

March
2011

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
March 8, 2010
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Here's a "Guy Thing" You Might See on an AACA National Tour

By Earl D. Beauchamp, Jr.
Orange Blossom Region

Why spend the money to go on a National Tour, you might ask. The true answer to this, is that you can see things in distant places that the average tourist can and will never see. There are museums, from art museums to historical museums. There are car collections to historical airplane and train museums. There are restoration shops to junkyards. There are antique stores to theater's, where the host Region or Chapter have arranged for some kind of great entertainment. There are private collections you would otherwise never see and private homes that double as historic places that the average tourist can never enter. I guess what I'm trying to say is that to Judy and me, when we become satisfied to sit in one place and have lost our interest in seeing things we've never seen before or revisit things we have seen before, we feel like we've stopped living but are still breathing. Add to that, "what we might see" or "who we will see". By attending tours over the years, and otherwise participating in the antique car hobby outside of our own tight little box, we've made friends all over the United States. Some of these friendships have spanned as many as forty-five years.

Traveling with friends, sharing laughs, enjoying meals and entertainment of all kinds, and doing it in or with old cars simply adds to the joy of travel. Traveling otherwise can be lonesome and sterile, but making new friends and enjoying the company of old friends that you can only see once or twice every year or two

makes traveling so much more enjoyable. One of the things, after all, that most of us seek as part of the old car hobby is companionship and friendship with others in the old car hobby who enjoy a similar interest.

There is one couple with whom we made a friendship, first by correspondence back around 1968 and then by visiting them with our children, for several days back in 1973. They live in Northern California. Judy and I bought a new Plymouth Scamp that year and I took five weeks off from work. Our daughters were 12 and 16 and we took the trip of our lives. We spent time from one to three days with various old car acquaintances all across the United States on that trip. One of the places where we spent several days was at the home of Bob & Ruth Trueax, who lived in Danville, CA near San Francisco. Bob took off from work and gave us a tour of the city in his 1954 Buick station wagon. Years later, they came to Maryland, where we lived, and went to Carlisle and Hershey with us. Both families had been active in another club, one which I co-founded in 1966 for newer antique automobiles, the *Contemporary Historical Vehicle Assn.*, (CHVA), and although Judy and I weren't yet able to get away from work and do a lot of touring, the Trueax's began a saga of touring that has now taken them to the far ends of the USA the last fifteen years, around 189,000 miles of which has been done in a 1951 DeSoto station wagon. Most recently, after becoming more active in AACA, Bob & Ruth have driven the DeSoto to the 2004 Sentimental Tour in Woodbridge, VA, and in 2010 that same car to a tour in Kerrville, TX. They drove it to the AACA Founders Tour in Midland,

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2011**

OPENING

The meeting was opened by President Richard Duley at 6:48 pm. Ed Shuler offered our opening prayer. There were 37 people present including one guest, Buddy McChesney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Norm Madsen gave the treasurer's report

The Sunshine Committee reported that Cheryl Bartell was undergoing a plan of treatment. They said that it was good to see Jack Herzog at the meeting this evening.

The Membership Committee, along with President Duley, welcomed two new members, Donald and Marianne Trussell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded that there would be a gathering for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel on Friday at 8:30 am and lunch with hot dogs at the Gulf station in Quincy.

Neil Davis reminded us that it would soon be Soap Box Derby season. He asked for help in organizing and running the races.

Norm Madsen told us of taking his Caribbean to a show in Sarasota. He also told us of a Model "T" tour that would take place in Moultrie.

It was announced that there will be a Chevy Show on Saturday, April 9th, at the Antique Car Museum. The entry fee is \$20.

We were encouraged to attend the 2nd annual Car show at Leon HS on Saturday, March 12th.

NEW BUSINESS

President Duley asked for volunteers to be on the Membership Committee. He also noted that Club dues for this year are \$30 after the February 1st cutoff.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 8th, at 6 pm at the Old Antique Car Museum.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Link, Secretary



**The
Litterbox
By Neal Davis**

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WHEN YOUR CARBURETOR WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT THE SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF FUEL WAS KNOWN. WITH THIS IN MIND THE FLOAT LEVEL COULD BE SET TO GIVE YOU THE PROPER FUEL LEVEL IN YOUR CARBURETOR. THE KEY WORD IS FUEL LEVEL. THE STROMBERG CARBURETORS SETS FUEL LEVEL WITH THE TOP OFF . EASER SAID THAN DONE BUT FUEL LEVEL IS WHAT WE ARE AFTER NOT FLOAT LEVEL. WITH LESS DENSE FUEL YOU NEED TO SLOWLY LOWER YOUR FLOAT LEVEL TO A POINT WHERE YOU HAVE THE PROPER FUEL LEVEL.

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TX, and if Bob's health is still strong, I fully expect to see that DeSoto at the 2011 Founders Tour in Lake Mary, FL., or the CHVA Annual Tour that will also be in Florida next year. In 2006 they flew to Florida and used our 1939 Buick convertible sedan on the Sentimental Tour. On one trip to a tour in Texas, the DeSoto was hit broadside and couldn't go on. Bob bought an old Buick LeSabre from a fellow club member and drove it back to California. He had the DeSoto shipped home and repaired in time for the next tour the following year.



That's the 1951 DeSoto as the backdrop. Judy and me are on the right, Bob & Ruth Trueax are in the middle and another old friend and former CHVA President, AJ & Ruth Berg (formerly PA, now of TX) are on the left. We all got together on the 2009 AACA Founder's Tour out of Midland, TX. We've all been far flung friends since 1967. The old car hobby is what brought us all together for many years of friendship.

Judy and I have done a lot of tours since 1994, but we're neophytes next to our California friends. Yet, in our time of touring, we've met so many people, made so many new friends, seen so many new and fun things, that we find it hard to sit home and wait for another tour we can afford to attend. Really, you need to give it a try. Tours give to you; both something to look forward to, and something to remember. And the new friends you might make add to the worth of the trip. Now if you have a friend, it's even better to have a travel-mate. Judy and I often travel to events and tours with Gene and Marilyn Roy of Orlando. Old cars traveling together is friendship in numbers and it makes the trip more enjoyable. During the tours we've seen all sorts of things from the Luray Caverns of Virginia to a car dealership in Texas who has kept a lot of old cars he couldn't sell and now has a junkyard kind of collection out back, where he doesn't sell any parts, but just enjoys watching the cars molder away in the sunlight. We've been to Luckenbach, TX, the town that was the subject of the famous Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings million-seller hit song. I personally chaired the first prototype Sentimental Tour, where we took people to the birthplace of

George Washington and the boyhood home of Robert E. Lee. We've seen a shop in Florida where standard sedans were being remade into convertibles. We've ridden a boat on the Wisconsin Dells, and visited an old Air Force Base in TX where B-17s and Liberators were cut up following the end of World War II. We've been down into a defunct Pennsylvania Coal Mine and seen the home of the founder of Kodak in New York. Judy remembers best visiting the Cabbage Patch Doll factory in Georgia. None of these things would have been possible without our going on AACA tours.

No matter what your choice in old cars, AACA has a tour for you. If you like brass cars, there is the Reliability Tour that covers 1916 and earlier. If you like a 1927 Dodge there is the Vintage Tour. If you like a 1939 Buick there is the Sentimental Tour, and the Glidden Tour® covers all of the previous cars. If you like a 1958 Pontiac or a 1932 Ford there is the Sentimental Tour, but if you like a 1965 Chevrolet, a 1985 Cadillac or a 1960 Mercedes there is the Founders Tour for you, and all five of them can go on a Founders Tour because it covers back to 1932. AACA doesn't leave anybody out of the tour scene.

Another thing you'll find on an AACA Tour is, AACA people really do like to eat! Good food, often and plentiful, is the mark of a good tour. Tourists often say happily of some tours, "Wow, that was a 10-pound tour!"

Why do we belong to AACA anyway? We belong to have friends and make friends with others of a like interest, and we don't have to be limited to our local fifty-mile radius either. The opportunities are endless. Indulge yourself in the camaraderie you can find on a tour.

FOUNDERS TOUR

April 17-22
2011



Cars 1932-1986

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Visiting: **3 Car Collections, Antique Carriage Museum, Sanford Zoo, Mount Dora, Museum of Arts & Science**



Collecting Vintage Tools, Riveting Tools

Modern braking systems are almost all disks yet some still have rear drums. Today, friction material (pads and lining) is bonded to metal plates. You have to go back a few years to when the drum brake linings were riveted to the shoes.



Shown in the picture on the left is a lining that fits my 1935 Plymouth that is already drilled and counter sunk for rivets. In the middle is a red metal riveting tool marked "Indestro" that I've had from the 1980's. The best way to use this is to put the jig (frame) in a vise to hold it firmly. The first step is to remove the old rivets using the knockout punch located in the picture between the brake lining and the jig. The anvil in the jig is removed so that the rivets can drop thru as they are punched out by hitting the punch with a hammer. Next the rivet clincher is replaced in the jig as well

as the anvil. A rivet located below the jig is placed in a lining hole. The lining is placed so that the anvil rests against the flat end of the rivet. Making sure that the clincher is resting on the center of the rivet (the hollow end, not the flat end), strike the clincher to secure the lining to the shoe.

The black riveting tool on the right is marked "F H Smith MFG Co, Chicago USA" on one side and "The Universal, Patd Mar 27 Oct 9 1900". This has a flange on the bottom to allow it to be attached to the workbench. This is hand operated using the 7 inch lever. I've never used this to attach brake linings, but I have used it to rivet a leather strap to a canvas tool pouch I made.

Craig McCollum

Club Event Planning

March 12 Leon High School Show

**April 9 Chevy Club Spring Fling
Antique Car Museum**

**April 23 Tour to Donaldsonville
(Tentative)**

**April 30 Milltown Murals
Lakeland, GA**

**May 13-14 Great Southern Antique Car
Rally—Cairo, GA**

May 21 Soap Box Derby

**June 18 Watermelon Festival Car
Show—Monticello**



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From your Reporters in the field:
Ramblings and Roving's
of

Junkyard Dog & Fluffy

The attached pictures of a 1988 Chevy Monte Carlo LS Super Sport and one picture of a two-seater "Huffy" bike hanging in same junk yard wall where I am looking to get 200R4 overdrive transmission for my El Camino. Fluffy and I found this T top SS here in Tallahassee and overdrive is hard to find. Only had them in SS 1986-1988. The yard has just finished crushing and the steel price is presently dropping from \$12/100lbs to \$10/100lbs or lower. Lot of the yards are cleaning all the old iron out now. Will keep you all updated as we get back tracking the good old smell of rust and car parts. Think we will add some old hardware stores this year.

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General Meeting 6:45 pm

Menu

Beef Roast w/Potatoes & Carrots
Broccoli Salad & Strawberry Salad
Rolls & Dessert

Program

"The Accident that Changed a Sport"
Alan Pippenger

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

Check <http://AACA.org> for full details of these and other events

March

4-5 - AACA Winter Meet in Homestead, Florida. For more information email: melmann54@aol.com - Winter Meet Brochure here.

10-12 - AACA Special Spring Meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico. For more information contact: Pedro J. Soldevila, pksoldevila@hotmail.com. Meet brochure available here online or call national headquarters 717-534-1910

April

7-10 - AACA Southeastern Spring Meet in Charlotte, North Carolina. Email melcarsonhnr@windstream.com for more information. Southeaster Spring Meet Brochure.

17-22 - Founders Tour (1932-1986 vehicles) in Lake Mary, Florida, sponsored by AACA Florida Region. Call 407-327-0740 for more information.