

March
2010

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
March 9, 2010
Old Antique Auto Museum
6:00 pm Dinner
6:45 pm Meeting

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Garage Tour

Feb. 27, 2010

More than 20 club members gathered at the Hardee's on 27 North on a cool and cloudy Saturday morning for a tour of garages. The weather didn't dampen the spirits though as some members will drive their old cars no matter what. We had Model A's and moderns, classics and antiques. And, we had fun.

Our first stop after a leisurely drive off the beaten path, was at the home of Louis Hurst. Louis has a collection of 1955 Chevrolet cars and Ford trucks. He even had "His" and "Hers" trucks under construction in the garage along with a passel of small "hit and miss" engines. Outside sat numerous green John Deere tractors and one nicely restored FarmAll. The highlight of our visit though was when Louis fired up the massive 1910 engine mounted on a trailer that looked like the foundation for the Hoover Dam! A fantastic sound emanated from this 100 year old behemoth as it's single 24 inch piston thumped back and forth. It was an experience we will all remember.

Just a little ways down the road we visited a working garage owned and operated by Wayne Lashley. Wayne has been in business since 1996 but he says he's been a mechanic since he was 9 years old! Wayne specializes in old cars and hot rods and had one under construction in the main bay.

A leisurely drive through country roads led us to the feeding trough called Country Kitchen Restaurant. And feed us well they did! Nothing like good old home style vittles on a cool day! No one left hungry, I'm sure.

After lunch, we visited with Norm Madsen at his "little" garage. Many members remember when Norm joined; he had no old cars! His collection is really becoming quite memorable. Housed in his workshop was his 22 Model T, 31 Model A, 33 Packard, 54 Packard and his beautiful 25 Franklin Boattail Runabout. Outnumbered but not outclassed, Andy Mohney had his 29 Model A there as well. After a brief visit, we all wandered (drove and walked) a couple blocks away to see one of Norm's other wheels, his 54 Packard Caribbean under going restoration at an award winning upholstery shop. While there we saw a real concours vehicle being readied for Amelia Island, a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz! WOW.....!

Thanks to our tour director, Bill O'Rourke for a well planned and enjoyable tour.

2009 TRAACA Member of the Year

The votes were tallied and the selection won unanimous approval. For his outstanding work as Club Tour Director and just an all around great friend to all club members, William O'Rourke was named as the one member that best represents the club ideals.



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March Birthdays

- 8 Bill Thompson
- 15 Jay Mottice
- 15 Neal Davis
- 18 Ken Hart
- 19 Ron Levy
- 22 Charlie Smith
- 25 Nancy Haines
- 27 Devoe Moore

Happy
Birthday



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

February 09, 2010

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 46 members in attendance and two guests. The guests were Dan & Janet Fleishman

Opening Prayer – Bill Gladwin

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

50/50 Drawing:

The winner was Judy Brundyge

Announcements & Reports: Richard Duley

Norm Madsen told of a Model "A" tour group that is coming this Saturday and a Model "T" group coming to Madison later this month. He and Kathy will be participating in both.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: - Glenda Schanbacher

We need to be aware that Nancy Davis, Ada Alice Wells, Nancy Thompson and Larry Benson are having health considerations; Jay Mottice continues to have considerations. Please keep them and others who may be having problems in your prayers. Please let Glenda know of members who may be having problems the club should be aware of.

Tours: Bill O'Rourke

Bill announced that there will be tour on Saturday, February 27, 2010 that will proceed from Hardee's at the Sonic at 9:00 AM, go to the Hurst collection of John Deere tractors, Chevrolets, "Hit & Miss" engines and a huge 35 HP power plant from the oil fields, then go to Wayne Lashley's garage in Havana, then to Norm Madsen's shop. In addition, we will be having lunch at the Country Kitchen. Route details are a secret. Tours for March, April, and May are planned, details to follow.

Treasurer's Report:

Carol Love gave the report, details available from her.

Coming Events:

Feb 12, 2010 - 8:30 AM Cracker Barrel

Feb 12, 2010 - Noon Quincy Gulf Station - Bring your own lunch, no hot dogs!

Feb 12, 2010 - Valentine's Day opportunity for male club members to create their very own flower arrangement to present to their wives! Many "Points" are guaranteed! Cost will be \$15 which includes all materials and training! It will be held at the Tallahassee Gardening Center at 6:30PM. See Cheryl Bartell.

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:

1. Votes for the Member of the Year have been counted and Bill O'Rourke has been selected for 2009. Congratulations, Bill.
2. TRAACA membership renewals are still due; cost is now \$30 (after Feb 1st.).

New Business:

1. A committee to plan the Watermelon Show has been formed. They are Norm Madsen, Kedra Baumgardner, and Craig McCollum. Kathy Lewis will be helping.
2. "Member of the Year" ballots were received; results will be announced in the February Meeting.

Program: Jack Hanbury

Jack described several processes in refinishing and repairs of furniture. He showed a video that explained various refinishing products and their use. Jack told of the many experiences he has had in the refinishing business and gave us tips on the subject.



Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 09, 2010 at the Old Antique Automobile Museum beginning at 6:00 PM. Program—Classic Consoles, Jeffrey Will— President/Entrepreneur

Respectfully submitted by:
John Schanbacher

From the Editor's Desk



I'm back!

Thanks go out to Bill Thompson for holding down the fort while I got myself away from the desk for a while. He did an outstanding job as our newsletter editor as indicated by his selection by AACA for a Master Editor Award for 2009. Congratulations, Bill.

Thanks also go out to those that supported our newsletter by your stories, pictures and technical contributions. Keep up the good work and keep them coming in. I look forward to more stories and articles from others in the club. I do not anticipate much in the way of major changes unless I hear you want them. We can all look forward to articles by those intrepid denizens of the rust gardens (Junkyard Dog and Fluffy) as well as the newest member of our reporting team, the Ol' Stray. (See pg. 4). Let's hope that Craig's Toolbox remains full and I hear that articles may again be forthcoming from the Litterbox (Quincy). Now If I could just talk Gene into some more license plate tales.....! Or anything else he may want to talk about.

Anyone else out there that wants to try their hand at the writing game, please feel welcome to submit your articles.

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Until next month.....

Your Editor, Bob

Blast from the Past



These pictures were taken the last time we visited with Louis Hurst as a club on tour. This was Mar 23, 2002. Can you name the four cars above and their owners as of that date? The cars may not necessarily still be around but all the owners are!

How

about these?



Yep, same tour!



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Let me introduce myself. I'm Stray Dog. Now in our last news letter, February 2010, Fluffy and Junkyard Dog had nothing to say. So I figure they must have a case of Lock Jaw from all that rust they crawl over. A while back the boys told me I could not run with the big dogs (Fluffy and Junkyard) and to go lay on the porch. Well I don't like to lay on porches, I like garages, your garage and fire hydrants. So my goal is to see how many of your garages I can find to lay in, and if you have a fire hydrant, well you know.

Recently I was wandering up Rt. 27 north to Gibson (you will not find it on any map) in my quest to find the Golden Fire Hydrant. I came across a new garage being built from a large pole barn. I was at the home of club members Judy and Bill Brundydage, Bill being our newly elected Vice President.

Since I was here I thought I would get a little more information about the owners of this nice garage that was still in the construction stage. Bill is a retired Computer System Designer. Judy is also retired. She too had a busy career having been a School Teacher, Statistician, and an Accountant.



Bill and Judy Joined the club in March 2004 after becoming interested in it from conversations with Richard and Mable Duncan, who are long time members.

Housed in this new garage is a 1930 Model A coupe, a 1948 Dodge Club Coupe, a 1949 Ford F-1, a 1953 Ford Jubilee Tractor, and most recently the 1955 Mercury. Now all these are great machines but Bill has a special interest in the Ford F-1 because it belonged to his father. Bill is in the process of a complete restoration but if you check out the attached picture, I don't think the boy has all the parts in the right place. Is that fan going too keep those tires cool?



Bill does not have a special dream car because like most of us he likes them all. Someday Judy would like to see a 1956 Ford Thunderbird in the garage. The color of course would be red.

When asked what they liked most about the club, Bill replied that it was the tours and driving his cars. Judy likes the social aspect of it. I think we can all agree to that.

Judy's favorite car story is seeing that 1955 Red Mercury for the first time. They were heading down to New Port Richey to visit her sister when they spotted it sitting along the highway. Now we all know where it lives.

Bill recalls as a young lad going with his father in that Ford F-1 to check a piece of equipment used in his business. It was a pump located down by the river. The river had flooded and it was necessary to drive thru high water to get to where they were going. The water covered the floor boards. The truck was in such high water that his father found it necessary to remove the fan belt to stop the fan from splashing water on the engine and grounding the ignition system.

When asked what each would like to see more of from TRACA they both agreed on "How to" programs. Judy for ladies interest and Bill automobile related.

Besides the cars, Judy enjoys Gardening and Quilting which she does a great job of both. Bill's other interest is Model trains and of course helping with the gardening.

This was a very nice visit to Bill and Judy's garage but it is time to move on to the next garage I can find. No Fire Hydrant here. Thank you both. (I do hope someone gives them some advice on putting that truck together).



Bill (Stray Dog) O'Rourke





Scenes from the Garage Tour—Saturday, Feb 27, 2010



First Garage stop at the home of Louis Hurst.



Louis fires up the big 100 year old Superior engine.



A collection of "Hit and Miss" engines.



Members check out Norm's garage.



Fuel stop at the Country Kitchen.



A classic restoration—1957 Cadillac Biarritz convertible.



Collecting Vintage Tools IX GM Tool Kits

General Motors (GM) provided tool kits with most of their cars until 1949, after which they were an optional accessory until 1966. There were 2 main suppliers, Vlcek Tool Company and McKaig-Hatch Inc. Manufacture names or logo's were a raised cast on the tools. Vlcek logo was a 1/4 inch shield with a "V" inside and McKaig Hatch logo was a circle with "MH" inside. First picture shows a



GM tool kit for 1929-34. Tools include a 10 ounce hammer, adjustable wrench (9 auto), screwdriver, pliers, open end wrench (9/16 x 5/8) and double ended sparkplug socket (1 1/32 x 1 1/16). Correct length of this socket is 2 1/2

inch long i.e. shorter than the one shown in the picture. For 1935-40 the sparkplug wrench was a smaller 13/16 inch.

Next picture shows a 1941-48 GM tool kit. The green canvas tool bag is a copy I made. These bags also came in tan/khaki canvas. The tools are basically the same as those shown in the first picture except they have a 5/8 inch sparkplug socket to fit the AC104 plug, new for 1941. The correct sparkplug wrench has a tommy bar thru holes to provide turning leverage. 1941-42 tool kits had only the one open end wrench (9/16 x 5/8).

Three open end wrenches were included (1/2 x 9/16, 5/8 x 3/4 and 7/16 x 3/8) afterwards. 1948 was the last year the 9 inch adjustable wrench was included.



The last picture shows a 1946-54 GM tool kit. It appears that tool kits during the period 1946-48 were re-

placed by this later version as the earlier ones were exhausted. The tool bag on top is an original made from a woven fabric which may be a seat cover material. The sparkplug socket is now 13/16

inch. GM Tool kits for 1955-66 have an additional open end wrench (11/16 x 19/32). This and the other 3 wrenches have "Made in USA" on one side and "Drop Forged" on the other side instead of the "V" or "MH" logo.



One use of the 1/2 x 9/16 wrench was for 1958-62 Corvette hardtop removal. Tools in these kits were sometimes painted black. I've seen a tool pouch that was clear plastic in front and blue plastic on the back. There was orange lettering on the front "GM Accessory Tool Kit" plus a part number. GM tool kits are sometimes offered on EBay, but may include extra tools to make them "generic" or may not have all the correct tools. Tool knowledge is tool power.

Craig McCollum





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

After a brief absence, it's good to see Junkyard and Fluffy out and about again.

Here's a brief note from Fluffy:

Found in a junkyard, 1966 Chevelle SS 396 with four speed transmission. Makes you wonder why this was not found sooner. This is not a solid car. Most of the panels are rusty and it would take a complete restoration. There are a lot of parts that could be used.

Other cars that we saw in the yard were two 1965 Plymouth four door cars and a 1951 Ford four door.

They are still out there folk's, just put your nose to the ground and start sniffing.

As ever,
Fluffy



1965 Plymouth



1951 Ford



1966 Chevy Chevelle SS-396

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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

March 2010

4-6 – Homestead, FL - AACA Southeastern Winter Meet – South Florida Region, www.aaca.org/southflorida

14 - Englewood, FL - Lemon Bay Region's 24th Annual Car Show. Carol Ertel - 941-475-0033

20 - Naples, FL - Naples-Marco Island 21st Annual Depot Meet - 5th Ave S. & 10th St. - 10-4pm. For info call: Gary Doner 239-597-4822 or email: gdoner4822@comcast.net

27 - Cocoa, FL - Cape Canaveral Region's Celebration of Cars auto show. Bob Carpenter 321-459-9950; PLCRLC@aol.com

28 - Ocala, FL - Kingdom of the Sun Region - Live Oak carriage/car show. Carolyn Smith 352-368-3880;
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