

May
2012



Traveling in
the Past
and Present

Next Meeting
May 8, 2012
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

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Club Cruise to Monticello / Madison

I wanted to thank everyone who went to Madison on Saturday. We all had a great time. The rain did not come until we were all finished with the events. Everyone who attended won a door prize and received a gift bag. The big winner was the Hollingsworth's who won one of the four \$50 prizes.

Richard Duley

We hit a rain storm coming back from Madison of monsoon proportions and my generator quit working (no lights-on-for-safety) and my wipers would only work if I let completely off the gas (seemed like it was up-hill all the way). It was a long trip back to Tallahassee! Our wonderful, fellow club members driving the Monte Carlo (don't know their names) led the way, running interference for us with their lights on made it a safe trip for us. We are very grateful to them.

Ed & E'Lane Shuler

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[President Tommy Sykes ride at Madison:]



May Birthdays

- 1 Ray Bartell
- 3 Cheryl Bartell
- 3 Linda Sykes
- 6 Sue Aigotti
- 9 Sue McIendon
- 9 Carol Love
- 10 Kedra Baumgardner
- 13 Linda Ongley
- 14 Norm Madsen
- 14 Marilyn Hamrick
- 15 Bob Brown
- 16 John Schanbacher
- 19 Bill O'Rourke
- 23 Jerry Wise
- 27 Jack Herzog

Happy Birthday!!!

The Sunshine Committee

If you, or another club member you know of, are having any health problems or other issues, please let us know.

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TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2012

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 40 members, two visitors and a new member.

Opening prayer: Richard Duley

Welcome: Tommy Sykes – Tommy greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He had Mac McCammon introduce his guests, Mark Moore and his Dad. Jack Herzog introduced his guest, new member Buddy McChesney

50/50 Drawing: Sue Aigotti

Don Pumphrey was the winner.

Announcements & Reports: Tommy Sykes

Neal Davis reported that the next Soap Box Derby “Rally Race” will be held on April 28 and 29, 2012 at the Summit East Office Park. There will be an “All American Race” in May. Racers are between 7 and 18 years of age. Neal will need volunteers for both races.

Norm Madsen announced that preparations continue for the annual Monticello Watermelon Festival show which will be held June 18, 2012. There will be an organizational meeting here after the meeting. Details will become available at subsequent meetings before the event.

Nell Hollingsworth announced that the Quincy Gulf Station will be open for their Open House on April 14th. This will be in addition to the regular Friday morning get togethers.

Ray Bartell, our “Chassee” newsletter editor, still needs articles from the Club and asked that members send them to him at his E-Mail - raymondbartell@yahoo.com.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Glenda Schanbacher

Sharon Palmer continues to have health considerations. Cheryl Bartell is planning on attending the Friday Cracker Barrel gathering that she has not been able to attend lately. Nancy Haines is back at home and continues to do well. Richard and Mabel Duncan will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday. And – on the same day, Dan Rainey and Julie will celebrate their anniversary along with Dan’s birthday. Please keep those members and their families in your prayers. If you know of needs, please contact Glenda Schanbacher or Lois Duley.

Tours: Bill O’Rourke

It was announced that the April tour will be a trip to the Four Freedoms Festival in Madison, Florida on April 21, 2012. Those wanting to participate will meet at the Wal-Mart on East Mahan Drive; we plan to leave at 8:00 AM. Line up for the Parade in Madison will be at 9:00 AM.

Norm Madsen announced there will be a Music Festival in Monticello, Florida on the same day, April 21, 2012; he offered that as an alternative trip.

Bill O’Rourke announced that the annual “Great Southern Antique Auto Show & Rally” will be held on May 11-12, 2012 in Cairo, Georgia. Our club has participated in this event from its beginning in 1989! We have won the honor of having the most participants for several years and have taken home plants as prizes.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was given by Norm Madsen, details are available from him.

Coming Events:

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.

Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel – Friday, April 13, 2011 at 8:30 AM.

Quincy Gulf Station – Friday, April 13, 2011 at Noon; bring your own lunch. This is not a hot dog Friday!

The Charlotte, N.C. AACA Southeastern Spring Meet along with their Swap Meet will be held on April 19-21, 2012. Bill O’Rourke and Jack Hanbury will be attending as judges.

Old Business:

The search for a Caterer continued today with service by “The Secret Pantry”. We charged \$10.00 per person with the total cost being \$430.00. Thirty five members ate. The club picked up \$80.00 which was the difference between the cost and revenue.

After sampling dinners from three caterers and some discussion, the Club voted to proceed with Sonny’s as our provider. With their cost of meals, we were able to charge only \$9.00 each and not have to cover a deficit as we did with the others. Tommy will contact them.

New Business:

The Club voted to honor Neal Davis’s request for a donation of \$500 for the Tallahassee Soap Box Derby operations.

Program A: Ed Shuler

Ed presented us with sheets of paper with automobile brand logos (hand drawn!). We had to determine which were phony! It was difficult due to that the U.S. has had over 2,000 automobile manufacturers over the years.

Program B: John Schanbacher, Bill O’Rourke, Gary Edwards and Jack Hanbury.

The gang above described their participation AACA S.E. Division National Winter Meet held on March 15-17, 2012 in Melbourne, Florida. John & Bill were accompanied by their wives.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at the Old Antique Car Museum beginning at 6:00 PM.

Program – TBA

Respectfully submitted by: John Schanbacher, Secretary.

Club Event Planning

Check out our Club Activity Calendar and the Activities Page for all the latest events and shows for TRAACA members on the web at: <CTRL key + click to the following link.>

http://traaca.org/traaca_news.html

Two Additional El Camino Pics From Page 6:

This is from years past — submitted by Pat Baxter.

NO ROOM FOR ANYBODY

In 1917 the Automobile Legal Association advised its members to carry in their cars these items:

A can of grease, a grease gun, a coil of wire, a roll of tape, two extra sparkplugs, extra lamps and fuses, a blowout patch, a small vulcanizer, extra air valves and caps, two tubes, one tire, tow chains, a trouble lamp, an air gauge, a map, a block of wood to use in jacking the car out of a mud hole and a collapsible water pail.

The Next TRAACA Club Meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Always on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
at the Old Auto Museum location
Dinner at 6:00 pm
General Meeting to start at 6:45 pm

Menu

Sonny's BBQ

Program

“Using The Internet In The Car Hobby”
to be presented by Bob Love

And the subsequent TRAACA Club Meeting for May will be on Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Monthly Get Together Event on the Fridays Following the General TRAACA Club Meetings

(Next two are on May 11, 2012 and June 15, 2012 at 8am)

We Meet at the Cracker Barrel for Breakfast at 8:30 am at the I-10 and North Monroe location

Meet at old Gulf Station in Quincy every Friday

The men meet for lunch* and talk Cars at 12 Noon.

The station is off Hwy 90, on the south side of highway 90.

- See Picture of the Hollingsworth's Gulf station on Title Page -

* Hot Dogs are provided on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month.

(but, bring your own lunch on all other Fridays)

Monthly Tallahassee Cruise-Ins**Sonic/Hardees on North Monroe**

1st Saturday each Month (just north of Capital Circle)

Whataburger Drive-In on Thomasville Road

2nd Saturday of each month — Ford & Chevy Clubs

Last Saturday of each Month — Street Rod Club

Crawfordville Hardees

2nd Saturday of each month — 6pm to 9pm

Whataburger on Apalachee Parkway

3rd Saturday of each month

National and Regional Events

Check the AACA website at <http://www.aaca.org>, for all events and for full details of these and other national events.

Tallahassee Region, Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) Members can also read details and lists of Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) events in the AACA “Antique Automobile” magazine.

Model T Story – Part 5

Submitted by Craig McCollum]

When the car arrived, I had a couple of friends from the Model T Club come to my house and look at the car. We concluded that the engine needed to come out and be torn down to determine its condition. As it turned out, the engine had been overheated and one of the pistons was scored.

I made the decision to do what it took to get the car running; I would then decide what to with it.

The good news was that the block was undamaged and the Babbitt in the block and rods was in great shape. It had been modified with very large GM valves and seats installed in the block, (which presented some challenges in finding a head gasket) and there had also been some balancing done on the crankshaft. It had Jahns aluminum pistons and was a rather “hot” Model T motor. We went through the engine and bought all the missing parts that did not make it to Iowa from California. I put new Kevlar bands in the transmission, bought a new distributor, water pump and all the “toys” you might put on a Model T motor.

After the car was running, it still was going to need a new radiator and the old Wards Riverside tires were severely cracked and barely holding air. By then, I realized that I had way more “invested” than I could possibly get out of, and still had the cost of the radiator and tires facing me.

When I was finally able to drive it, I found that driving a Model T in city traffic was not a relaxing experience for me. Even with all the updating we had done, I found it scary to drive in traffic.

I made the decision that if I would advertise the Model T driveline components and see what they were worth. I advertised the engine, transmission, Ruckstell rear end and Buffalo wire wheels on a Model T Club website. I soon realized that the Model T was worth more in parts than it was as a whole. The engine, transmission and rear end sold quickly to a collector in California. A gentleman in Connecticut bought the buffalo wire wheels. In the end, I recouped all the money that I had invested in the car and repairs. What I had left was everything I would need to replicate the Model T with the V8-60, basically for free.

We put some old, junk Model T wheels on the front and maneuvered an old Model A rear end and wheels under the rear in order to move the car across town to the garage of my friend Rory Crooks.

Rory and I had had numerous discussions about my vision for what I wanted to do with the car. In retrospect, I have to say that our communications and execution were almost perfect in building the car. The search for parts began. I quickly learned that the V-8 parts I needed were not as plentiful as they had been several years ago. And not as cheap!

The big question was what to do about the engine. I liked the idea of making the car just like my dad’s Model T, with the V-8 60 engine, but then reality set in. V-8 60 flatheads are not all that plentiful if you need one. The engines that I was finding were either rebuildable or boat anchors ... and not cheap. I also learned that finding a good V-8 60 transmission was another problem.

My goal was to build the car using Ford components exclusively. After exploring many options, I decided to see if a Ford 2.3 liter, 4 cylinder, overhead cam motor would fit in the engine bay. The answer is that it did fit, but just barely. The next question was the transmission. The V-8 60 Model T had an original V-8 60 transmission behind it which worked well, but offered challenges for shifting in a rather cramped Model T Roadster passenger compartment. In the end, I decided on the 2.3 liter engine and a C-4 automatic transmission, since those parts are much more accessible. The 2.3 liter engine is used in racing and if you want, you can literally make one of them “breathe fire.” I settled for a much more moderate build of the motor. After the initial setup, the engine, transmission and rear end were sent out to be rebuilt before installing them in the car.

Picture shows the 2.3 liter engine installed in the Model T

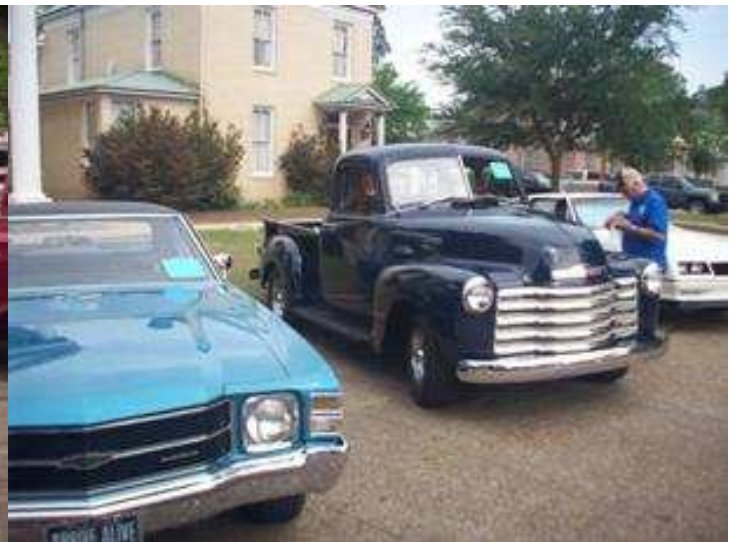
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To be continued in the next (June) Newsletter.





Pictures of Madison Car Show Saturday 21 Apr 2012. Submitted by Craig McCollum.
Drawing held at 1:30PM vice 2:00PM as it looked like rain. We barely beat the rain. Recognize anybody?





From your Reporters in the field: Ramblings and Roving's of Junkyard Dog & Fluffy

The enclosed pictures are of a '47 Mercury and two El Caminos; a '79 (covered bed) and a '85 for sale. We have been busy checking with old car people and most are trying to unload their old cars and position their self in a wait and see and what is going to happen mode. Frank (stray dog) joined me on trip to Charlotte Auto Fair and we saw a lot of cars for sale and a lot of vendors not showing up and the ones that did selling anything with best offer price being used. It is differently a buyers market now and you can wait and be pickie. The junkyards I have checked with are selling a lot of car parts to keep the old family car running and getting more calls than normal for scrapping old car iron in peoples back yards. This has given me my subject and pictures what has showed up to be scrapped for our next news letter.

Junkyard Dog & Fluffy

1947 Mercury



1979 Chevrolet El Camino



1985 Chevrolet El Camino



See 2 additional El Camino pictures on page 3.



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