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2007

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Tallahassee Chassee



Next Meeting
November 18th, 2006
O'Rourke Home, Havana
1:00 pm
Auction & Chili Dinner

The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

THE FOURS SEASONS OF HERSHEY

Bob Love

I thought of titling this piece as "A Novice visits Antique Auto Mecca", but as the novice bit is correct, the title of Mecca does not really fit, in this writer's opinion. I have heard all the stories from veteran's of this annual pilgrimage about the variety and sheer size of the event as well as tales of mud fields and summer heat as well as winter cold. Well, I experienced most of that in this one trip. What impressed me most was the sheer size of the event.

I traveled with long time Hershey veteran Jack Hanbury and got to experience all factions of the event since he and his brother go as vendors as well as shoppers and Jack is also a field judge for the car show.

Back to the weather—the day of our arrival was during a heat wave (94 deg). The next day arrived with a cold front that made it feel like autumn and a light sweater was needed in the early morning hours. Two days later and it was wintery cold and raining requiring a couple more layers of clothing as well as a poncho. Thank goodness the flea market areas and car corral were on pavement and I didn't need to wear my rubber boots (I was warned about that!). By the time of the car show and our departure, the weather had returned to a nice spring-time type of day, sort of like Florida in the winter! Thus, the four seasons!

There is no easy way to describe the size of Hershey except that during 4 full days of walking, I did not see it all! The flea market is the largest part and literally covers over 300 acres!

Since I was traveling with "Junkyard Dog", it was only natural that visits to a couple of classic auto recycling centers were in order. Our first stop in Pennsylvania was to a yard Jack had been told about but had not yet visited. After a fine repast enjoyed on the tailgate of Jack's El Camino, we trekked up and down the hillside in search of treasure. Well, most of the "treasure" had already been pirated as this was literally a "bone" yard. The old classics and antiques had pretty well been picked over with very little left to use. Still and all, it was a good way to spend a few hours.

The next morning, we headed north of Hershey to visit a yard that Jack likes to return to each time he comes up this way. What a treat this was! There were quite a few classics in this yard still usable and the whole place was well laid out and easy to access. This was a real enjoyable experience and I can really appreciate why Jack likes to visit these shrines.

From there, we proceeded on to the Hershey field with a stop along the way to visit the AACA Museum. This should be a mandatory visit for all AACA members. It is a beautiful facility and presents our hobby at its best.

The rest of the week was spent on the grounds of the meet. I tried to see it all, but, let me give you a few facts: 9,000 flea market spaces, 1000 car corral spaces, 1000+ show field spaces, 3 days of auctions held in the arena, live music at the stadium, race cars and the high wheeler event on Friday, and did I mention 9,000 flea market spaces!

(pictures on pages 3&6)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA****MEETING MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING****October 18, 2007****Tallahassee Automobile museum****New Location, Mahan Drive & I-10**

There were approximately 35 members in attendance.

Opening Prayer - Norm Madsen

Welcome Guests & New Members - Norm Madsen greeted everyone and thanked them for attending this meeting in the brand new location. We will have our regular meetings in this facility from now on.

50/50 Drawing -

Drawing was not held this month.

Committee Reports

Treasurer - Andy Mohney
No report this month.

Sunshine - Shirley Moore & Sharon Palmer

We need to keep all of our members who have considerations in our prayers and make contact with them.

Short Tours - Norm Madsen

We will participate in the annual Perry Forest Festival car show that will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007. Those interested in a caravan will meet at the Parkway Wal-Mart at 8:00 AM.

Long Tours - None scheduled at this time.

2007 National Tour - Bill Thompson reported on the tour as the Program for this meeting.

Announcements & Reports - Norm Madsen

1. The meeting in November will be the Annual Chili Supper & Auction. It will be held at the O'Rourke's on November 18, 2007. It will begin at 1:00 PM.
2. We expect the Antique Car Museum move will begin next week.
3. Norm reminded us of the regularly scheduled Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel. It is held on the Friday following the regular club meeting each month. Due to the change in the meeting date today, the breakfast will be held tomorrow at the Cracker Barrel. Everyone is invited to attend and fellowship.
4. Norm announced that the welding demonstration at J.C. O'Steen's on September 15, 2007 was attended by approximately 20 club members.
5. The Annual Multi Club Motorama was held on October 29, 2007 with 17 clubs participating. This included 25 TRAACA

vehicles. This was an excellent showing for our club.

6. The annual November Moultrie Swap Meet will be held on November 15-17, 2007.
7. The annual pilgrimage to "Hershey" this year was held on October 10-13, 2007. Many club members were on hand to enjoy the great weather (only rained one day!).

Old Business/New Business

None this meeting.

Coming Events

1. Next Cruise-In will be on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Sonic on North Monroe by Hardee's.
2. The 52nd Annual Florida Forest Festival is scheduled for October 26-27, 2007 in Perry, Florida. They have a much expanded list of events this year. See "Short Tours" above.
3. FSU Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, October 26, 2007. John Schanbacher is making the arrangements.
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.

Program - Bill Thompson

Bill went over the 2007 SE Divisional Tour preparations. We then went on a short tour of the new museum facility.

Next Meeting & Location

The meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at Bill & Peggy Rourke's home at 125 Sugarmill Way in Havana. Watch for a map on our web site. This is our annual Chili dinner & auction.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary

It's that time again, the annual membership renewal is due for the National AACA.

You will find the form in the September-October issue of the "Antiques Automobile" magazine. You can also renew on line www.aaca.org.

Note that the dues have increased to \$35.00 (from \$30.00). Still a bargain!

Be sure and send your renewal to the National and not to the Tallahassee Region. We will begin our renewal efforts at the November Chili Dinner & Auction meeting on November 18th. It will be held at the O'Rourke's beginning at 1:00 PM. Call or E-Mail me if you have any questions. (850 878 3036)

John



THE FOURS SEASONS OF HERSHEY

Tuesday's visit to Criswell & Sons Auto Salvage
Nottingham PA

Wednesday—Klingers Auto Salvage in Pine Grove, PA





Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

It is still not too late to help out with the A.A.C.A. S. E. Divisional Tour coming up November 11 - 14th. So far there has been very good response from our members to help. Posted below is the list that I have for volunteers and their assigned task(s), since some have offered to help in more than one area, and several are taking off from work for the entire 3 days of the tour. Of course, Monday is Veterans Day and some may have off anyway. The point is, if you want to help out, just show up and we can probably use you.

In general, here's what you can expect for each of the jobs that we know of at this time:

Hotel Greeter - will be available on Sunday, Nov. 11th from about 9 am until 3 pm when the registration desk closes down to go to the opening ceremony at the new antique car museum. Meet and greet tourists as they arrive and make them feel welcome. At least one person will need to stay behind at the hotel and guide late comers to the museum because you know it will happen.

Museum Guide - will be available on Sunday, Nov. 11th from Noon until 5 pm to answer questions from tourists about the museum and possibly some of its contents.

Ticket Taker - will work on just one day or several, depending on availability and will stand (or sit) at the entrance to the various attractions and take tickets from the tourists. This will include the antique car museum, Wakulla Springs entrance & lunch, History Museum, Seminole Dam, Marianna Caverns, Pebble Hill and banquet. You should smile and greet people and possibly thank them for being on the tour. At least two should work the banquet to collect tickets on Wednesday the 14th.

Ice Cream server - will work Sunday only from about 4 - 6 pm or until the ice cream runs out. You will simply dish ice cream in reasonable amounts to each tourist. We plan on serving about 8 - 10 servings per one gallon of ice cream to make it last.

Helper - will be available to work where needed, possibly to run errands or fill in for another job in case that person becomes too tired, ill or does not show up.

Chairs - these are your daily tour guides who are responsible for all of the day's events for their tour day. Be ready to help them out when they ask and consider all the work they have put into making this tour a success.

Assistants - are members primarily chosen by the Chairs to help them with the daily events for their tour day. They should know where and when they will be each hour of the tour day to help.

Traffic Control - club members who will be at the designated tour locations where there are cars turning into event entrances to wave the cars in and keep them

moving as much as possible. They are not cops, but will do what they can to provide safety for the tour cars.

Lunch Ticket Taker - Specific job will be to take tickets from tourists at each restaurant entrance to help determine the amount of the bill for meals, but in general the tickets will tell us how many tourists participated in the designated meals.

Goodie Bags - helpers will fill the plastic bags provided with various items to give away to the tourists at registration. Possibly one person will need to assist at registration if Bob & Carol Love are really busy.

Security Coordinator - will work with his helpers to watch the tour cars each night in a designated area to make sure they are not harmed. They will work in shifts and these guys really deserve our thanks for this job. Do you like staying up all night?

Safety Inspector - will visually check all of the tour cars for potential problems such as a sagging tail pipe, exposed wires hanging out, near flat tires, no fire extinguisher, broken lenses, burned out stop lights, missing tour car I.D.s, etc. and remind the owners in a very nice way.

Photographer - will record in pictures the tour events each day for our national publication Antique Automobile.

Mechanic - will be available to answer questions about possible mechanical problems and help fix problems for tour cars.

Snack Wagon - helpers will load up their snack wagon with drinks and snacks for the tourists and be at each designated stop on the tour. They will give out the treats when asked and in general be good will ambassadors.

Club Banners - volunteers will hang the welcome tour banner and club banner where needed for the tourists to feel welcome.

Door Prizes - A great deal of effort is going into this venture - we need help with collecting items for door prizes. We are going to raffle the gifts in the hospitality room for one dollar per ticket. Instead of giving away prizes at random, our guests will bid on items by purchasing tickets that will be drawn at the banquet. The winners will be familiar with the prizes and will have wanted to win them. The club will make some money and everyone has a chance to win.

Please make an effort to help out with this either with a purchased gift, a donation or simply help prepare the items for the raffle by setting them up in the hospitality room.

Hospitality Helpers - are the same as hotel greeters, only they may also help greet people at events throughout the tour. They will mingle and mix with the tourists and ask if they can help, or be available for questions.

Bill Thompson
Tour Chairman



**TRAACA Members attend
Perry Forest Festival Car Show**



The TRAACA Crew

AWARD WINNERS!



**Kedra
Baumgardner**

**1930
Ford Coupe**



Reuben Plachy
**1960
Chevy Apache 10**



Model A's from Central FL.

**Notes from the Editor's
Desk**

November Tour Update:

Final tally for the tour: 98 cars—210 people coming for a visit!

In order to keep the accounting simple for our daily tour hosts who will be counting tickets from the tourists for their lunches, we want to ask the club member helpers to please pay for your own lunches. You may want to eat with the tourists which is great, but remember to ask for a separate ticket for your own meal. Thanks for your cooperation.

Our club members are invited and encouraged to attend the closing banquet on Wednesday evening. Happy Hour is 6 - 7 followed by dinner and closing activities until no later than 9 pm. Dinner meals are \$30. each and if you want to go, please sign up now and please pay in advance. Call Bill Thompson, 385-6581 to add your name to the list. Your ticket will be waiting for you at the door. We also encourage members to sit with our guests when you can and have friendly conversation to make them feel more welcome. However, there will be a pre-seating chart in the hospitality room for tourists to sign up to sit where they want. The members who have signed up so far are:

- Bobby & Carol Love
- Belle & Craig McCollum
- Bobby & Nell Hollingsworth
- Janie and Randolph Brock
- Ed & E'Lane Shuler
- Norm Madsen & Kathy Lewis
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Entrance of the AACA Museum



Cars up for auction in the Giant Center



Jack sets up his space while Bill keeps a chair from moving.



Cars enroute to the show field on Saturday morning.



Vehicles on display for the afternoon auction.



More show cars.



Part of the Chocolate field as seen from the cross-walk.



Yep, that's what mine's going to look like someday.



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

Here we go again. Same song, same verse. Right under our nose. Would you believe just off of Magnolia, turn left, first house on the right.

Junk yard dog had a call to do an appraisal. Sitting just inside the garage door was a 1931 4-door Model A. The owner had passed away about two years ago and now maybe it was for sale. Then maybe it was not.

To Fluffy it was a great find of an amateur restoration. The gentleman had owned this car for 23 years and had done all the work himself. Found he needed to replace the woodwork. So, he bought a jig saw and got the plans and did it. Fenders need to be welded. So, you got it. Bought a welder and got after it. Next was the upholstery. Yes he did. Bought a sewing machine and did a great job. Did he paint it?? Of course he did. We are not sure but, we think this took a long time and just maybe he was not quite through.

This just proves that there are cars like this all around.

Junk yard dog and fluffy will keep on sniffing and see what we can find.

Maybe you can sniff some too.

See ya!!!!!!!

Fluffy



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1951
Duval County1951
Dade County

Look closely at the two pictures of 1951 Florida plates. See the difference? It is a little subtle but notice the shape of the 4 mounting holes on each plate. The Duval County (Prefix "2") has the standard oval holes. The holes were (and still are) made oval to allow for slight differences in vehicle mounts for license plates. Everything was going fine in the Florida prison which made license plates for the state until a fire broke out destroying the license plate manufacturing building shortly after beginning to make the '51 plates. Well - license plates still had to be made for 1951 so the job was farmed out to a company in Georgia. The Dade County (Prefix "1") has round mounting holes and therefore was manufactured in Georgia. For some reason (perhaps they didn't have an oval punch) all plates made in Georgia had the round holes! I think very few 1951 plates were made in Florida because they are quite scarce although prices do not reflect this. Just try and find a '51 plate with oval holes!

Also unique to 1951 is the slogan "Keep Florida Green". The "Sunshine State" slogan began with the '49 plates and with the exception of 1951 and 1965 ("400th Anniversary") has been used ever since. The plates are made of steel, 12 X 5 1/4 (vs the standard 12 X 6 adopted in 1956) and weigh 7.2 ounces. The correct colors are dark green on yellow. The Dade County plate cost \$28.82 and the Duval County plate cost \$22.45 - condition is not as good on this plate.

Both plates are from the collection of Gene Densmore.

For information on collecting plates visit the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association - www.alpca.org or email Gene Densmore - aa4us@arrl.net.

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Yesteryears Remember When?



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Compiled by Bill Thompson

30 Years Ago:

Saturday, Nov 12, found Jane Forster and Tom & Margie Moody hosting the Car Club at Tom Brown Park, at 3:00 p.m. In spite of many conflicting activities, there was a good turnout. After good fellowship, 3 cakes were displayed and enjoyed, along with hot cider, cold drinks, and coffee. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as distributed, and it was reported that all outstanding bills from the Perry Show have been paid. Over 40 cars were entered in the Car Show; over 90 persons were present for the delicious Buffet. Attendees came from as far as: Dunedin, Ocala, Polk City, Wausau, Naples, Tallahassee, Carrabelle, Mary Esther, Jacksonville, Candler, Belleview, Tampa, Gainesville, Shalimar, new Port Richey, Clearwater and Interlochen, Florida. Georgians were represented from the cities of: Albany, Sylvester, Thomasville, and Valdosta. Many of our out-of-state friends made it emphatic that they look forward, each year, to attending both the PERRY CAR SHOW and the SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE CAR SHOW. George Moody stated that those who are going on the New Orleans/King Tut Trip are to meet at the Old Proctor's Building, by 3:30 P.M., Friday, November 18, so we can be loaded and the bus ready to leave at 4:00 P.M. Bring a bag lunch for Friday night's meal.

Sincerely,
Gladys Bauer, Secretary

20 Years Ago:

November is a time for giving thanks and those club members who made the tour to Madison are sure thankful that they did. What fun!!! I don't really have the words to adequately describe all the sights, sounds and experiences we went through. First off, the club gives a heart-felt THANK-YOU to Pete Kerwin and Bill Thompson for arranging the tour to Madison. It has got to be one of the most fun-filled events the car club has had in its history! November 21 dawned bright but chilly (38 F) when the tour got underway around 8:30 a.m. In Madison we encountered Miss Clare Copeland, our illustrious hostess for the day. She started with an inspection of the 1919 Dodge Brothers Hearse belonging to the Beggs funeral home family. It was the first motorized hearse in Florida and features a hand carved wooden body. Ms. Copeland opened all the doors and the hood and showed us every square inch of the vehicle while telling stories about the car. Next came a tour of the T.J. Beggs & Co. general store and museum. We got a tour of the store with many display cases filled with items over 60 years old still in the original wrapping, the original cash register and ledger books along with the original safe. Other highlights included the Wardlaw-Smith house, the big steam engine used in cotton and peanut processing until 1919, and the 1898 First Baptist Church sanctuary. In all, a fantastic day.

See you at the Christmas banquet,
Diane

10 Years Ago:

Rain, rain, go away was the tune Tallahassee Region AACA members and guests were singing on October 24th, for the opening festivities for the 24th Annual Perry Forest Festival and Antique Car Show. Undaunted by the weather, members showed their spontaneity in reorganizing the Hospitality gathering and early registration to greet guests arriving to participate in this event. Saturday morning dawned bright and clear. 37 cars registered for the antique car display at the Forest Festival grounds, some traveling from as far away as Evergreen, AL and Palm Bay, FL. The organizers did a great job of arranging for the show as well as the placement of the other vendors and participants in the festival. The November club meeting and annual Chili Cook-off and Auction will be hosted by John and Sharon Heber on Sunday, November 23rd at 1:00 p.m., at their farm in Calvary, Ga. TIPS from the frugal mechanic ca. 1910: A box of oatmeal flakes is a good remedy when a radiator springs a leak. Pour the flakes into the radiator water, as the flakes swell they will seal the hole. Dried horse manure is also good, but not as available as it used to be!

Jenny Hart, Editor



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Next Meeting

Nov. 18, 2007 1:00 p.m. Annual Chili Dinner and Auction Fund Raiser
Bill & Peggy O'Rourke's—125 Sugarmill Way—Havana
Clean out that garage. Somebody will pay good money for your extra STUFF!

Local / Area

Nov. 11-14 2007 AACA Southeastern Fall Tour—Tallahassee and surrounding area.

Nov. 15-17 Automotive Swap Meet - Spence Field, Moultrie, GA.

Monthly TRAACA Cruise-In

[Sonic & Hardees Drive-Ins on US 27N](#) just north of Capital Circle
1st Sat

Monthly Cruise-Ins at the [Thomasville Road What-A-Burger Drive-In](#)
1st Sat—Mustang Club 2nd Sat—Ford & Chevy Clubs 3rd Sat—Corvette Club
Last Sat—Street Rod Club

Main Street Cruise In

[Havana Smokehouse](#) (formerly Main St. Buffet)
3rd Saturday