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2009



Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
March 10th, 2008
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

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AACA Annual Meeting

Congratulations to Bob Love, TRAACA member and former *Chassee* editor, for



Bob receiving awards from outgoing AACA President Sharon M. Lee

winning a national AACA award for Master Web Master. Bob and Carol appeared at the national AACA annual meeting in Philadelphia February 14th to receive the awards.

Friday and Saturday were filled with activities for all member's attending, including seminars, browsing vendor exhibits and attendance to the general membership meeting on Saturday afternoon where any AACA member in attendance could bring up matters before the National Board and officers. The highlight, of course, was Saturday night and the Annual Awards Banquet. Bob had already received his Awards of Excellence for the *Chassee* newsletter and the club web site during the publications seminar on Friday. He was called to



Carol presenting the check to AACA Head Librarian Chris Ritter.

the main stage twice during the presentations Saturday night to receive a Master Webmaster plaque for his work on the club website;



then for a special service award, the Sparkplug Award. This honor is "awarded to the webmaster of a region or chapter internet website for their contribution to the general welfare and spirit of the AACA. Symbolizing the "Spark Plug" role of the webmaster, the permanent trophy is a dealer's display of a spark plug."

A picture of the permanent Sparkplug trophy kept at National headquarters

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Bill Thompson
- 11 Doris Davis
- 18 Ken Hart
- 19 Ronald Levy
- 25 Nancy Haines
- 27 DeVoe Moore
- 27 Linda White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2009

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 54 members in attendance.

Opening Prayer – Dan Rainey

Welcome: Richard Duley – Richard Duley greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He especially welcomed Nelson and Kathy Andrews who joined the club tonight. In addition, he introduced Marc Mitchell and his girlfriend, Dani. Marc will speak of his experiences as a NASCAR Truck Series driver and how he got to that point in his life.

50/50 Drawing:

Believe it or not, Nelson Andrews (new member) won the 50/50!

Committee Reports:**Treasurer- Carol Love**

Richard gave the report in Carols' absence (see announcements below). Details will be available from her.

Sunshine

We learned this week that club member Roy West passed away. Our sympathy and condolences go out to Phyllis and their family. Shirley Moore passed around a card for everyone to sign for them. We were glad to see Jay Mottice at the meeting.

Tours- Bill O'Rourke/Bobby Hollingsworth

Bill has planned a tour for February 28, 2009 to Pelham, Georgia. We will meet at the Winn Dixie on North Monroe at 8:30, tour to Pelham and take in a car show there. Then, at around 2:30 PM, we will proceed to Cairo and our favorite Chicken Place, Mr. Chick.

In addition, he and Bobby are putting together an overnight tour to Cordele, Georgia to ride the SAM Short Line Railroad. A feature of this trip will be a stop at the Plains 3rd Annual Classic Car Show. If that isn't enough, Jimmy Carter will be presenting the car show awards at 3:00 PM! More information will be forthcoming. Planning will have us go to Cordele on Friday, April 10th and stay overnight. The train ride and show will be on April 11, 2009. Contact Bill O'Rourke ASAP for reservations.

Announcements & Reports:

New Club Web Calendar-The calendar can be viewed on the web. It has club sponsored events and tours and Southeast Region National Events.

Discussed the increasing cost of mailing the *Chassee* vs. E-mailing. We hoped that members with E-mail and presently having mailed copies sent to them would agree to E-mailing.

3. Discussed the club's participation in this year's Monticello Watermelon Festival on June 20, 2009. Looks like Craig McCollum and Kendra Baumgardner will head up the effort.

4. Richard told of a new meeting feature, "Spotlight Night for Ladies". This will be a five minute segment for ladies! Chippendales?

5. Neal told of upcoming Soap Box Derby races this weekend.

6. Bob & Carol Love are on the way to the National Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. He will receive two awards there.

Old Business:

Member dues after February 1st. are \$30.00 -Richard Duley reminded the club members of this increase for late submittals. This of course, applies only for renewals.

New Business:

The following item was recommended by the Executive Board, discussed and approved:

1. Increase of the dinner cost from \$5.50/person to \$6.50.

Coming Events:

1. Lunch every Friday around noon at the Quincy Gulf Station. Hot dogs will be available this Friday.
2. April 18, 2009 will be the new Antique Car Museum's First Anniversary Celebration.
3. June 20 is the Watermelon Festival and Car Show.
4. See our website calendar for more events. Click on "[Club Calendar](#)" www.local.aaca.org/traaca Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities www.aaca.org.
5. Breakfast this Friday at the Cracker Barrel beginning at 8:30 AM.

Program: Richard introduced, Marc Mitchell

Marc told of his involvement in racing beginning with go carts, motorcycles, stock cars and now, NASCAR Truck Series trucks. He of, course, hopes to eventually advance into the Cup Series. He told of his goals in racing and how he came to be on the Ergon team. He told of the difficulty in obtaining sponsors and how hard the team members had to work in order to field a race car (truck). In all, he gave a very good presentation and we wished him luck in the Daytona race qualifying that will be on Friday.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2009 beginning at 6:00 pm at the old car museum.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary



Yesteryears Remember When?



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

The R.A. Gray Building Auditorium was the meeting place for the Tallahassee Region AACA on Sunday, March 4, 1979. The auditorium is available for the use of the public and makes an excellent meeting site. Our president told about the latest issue of Model "A" News. It has an interesting article on judging Model A's at shows. There is to be a meeting in Louisville, Ky., in June, to adopt the final proposals for judging rules. Several members reported attending the Horseless Carriage Car Show and flea market at Tampa. Among them were: Burke's, Tom Moody's, DeVoe Moore's and Charlie Smith's. They told of the fine auction which was held; a man with a truckload of Indian motorcycles; old gasoline and steam engines on display. Altogether, they said it was a fine event. Two movies were shown, "Before You Spray", by DuPont, and "Matching the Hard Ones", with Wayne Rumbel as moderator. Andy Brian, Curator at the Museum of Florida History, held a question and answer session after the movies. Mr. Brian has painted Jane Forster's car, and is presently painting Bill Thompson's Model A sedan. He also painted the Model "T" camper at the Museum. At the close of the meeting, several of the members proceeded to Duff's Smorgasbord where "chit-chatting" and good food were enjoyed. Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Bauer

20 Years Ago:

Tallahassee Region AACA met March 21, 1989 at Moby Dick's Restaurant on Thomasville Road. A short business meeting included a motion made for the club to place an ad in the Tallahassee Democrat and possibly the Thomasville paper to show our support for the Cairo show in May. Other future events were mentioned: April 8—the Panama City to Apalachicola Gold Cup Race, several people said they intended to go; May 20—the tour planned by the Barkers to Bainbridge; and it was stated that the Brass Lantern has been reserved for the banquet for the Perry show Oct. 28th. After the meeting, Wayne was coerced into inviting some members over for a fire truck extravaganza. After moving his 1949 American-LaFrance ladder truck away from his warehouse, he "revved" up the truck's V-12 engine and demonstrated the hydraulics by lifting the 65-foot ladder into the air. Phil Reichert climbed about 40 feet of it. "It was too spooky to go any further", according to Phil. Then he snapped a few pictures of the crowd far below. Wayne gave a perspective of Cairo from the point-of-view of the fire truck by hauling a load of eager AACAers a couple of miles. What a trip! Randolph Brock, Diane and John McCarthy, Phil Reichert, and Phil Koelliker got some hair blown in the open fire truck. Wayne didn't have to worry about that (according to Phil). Bye for now, Sharon Heber

10 Years Ago:

The March 9th, 1999 meeting of the Tallahassee Region AACA began at 6:30 with dinner at the Golden Corral Restaurant. Diane opened the meeting by welcoming all who were able to attend. The treasurer's report was given by Larry: as of 3/9 the balance in the club's account is \$2,178.05. An update on Fred Tyler's current condition was given—Fred is continuing to improve and is now at the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital's Rehabilitation Center. John Heber announced that the White Springs/Dowling Park tour is scheduled for April 17th and 18th. The logistics for the Springtime Tallahassee Antique Car Show were reviewed. Everything seems to be in order for this event. Congratulations go to John Schanbacher who has won a Preservation award at the March AACA Southeast National Meet. Good Going! Also, the National AACA and Library is selling raffle tickets for a 1965 Ford Thunderbird V8, to be raffled on October 9th at Hershey. Upcoming activities were announced (please see calendar of events), and before closing, it was stated that our next meeting would be held on April 13th at the Golden Corral. The meeting adjourned.

Jenny Hart, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VEHICLES FOR SALE:

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

I am interested selling my **1931 Model A Tudor Deluxe**. Completely rebuilt with only 2000 miles on engine. Asking price is \$30,000. Will consider trade for 1955-1965 air conditioned car.

Jim Tyson 183 Deer Ridge Trail Thomasville, Ga. 31792 (229)977-5486



LOCAL TOUR NEWS

The worst of winter seems to be over and its time to cruise in our old cars. *The tour originally scheduled for February 28 was cancelled due to the Pelham show being cancelled.*

A one day cruise is planned for Saturday, **March 14**, to attend a car show in Pelham, GA. Cruisers should plan to meet up at the Winn Dixie parking lot on Hwy 27N at Fred George Rd. at 8:30am. We will cruise north to Pelham to attend their car show and afterwards mosey on over to Cairo for a fine meal at Mr. Chick's restaurant before returning home.

If you know of someone that may wish to go on the cruise and does not have email, please contact them by phone and let them know.

Next, set aside **April 10th & 11th** for an overnight cruise to Cordele, GA. where we will catch the vintage HOG (Heart of Georgia) Railroad on Saturday morning to Plains, GA. with stops in between. We will attend a car show in Plains where the awards will be presented by former President Jimmy Carter. Cruise home on Saturday.

Reservations need to be made at the Comfort Inn (229-273-2371) in Cordele. Our tour-master, Bill O'Rourke has arranged a deal with the motel for a block of rooms at \$60 a night. The cost to ride the train is \$27.50/person. Contact Bill for arrangements for the train tickets. Further details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Contact: Bill O'Rourke 850-539-4549

PS: Check the web site calendar for all events planned for our club and other events club members might be interested in.

<http://aaca.org/traaca>

MARCH TRAACA PROGRAM

Some members of TRAACA get requests at times to offer their cars for some type of local event. A lot of members have only the basic collector car type insurance. Our speaker for the March program is David Frank, a local attorney specializing in injury law, who will be speaking about the issues of hiring their cars out to someone. What happens if someone gets hurt or they have an accident? The letter below recently received is a good example:

"Good afternoon, I will be getting married in Tallahassee in July and we would like a vintage car to transport me and my father to the church for the wedding and me and my new husband to the reception. Please have anyone in your club who would be interested contact me. Thank you."



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

Here we go again. Not too far from home. We find Rick at home and we are here to see his stuff. Everybody knows what stuff is. We all have stuff and it is everywhere. It is here and there, just all over the place. Over there is a 1951 Chevy Station Wagon, then you see a 1964 Chevy Station Wagon. This could be a driver with just a little work. Next a 1952 Station Wagon. Moving right along. A 1946 Pickup Truck, looks good and runs great. Baby blue in color. A little Black 1946 Chevy Truck, getting the brakes done and looks good. Look over there. Motor cycles. Harley-Davidson, Indian and etc. Regular two wheel and one with a side car. Another three wheel, at least eight or more. Pars of many old cars, a Nash, an old Dodge Woody. In another place there was a Model A body and other stuff. See, more stuff. There are boats over there. Among them we have a late 1955-1959 fiberglass with fail fins on the back like the Chrysler, Dodge, De Soto and Plymouth of that era. You never know what is out there until you go looking. Nose to the ground. Looking all around.

Fluffy and Junkyard Dog,

still in the hunt.



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Types of AACA touring

Reliability Tour—The Reliability Tour is held during even-numbered years and is for brass era vehicles manufactured in 1915 and earlier. All AACA recognized vehicles of that vintage are permitted to take part. The Reliability Tour was designed many years ago to test the reliability of earlier vehicles.

Revival AAA Glidden Tours—The Revival AAA Glidden Tours is sponsored in alternating years by the AACA and the Veteran Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA). The AACA hosts this tour during odd-numbered years, and the VMCCA hosts it during even-numbered years. In 2006 AACA and VMCCA jointly agreed to permit vehicles manufactured in 1942 or earlier to participate on the tour. This event is the most prestigious of all antique automobile tours in the nation. Originally held annually from 1904 until 1913, it has been recreated by a number of hosts in different parts of the country. The Revival AAA Glidden Tours remains the largest and most traditional of our Tours.

Founders Tour—The Founders Tour is sponsored annually for all vehicles, except race vehicles, manufactured from 1932 through a production year 25 years prior to the year of the tour. The Founders tour was established to honor the founders of AACA, and was designed to permit the use of newer vehicles on an AACA Tour.

AACA Vintage Tour—The Vintage Tour is held during odd-numbered years and is for vehicles manufactured in 1931 or earlier. The Vintage Tour was designed to provide an additional touring opportunity for earlier vehicles.

Divisional Tours—Two National Divisional Tours may be held annually, i.e., one in the Central Division and one in the Eastern Division in even-numbered years, and one Southeastern Divisional Tour and one Western Divisional Tour in odd-numbered years, if a Region or Chapter from the respective Divisions will sponsor a Tour, and if approved by the National Board of Directors. Divisional Tours are designed to attract more AACA members into touring, especially younger members who might not have the time or the resources to participate in one of the traditional five-day tours. These tours are generally designed to be two—or three-day tours with minimum expenditures. Divisional Tours were designed to provide more frequent opportunities to experience AACA touring and to move the touring experience into lo-

ocations around the country where more members may participate. As a less structured, shorter duration and less expensive event, this type of tour offers an ideal “introduction” to the tremendous fun and fellowship available through this aspect of our hobby. The sponsoring Region or Chapter can establish almost any criteria for their National Divisional Tour. For instance, the tour could be an all-1950 vehicles tour, an all-motorcycle tour, an all-Chrysler vehicle (or other marque), or open to all vehicles over 25 years in age. (This is basically a self-designated tour that any Region/Chapter would like to sponsor).

AACA Sentimental Tour—On each even-numbered year, a Sentimental Tour is sponsored on even-numbered years for all 1928 through 1958 production years, except for race cars and cars with rules-defined modifications. The AACA Sentimental Tour was designed to provide an additional touring opportunity to mid-twentieth century vehicles.

NEWS FROM DRIVING FORCE—*Information to America's Car Clubs and Enthusiasts*

The true power of a well-informed and mobilized hobby was on display as thousands of SEMA Action Network (SAN) members responded in force against a national “Cash for Clunkers” program. Efforts were made by some in Congress to include the proposal in the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,” also known as the “economic stimulus bill”. These attempts were defeated. On February 17, President Obama signed a clunker-free stimulus bill into law. Cash for Clunkers programs accelerate the normal retirement of vehicles through the purchase of older cars, which are then typically crushed into blocks of scrap metal. For 20 years, Congress has rejected this “sounds good” idea because it fails to spur car sales, reduce vehicle emissions or raise fleet fuel economy. “Lawmakers in Washington, D.C., heard overwhelming opposition from the enthusiast community against the short-sighted proposals,” said SEMA Director of Congressional Affairs Brian Duggan.

SOAPBOX DERBY NOTES

Thank you to all of our racers and volunteers who came out and made last weekends first annual Summit East Rally a huge success! A little rain on Saturday didn't stop anyone from having a great time, and what about the yummy dinner sponsored by Capital City Bank after the race? I know I really enjoyed talking to their families in a relaxed atmosphere. Give us your feedback. *Pat Evans*



AUCTION ANYONE?

Hello, my name is Danica Solesbee, and I work with the vendor and sponsorship departments at Barrett-Jackson Auction Company, the World's Greatest Collector Car Auctions. This is about a special promotion we are doing for Florida Car Clubs. I would like to invite you and your car club members to join us on Thursday, April 9th, 2009 for a discounted ticket day, specially for members of Florida car clubs at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Tickets on this day are normally \$13. at the gate. Car club members may use a \$5. coupon to lower the admission to \$8. on that day. Gates will be open from 8 am to 3 pm, and you will be required to show a membership card or ID badge at the gate to receive your discount with the coupon. While there is no auction on that day, you will be able to preview all of the vendor/sponsor booths and auction vehicles before they go over the auction block. Wearing your club hat or t-shirt is encouraged on this day to represent your club being at Barrett-Jackson. If you have any questions, please contact me at dsolesbee@barrett-jackson.com. Visit our website at www.barrett-jackson.com to review our event schedule and see photos of the various cars that will be on display before the auction.

(Thanks to Ed Shuler for this information)

Notes from the Editor's Desk

One of the really fun things I get to do as editor of the *Chassee* is to decide what's fit to print and what isn't. Heavy stuff! As editor, I think anything that is interesting and important to the old car hobby deserves to be shared, and what better place than right here in our newsletter. I thought it might be fun to have a monthly section on getting to know our members, but most of us are too shy or too busy to take advantage of getting published and letting others know about us, but I'm still hoping to hear from some one. Did you read the part about the first four responses get a prize? Won't know until you try! Meantime, there's a lot of good information out there and I'm hoping to share as much of it as possible. I'll share info from the national AACA web site and DRIVING FORCE, up-to-date information to America's car clubs and enthusiasts to keep us informed of news about the hobby. By the way, the next regional tour in Birmingham is coming up in April, so have you decided to take advantage of this?

Bill Thompson

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6:00 p.m. for Dinner

Menu:

ham, potato salad, marinated veggies.,
tomatoes., rolls and dessert

Program:

David Frank, attorney, will be talking about
liability issues of loaning out our cars

Monthly Cruise-Ins

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

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

Helen's Silver Bullet Diner on Apalachee Parkway
3rd Sat each month

National and Regional Events

March 2009

- 10— Regular TRAACA monthly meeting at the former antique auto museum
- 14— TRAACA car tour to visit a car show in Pelham, Ga. and Cairo for chicken dinner

April 2009

- 2-5 — Southeastern Spring Meet , Charlotte, NC
- 10 & 11—TRAACA overnight cruise to Cordele, GA. and the SAM train ride to Plains, GA.
- 18 — Tallahassee Antique Car Museum's First Anniversary Celebration.
- 15-19 —Southeastern Divisional Tour, Birmingham, AL