members' cars in attendance, in addition to more than 20 non-members' cars. We have begun parking our club's cars at the Hardee's, next to the Sonic, in order to distinguish our group from the general mix of cars attending the Sonic event.

June 9<sup>th</sup> is the annual Soap Box Derby race at Blair Stone Road and Capital Circle. Volunteers are still needed to direct traffic and help in other ways at the Derby. Call Neal Davis if you want to help out (576-5148) or just show up at 6:00 a.m. This is our club's only youth outreach program, and we provide volunteer help and financial support for it.

Our June meeting will be at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum on Tuesday the  $12^{\rm th}$ .

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> we will have our first Long Tour driving event of 2007. We'll meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Publix parking lot at Cross Creek, which is by I-10 across from the NEW Antique Car Museum on Mahan Drive. At 7:30 we'll leave for Monticello, where we will stop for breakfast. Then we will navigate toward beautiful White Springs, Florida. Dan and Julie Rainey have done much planning to make this a fun-filled overnight tour. Bob Love sent out an email with all the details. If you didn't get the email and need info, call Bob Love, Dan Rainey or me.

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AND, ON A PERSONAL NOTE ...

I drove my 1931 Model A Ford Coupe to Cairo for the annual Great Southern Antique Car Rally last month. This was my first antique car (since the 20-year old Packard I drove in High School). I've had it for seven years, and have recently finished restoring it. I drove it the 35 miles to Cairo, drove it again in the Poker Run on Saturday morning (nearly 40 miles), then parked it at the show and walked away to see the other cars (and to judge the Mopars). I was both surprised and pleased when I returned to find that the Coupe was awarded the "Best Ford" trophy at the show.

I'm still waiting on a part for the automatic chassis lubricating system for my recently-acquired 1933 Packard. I know more about the system now, and it's really cool. There's an oil jar mounted on the firewall, under the hood. The lid of the jar contains a pump, which is operated by engine vacuum. When vacuum is greatest (idling or decelerating), oil is sucked into a sort of syringe in the pump. When vacuum drops (while accelerating) a spring in the syringe pushes the oil out a tube on the jar top. The tube is connected to a network of thin copper tubing, leading to points on the chassis that need lubrication. These points include the leaf spring shackles, steering gear, brake and clutch pedal shafts and the brake cross shaft, among others. Drip plugs at these points meter the correct amount of oil to these lubrication points, depending on their needs and their distance from the pump. The system is automatic---the car owner only needs to monitor the oil level in the jar, rather than pumping grease into a bunch of grease fittings, like I have to do on my Model A Ford. Very convenient and effective. Also, another system to go wrong---which is why I still am not driving the Packard. I am getting anxious to go for a drive. I'll keep you posted on the progress.

See you at the next meeting, and down the road for more fun!  $% \label{eq:second} % \label{eq:second}$ 

EPILOGUE...THE MORNING AFTER.

I just couldn't help myself. The morning after writing this article, I got up early and couldn't keep from thinking about taking the new Packard out for a spin. I aired all the tires, checked all fluids, bolted everything together. and took a ten-



mile drive. Then I contemplated the yet-nonfunctional chassis lubrication system. Most owners of these cars just unhook the system, so as not to oil their garage floors, I decided. I took another drive. I just couldn't help myself. I'm still smiling.

Norm

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# A Tour of Quincy March 17, 2007



Nell & Bobby Hollingsworth once again hosted a gathering at our favorite hangout in Quincy....the Gulf Station. Food and fellowship was abundant. The main goal was to provide a guided tour of some of this town's heritage and history in it's collection of beautiful homes. It was also to be a gathering of club member's Model A's.



A total of 9 Model A's (10 if you count the hot-rodder that stopped by) showed up along with Pete Zulinke's beautiful 31 Chevrolet. Some of the A's were used to carry members around to view some of these old residences.



One of the most notable and distinctive views was the above restored signage on the side of one of the main downtown businesses.

Above two photos courtesy of Pete Zulinke.

# Havana Memorial Day Cruise In for the Troops



A few TRAACA members led by Havana resident Jack Hanbury gathered in downtown Havana for a small, informal show and shine for Memorial Day.



It was very laid back and just a day to sit in the shade and converse with friends and passers-by and show off our rides. Later at a party given by a one of Havana's car enthusiasts and show promoters, a well known celebrity stopped by to entertain







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1932 New Mexico plates are valued today from \$10 in Fair condition to over \$100 in Mint condition. The pictured plate is from the collection of Gene Densmore and is in Mint (never used) condition. If interested in license plates check out the Automobile License Plates Collectors Association www.alpca.org.



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# Yesteryears Remember When?



From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee - Official Publication of The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America Compiled by Bill Thompson

# 30 Years Ago:

Our monthly meeting for June was held on June 9, 1977, at "THE TRAILERS" located on Gum Road hosted by Russell and Nancy Haines, Bill and Eloise Claybaugh, and John and LaVerne Bevis. This is such a delightful place. Due to graduations, vacations, and various other functions around town, many of our members were unable to attend. Those present were John and Eileen Brook, Bill and Eloise Claybaugh, Roger and Marge Collar, Jack and Laurianne Graham, Russell and Nancy Haines, C. K. And Carolyn Pope, Charlie Smith, Bill Thompson, John and Ada Alice Wells, and Alan and Nellie Wilson. The meeting was called to order by our President, Roger Collar, and the minutes from our May meeting were approved as distributed. In the absence of our Treasurer, Foy Thompson, Roger reported that we now have a balance of \$1004.08 in our club treasury. Our plans for a cook-out at Bradley's Country Store will have to be postponed. John Wells has been in touch with Mr. Bradley and they cannot accommodate our group at this time; perhaps in the fall. Roger asked John Graham to give us a report on the National Meet which he and Laurianne attended in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He reported an enjoyable trip and a particular note of interest. Bill Stucky received a first place award for his Cadillac at the show. Charlie Smith also reported on a recent show he attended in Asheville, North Carolina. The show was held in their indoor civic center which was a great place for such an event.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn A. Pope

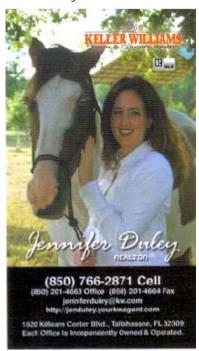


# 20 Years Ago:

Those of you who missed the June 1987 meeting at the home of Wayne and Rosa Ann Hadden in Cairo, Ga. probably think you escaped the rain. But what you really missed was lots of warm hospitality, great food and good fellowship with 39 other antique automobile buffs. On top of all that, you missed a great time. The club extends a hearty "THANK YOU" to Wayne & Rosa Ann for furnishing not only their beautiful home for the meeting, but also the fried chicken, rolls, beverages and the desserts for the meal. The rest of the meal was furnished by the best cooks in the South - our club members. Now we know what they mean when they say "Just can't beat that chicken from Mr. Chick!". A warm welcome is extended to our new members, J.C. and Judy O'Steen from Tallahassee. The O'Steens own a 1940 Cadillac, a 1961 Corvette, and a 1953 GMC Truck.

Good-bye until next time,

Diane McCarthy



# 10 Years Ago:

The 1997 Founders Tour has come and gone and it was something really special for the Tallahassee Region and the tour participants. This was my first experience with a national tour, and I was very impressed. The quality and variety of cars represented and the enthusiasm and warmth of the tourists made it special for me and I know for our club members. Lets do it again in 2097! The next event scheduled for the club is an easy one. The new Wal-Mart Supercenter on Apalachee Parkway (Hwy 27) has invited us to participate in their grand opening celebration on Saturday, June 14th. We would have our cars on display from 10 am to 2 PM, and in return Wal-Mart has agreed to donate \$200 to the club. The 9th Annual Great Southern Antique Car Rally took place on May 9-10 in Cairo Georgia. Over 100 vehicles participated in the rally, which was inspired by the Great American Race that passed through Cairo in July of 1987. A 1936 Cord 810 sedan, a car you won't see too often, drew several admirers. One of the most unusual entries was a 1916 Ford Model T Camper, owned by David Woodworth of California. The Great American Race will be here on July 3rd for which the club will be providing a display as well. Dollars will be earned by the club for selling advertising to local businesses in the form of a display sign at \$100 each. The club will earn \$25 for each sign, to be placed in front of the cars during the display.

Larry Benson, Editor





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# Calendar of Upcoming Events

# **Next Meeting**

June 12, 2006 6:00 p.m. for Dinner Menu: Beef Roast, vegetables, salad & bread and Banana Pudding! 6:45 Regular Meeting

Program: Gene Densmore will be giving a presentation on License plates of the 30's.

# Local / Area

June 9 - Annual Tallahasse Soap Box Derby - Blairstone Rd. at the Publix Shopping Center. Volunteers needed to assist - Contact Neal Davis at (850) 385-8302 and visit <a href="https://www.tallysoapbox.com">www.tallysoapbox.com</a>

June 16 - Long Tour to White Springs and the Stephen Foster Memorial Park (Overnight).

June 16 - Watermelon Festival, Monticello, FL.

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