

June
2010



Traveling in
the Past
and Present

Next Meeting
June 8, 2010
Old Antique Auto Museum
6:00 pm Dinner
6:45 pm Meeting

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America



A Perspective
By
Richard Duley

On May 7-8, 2010 our club participated in the 22nd Annual Great Southern Antique Car Rally in Cairo, Ga. It was the second time, for Lois and me to attend this event. But it was the 22nd year of attendance for Janie and Randolph Brock. They have made them all, which is a significant accomplishment. It must be the syrup that keeps them coming back year after year.

The weekend started on Friday night with a delicious BBQ dinner in the old community center building. It was great to see such a large turnout from our club. It was a sea of blue club shirts. We had the privilege of being the club with the most in attendance and registered cars. We had approximately 27-28 cars registered for the rally. For having the most cars registered by a club, each registered member received a large rose bush for our efforts. We all needed a few band aids after we carried the roses to our cars. After dinner it was time for the Gas Light parade. Everyone drives up and down one section of town where they have all the streets blocked off. Once all the cars look like they are going to turn into butter they ended the parade and then opened the street to a full nights worth of country music and street dancing. I thought one car had overheated during the parade, but on closer inspection it was determined the car was a steamer. Our dinners included a large piece of cake for desert, but some of the club members had to stop at the local Dairy Queen for an ice cream sundae or cone before making the trip home that eve-

ning. One of members still had room for a large banana split with all the toppings!

The event continued on Saturday morning with a hardy breakfast. The sausage is spicy for some and will stick with you throughout the remainder of the rally. Lois always gives me her share for some reason. Following breakfast all the participants got in their cars and started the poker rally. They provide you with directions, but you really don't need them. It is pretty easy to see where 160 plus cars are going in a small town. The sky was overcast so it was cool enough to put the top down on your convertible and enjoy the ride.

After completing the poker run we were all off to Davis Park for a picnic lunch and relaxation. None of us were lucky on the poker run except Neil Davis who won \$25 for third place with a pair of jacks over sevens. It was an enjoyable afternoon sitting under the pine trees just relaxing.

Everyone had a great weekend and life was good. It is one of the best values you can get for just \$40. Plenty of door prizes were given out, three great meals and lots of beautiful cars to enjoy during the weekend. Thanks to everyone in the club who participated. We would also like to give a special thanks to our Cairo members, Wayne and Rosa Ann Hadden.



Friends gather for a great meal and the annual renewal of friendships.

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June Birthdays

- 9 Pat Baxter
- 10 Jean O'Neal
- 12 Nancy Thompson
- 12 Nelson Andrews
- 18 William Brock
- 22 Judy O'Steen
- 22 Paul O'Neal
- 23 Pam Pumphrey
- 25 Richard Snow
- 27 Richard Duncan
- 29 Mac McLendon

Happy Birthday



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2010

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 57 members and one guest in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Richard Duley

Welcome: Richard Duley – Richard Duley greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

50/50 Drawing: The winner was Bobby Hollingsworth.

Announcements & Reports: Richard Duley

Richard reported on the "22nd Annual Great Southern Antique Car Rally", in Cairo, Georgia. As has been our custom, we had the most participants in the Rally, 28 cars. We were awarded rose bushes for this accomplishment. Jackson Gladwin won "The Best Foreign Car" award for his 1968 "VW Beetle".

Neal Davis reported on the Soap Box Derby to be held on June 12, 2010. He needs volunteers to help out at the race. In particular, help with parking operations. John Schanbacher is coordinating this effort; contact him at 878 3036 or, jrschan@comcast.net.

Bill O'Rourke announced that beginning on June 5, 2010, the Club will have a "Tech Saturday" gathering at his and Peggy's house at 9:00 AM. Depending on attendance and acceptance, this will be the first one of many. "Tech Saturdays" that will focus on minor maintenance operations with "hands on" experiences. The first one will be on ignition tune up. Bill was careful to explain that he will not be having all of them at his house and hopes others will pitch in and host others.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: - Glenda Schanbacher & Lois Duley

We were glad to see Bobby Hollingsworth at the meeting. Neal told us that Jay Mottice has been in the hospital and is now back at home. Please keep them and others who may be having problems in your prayers. Please let Glenda or Lois know of members who may be having problems the club should be aware of.

Tours: Bill O'Rourke

The Tour on April 17th went to Madison, Florida. In spite of the rain, we had a good participation.

The Tour for April 24th went to Lakeland, Georgia, "Milltown".

The car display at the Immanuel Baptist Church on April 15th was well attended. This was postponed from January 21, 2010 due to weather.

Treasurer's Report:

Carol Love gave the report, details available from her.

Coming Events:

May 14, 2010 - 8:30 AM Cracker Barrel

May 15, 2010 - Noon Quincy Gulf Station – Hot Dog Friday

June 5, 2010 – "Tech Saturday at Bill & Peggy O'Rourke's – See above in "Announcements"

June 12, 2010 – Soap Box Derby at the Summit East Office Park

June 19, 2010 – Watermelon Festival Car Show

See our website <http://traaca.org> for more events. Click on "Club News and Calendar" Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities www.aaca.org.

Old Business:

None this month

New Business:

Richard announced that the meeting meal costs have been increased to \$7.50.

The club approved a donation of \$150 to the Dick Hebron fund. Dick has long been a mainstay for old car activities for many years and has been diagnosed with a terminal disease.

The following actions were taken by the club based on recommendations from the Executive Board:

- ◆ Approval of \$300 "Seed" money for Watermelon Festival Show early expenses.
- ◆ Approval of setting aside \$300 for future charity donations as further approved by the Club.
- ◆ Approval of a donation of \$500 to the Soap Box Derby organization.
- ◆ Approval of a request that meal costs for visiting Program guest speakers be borne by the club; this of, course, does not include club members who make presentations.

Program: Neal Davis

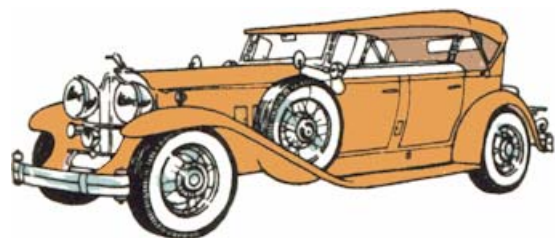
The program this month was a restoration and maintenance topic dealing with Ring and Pinion gear setup and installation. Neal brought several parts from a typical rear end gear assembly and described the steps that have to be made in order to properly check and set up clearances for the internal gears. He showed how the ring and pinion gears must be adjusted to wear properly and minimize noise.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 08, 2010 at the Old Antique Automobile Museum beginning at 6:00 PM.

Program – Richard Duley will talk about his Dodge Braking System overhaul.

Respectfully submitted by:
John Schanbacher





RMA'S TOP 10 TIRE CARE TIPS

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE – Make it a habit to check your tire pressure at least once a month and before every long trip. Under inflated tires cause excess heat build-up that can damage tires and lead to tire failure.

KNOW YOUR PRESSURE POINT – The correct tire pressure is found on a decal on the driver's door, doorpost or owner's manual not on the tire sidewall – that's the maximum pressure for the tire.

KEEP YOUR COOL – To accurately measure your tire pressure, check tires when they are cold. Wait at least 3 hours after driving.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SPARE – Check your spare tire each month and keep it properly inflated so it's ready to go when you need it most.

PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS – A penny can tell you if your tire is bald. Place a penny upside down into a tread groove. If you can see all of Lincoln's head, it's time for a new tire.

KEEP YOURSELF IN LINE – Be aware of potholes that can not only damage your tire but can also jar your car's alignment.

PICK A DATE AND ROTATE – Make sure you rotate your tires every 5,000 –8,000 miles to promote uniform wear and longer tire life.

DON'T TAKE A SPIN WITHOUT A CAP – Driving without your tire valve cap allows for a slow leak of air from the tire and eventual under inflation.

DON'T LOSE YOUR BALANCE – It is important to have your tire balance checked periodically to avoid irregular wear.

BE A WEIGHT-WATCHER – Overloading your vehicle puts stress on your tires and can lead to damage.

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The Havana Memorial Day Troop Cruise-in

We had a good turn out and was well received. We had 16 vehicles present and TRAACA was well represented. Norm & Kathy with the Franklin roadster, Wease & Sue in the '63 Buick Riviera, Bobby & Neil - '59 Ford, Bill & Peggy '59 Chevy & 64 Corvair, Jack's '56 Ford & '33 Dodge, Dan & Pat's '31 Ford & '17 Model "T", Wayne and son Bob w/Ford truck and Camaro, Ron Jones - Mercury Truck, Clayton Weaver - two trucks, Chevy S10 big blocks, John Wells' Model A truck, Bob Brown's '40 Ford stake body truck, and Ed & Elaine's 53 Chevy truck. I apologize to who ever I over looked.

We started to arrive around 10:00am; the band started about 1:00 pm and a storm came in about 2:00pm. The town was cleared out by 2:15. Everyone set up folding chairs found a shade tree or building and set around and talked with good fellowship. Some lies were told but they were small and white. Until the storm; the weather was great and people walking the streets shopping enjoyed the extra antiques in town including our members. We have an invitation back for next year.

Jack Hanbury



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THE GARAGELESS 1940 FORD STAKE BODY TRUCK

This month I found my way to Quincy and lo and behold there sat this beautiful truck on the lawn next to a two stall garage filled with stuff. I was at the home of Bob and Arlene Finley. Bob is retired from the automotive field where he worked in a number of different custom shops performing all of the different functions required. At one time, Bob traveled for 3 yrs. with 5 full size show cars belonging to Revel Monogram Models. Arlene retired from Rochester, N.Y. Gas & Electric Co. as an office Manager. They moved from New York to here in 2004.

Bob became interested in the TRAACA after hearing one day of a gathering of antique cars at the Old Gulf station on RT. 90 in Quincy. He went to investigate and met Bobby Hollingsworth. In conversation with Bobby he learned of Neal Davis and his business in Quincy. After talking with both Bobby and Neal he was convinced to join the club. Arlene thought what was good for Bob was good for her. They have been members since Nov. 2005.

Bob and Arlene are not only owners of a 1940 Ford stake body but of a 1933 Ford Phaeton 2door. As we all know, (sure) Ford did not make a 2 door Phaeton in 1933. Bobs thinks that the previous owner cut a 2 door sedan to build it. When asked if I could see it, Bob laughed. Well, He says, the frame is here in the garage, some parts are under my bed, 2 front fenders are at Neal Davis's place, the body is stored at a relative's house and the engine is in Illinois somewhere be-

ing rebuilt. Well says I, that is going to be hard to take a picture of.

Bob's dream car is to see that 1933 all in one piece and drivable. Arlene's dream car is a "dependable grocery getter". She wouldn't mind a 1965 Mustang convertible either.

They both enjoy the friendly people in the club and the tours. Being new to the area most of the tours are to places that they are not familiar with.

Bob recalls an embarrassing situation in 1953 when he owned a 1941 Stake body truck. He took it to the drag strip and was sitting at the line practicing speed shifting when the shift lever got jammed. He had to remove the transmission top to get unstuck from reverse and 1st gear while everyone watched. Arlene has a happier memory of her family's first car. Her Uncle Tony gave to her mother a 1948 Chrysler with beautiful plaid upholstery. Arlene's first date with Bob was to the stock car races. She know then that if she stayed with him, cars were going to be part of her life. Bob courted Arlene in a 1940 Mercury convertible with a hole in the top above the passenger's seat. When it rained, she had to wear a rain coat. Way to go Bob.

Bob and Arlene think that they would like to see the club, with our cars, do more to help charities raise funds.

Now I don't want to leave you concerned over that poor truck staying outside. When the weather gets inclement, Neal Davis lets it indoors at his place.

Bill O'Rourke





22ND ANNUAL GREAT SOUTHERN ANTIQUE CAR RALLY — CAIRO, GA



Club members socialize while waiting for the barbeque to arrive.



Getting ready to join the gas-light parade.



Mid-way stop at the old school house.



Relaxing at the Show in the Park.



How often have you seen a real race car on a cruise?



A real down-to-earth classic! Believe me, they had a blast!



Collecting Vintage Tools XII Special Purpose Wrenches

Here are some wrenches you may not be familiar with. Picture#1 shows a wrench that was designed for 4 specific functions. The open end is 3/4 inch and is marked Cylinder Stud nearest this end and Gen. Nut 90257 on the other side. The box end is 7/8 inch and is marked Spark Plug nearest this end and Battery Nut on the other side. I've never seen a battery nut this big so I don't know what vehicle this fits.



Picture #1

Picture#2 shows 3 wrenches. On the left is a spoke wrench that is used to tighten/loosen motorcycle or automotive wire wheel spokes. You can tap this wrench around the spokes near the rim and determine the state of the spokes by the sound they make. The spokes should all make a similar sound. A loose spoke will have a clunking sound and if not tightened, cause other spokes to break and the rim to go out of round. An expert could use this wrench to straighten a wobbly wheel by tightening and loosening various spokes.

The next two wrenches are the top and bottom views of the same wrench. The wrench is marked B.S.A. for Birmingham Small Arms who at one time manufactured cars (1907-1940), motorcycles (1906-1972), bicycles (1869 - ?), and firearms in Birmingham, England.



Picture #2

I was told that BSA also supplied tools for Rolls Royce cars. This BSA wrench is another 4 in 1 tool also known as a 4-way spanner and a double head spanner in England. Note that there are 2 sizes on each end. It looks like 2 wrenches, one on top of the other. This design results in a single compact wrench that is more easily carried in a motorcycle tool kit vice 2 wrenches. One end is for spokes and looks like the first spoke wrench. The other end on that same side looks like a conventional open end wrench. The wrench on the right side is the back side of the middle wrench and has ends that have a "U" shape that is typical of vintage British spanners (wrenches). These openings are sized to fit British size nuts and bolts.

Craig McCollum



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

We had a busy month in May with AACA shows and Junkyard Dogs 49th anniversary trip in the mountains so we just had a get back to a normal month, with Friday Gulf Station lunches. It was hot dog Friday (2nd & 4th) and we had a wide selection of visitors. Most are not AACA members but love old vehicles - a very interesting group and mix.

This was the first visit of Super Eagle Cushman scooter and the others were regulars. Station has A/C in lunch room (front desk/office) and stories never end. If you get a chance come visit. Fluffy and I have a trip planned for June and we will be back at it looking for old iron and rust .

Junkyard Dog



**The
Litterbox
by
Neal Davis**

Follow-up on my presentation on rear-end gears — If you are driving an older car, it could probably benefit from a gear change to help the engine last longer. A higher gear would let the engine run at normal rpm while the car goes 25 to 30 percent fast. On Fifties cars, I try to have the engine rpm at about 2000 when the car is doing 65 mph. Do the math. If anyone needs to change a rear pinion seal, call or stop by the shop. Dave will be glad to help.

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Program

Richard Duley
"My 1971 Dodge
has new brakes!"

Monthly Cruise-Ins

Sonic/Hardees on North Monroe
1st Saturday each Month (just north of Capital Circle)

Whataburger Drive-In on Thomasville Road
2nd Sat—Ford & Chevy Clubs
Last Sat—Street Rod Club

Whataburger on Apalachee Parkway
3rd Sat each month

National and Regional Events

- Jun 7-11 Founders Tour (1932-85 Vehicles) - Western Pa. Region, Greensburg, Pa.
- Jun 30-Jul 1 Special AACA 75th Anniversary Meet—Kyana Region, Louisville, KY
- Aug. 12-14 Southeastern Fall Meet - Blacksburg, VA. Hosted by Roanoke Valley Region
- Oct. 6-9 Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA. Hosted by Hershey Region
- Oct. 24-29 Reliability Tour - S. Georgia/North Florida. Hosted by Pecan Region