

November
2008

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting

Bill & Peggy O'Rourke's
Havana
November 15th, 2008
11:00 a.m.

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Tres Amigos Trip to Hershey

Some years ago I wrote of my two-week trip to Hershey and how much I enjoyed it. I spent one week before Hershey; working the Carlisle car show/vendors and fly-fishing or playing golf between shows. I would also visit auto salvage yards if I had any spare time available. These are still remembered as great times.

This year started a new twist for me. This was my first trip to Hershey in a motor home with a scout car. This time, using the week after Hershey for Toy Train shows. This trip rated a 10+; one of the best ever and I'll explain: The temperature was in the low 40s and highs in the 60s with sunny and clear skies for 14 days. Leaves were changing, the colors outstanding and all three of us were in good health. We did not have any road troubles, or worries and had the wives blessing. (There is a Santa Claus.) We pulled out early Sunday morning heading on back country roads to Prosperity, SC to visit a friend and watch the afternoon NASCAR races.

We pulled out early on day 2 for Stanly Salvage in Albemarle, NC. Manager/owner Gary (friend we met in Charlotte, NC) gave us the run of the yard and a good southern welcome. The yard had about 4,000 cars with about 300 50s-60s cars in good to fair condition. We continued north having to bypass another yard in VA because of lack of time.

We needed to make Hershey Tuesday morning. We stayed in Leesburg, VA Monday evening and got an early start for arriving in Hershey about 10:00 am. We got checked in with a choice spot across from the green field over looking Hershey Hwy and the lower camping

field. We had time to visit the AACA museum and their special storage buildings in the lower back of property. (About 50 cars, a lot of people don't ever see).

Day 3, Wednesday, we were in the fields looking for deals and bargains and meeting some old friends. We all attended AACA judges school and CJE training classes that afternoon. With feet getting broken in for the next day, we checked our shopping list and headed back to the fields for more deals.

Day 4, I had to work 4 hours that morning with the I-Van (appraiser) annual meeting.

Day 5 we validate what field we still had to visit and headed out again for more bargains and deals with checklists in hand. I joined my brother and planned dinner with an old friend who enjoys old tractors (restored John Deer owner) and lives in Carlisle, PA. (His wife's apple pie is a 10+)

Day 6, Saturday we all made 7:00 am judges breakfast and the 3 of us split up in different teams and hit the field to judge part of the 1,298 cars. That afternoon we finished up with the 10,000 plus vendors and retired to the motor home to relax and watch all the antique cars driving home.

Day 7, Sunday, we dragged around slowly getting ready to leave and move down the street to a shady campground with full hookups. That afternoon we headed off to the railroad museum (both toy and real ones) in Strasburg, PA.

Day 8, Monday, we headed up to Pine Grove, PA to visit my old friend Dean Klinger's Auto Salvage Yard. He joined us for a while and then gave us an open door to the yard to roam and do what ever. Bill (known as Frank) found his grill

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November Birthdays

- 1 Katie Hart
- 2 Sharon Palmer
- 6 Dan Stallings
- 8 David Taylor
- 9 Shirley Moore
- 18 Judy Brundydge
- 19 Craig McCollum
- 21 Karen Long
- 23 Tom Lyle
- 24 Reuben Plachy
- 24 Glenda Schanbacher
- 26 Belle McCollum

Happy Birthday



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2008
Former Antique Car Museum

There were 38 members in attendance.

Opening Prayer - Norm Madsen

Reports of Events Since Last Meeting

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| Sept 14-20 | 5 couples went on a sea cruise and reports were that all had a good time. Ed Shuler even brought a CD of an Australian's perspective in song of Freedom. |
| Sept 27 | Marzuq Classics car show. 2 members received awards; light turn out due to college football. |
| Oct 4 | Good turn out (about 12 club vehicles) at the monthly cruise in at Hardees/Sonic. |
| Oct 5-12 | Cruising the Coast—Neil & Bobby Hollingsworth attended and gave a great report. |
| Oct 11 | Neal Davis says they are still seeking mentors with some program cars still available. Next race to be held in November. |

Committee Reports

Tour Committee - Bill O'Rourke

The next tour will be Oct. 25 to see a model train collection in Crawfordville. Participants are to gather at the Wal-Mart on West Tennessee leaving at 9:00 a.m.. Lunch and a tour of the St. Marks Fort is planned.

Treasurer - Andy Mohney

Andy gave the report. Details are available from Andy or Norm.

Sunshine - Shirley Moore

No one reported as down and out at this time and it was great to see Jay & Kathy Mottice once again in attendance.

Announcements & Reports - Norm Madsen

1. The club voted approval to the purchase of a color laser printer used by the newsletter editor for printing out the monthly magazine to help defray the cost as opposed to a commercial printer. The printer will reside with the new newsletter editor beginning next year.
2. Some discussion was led by Norm on his article of last month on a new motor oil for classic cars. A proposal was forwarded but tabled for further discussion on purchasing in bulk for club members. Norm will look into costs and availability.
3. Upcoming Events - Mark your calendars:
 - A. Friday following the meeting - breakfast at the cracker Barrel. Ed Shuler was by default the point person for the next event.
 - B. Hot Dog Friday at the Station - Bobby H. says he may have some hot dogs available at the station (at least for himself, if no-one else shows up.)
 - C. This Sat. Oct 18. The Annual All Tallahassee Motorama Picnic and Show at the Tallahassee Antique Auto Museum. All American Ford will sponsor and discounted admission to the museum.
 - D. Sat. Oct 25—Club Tour to Crawfordville or the Forest Festival Car Show in Perry.
 - E. Sat. Nov 1.—Monthly Cruise-In at the Sonic/Hardees.
 - F. Fri. Nov 14—FSU Homecoming Parade (Unknown who is attending or coordinating.).
 - G. Sat. Nov 15—Annual club auction and chili picnic at the O'Rourke Plantation west of Havana.

See our website calendar for more events. Click on "[Club Calendar](http://www.local.aaca.org/traaca)" www.local.aaca.org/traaca Also, visit the Na-



tional website for National AACA activities www.aaca.org.

Old Business/New Business

None this month.

50/50 Drawing - Sharon Palmer left the meeting a bit richer!

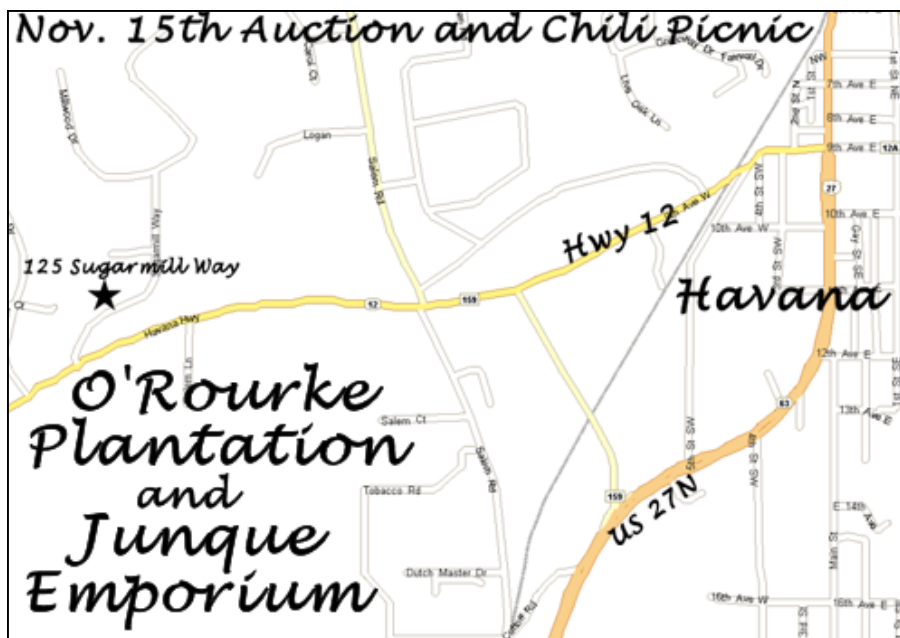
Program - Bobby & Nell Hollingsworth

Due to a glitch in the hardware setup, we were unable to view the tape of Hershey planned for the evening, but... Our dynamic duo once again enthralled us with a description of their escapades along the Gulf Coast in the Annual Cruising the Coast event. Literally thousands of cars were there representing everything from hot rods to full-on classics and everything in between. A video was also shown which covered the 2007 event.

Next Meeting & Location

The next meeting will be held on Saturday November 15, 2008 beginning at 11:00 AM at the residence of Bill and Peggy O'Rourke in Havana.

Respectively submitted - Bob Love, Acting Secretary



Come out and enjoy a day of fun with your TRACA friends. Bring your treasures and bid on others', then enjoy a fine repast of chili and fixins', salads and desserts. Have FUN!



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Hello, TRAACA friends!

RECAPS. October was a busy month in old car land. The monthly cruise-in at Sonic was well attended, and included over a dozen TRAACA cars, and several dozen non-member cars as well. I drove the '33 Packard and had a fine time, except for an electrical failure on the way home. I'll explain at the end of this article....

We had over 40 people attend the TRAACA meeting on Oct. 14th, despite Hershey and other conflicts. I was thrilled to see Jay and Kathy Mottice at the meeting. Jay has been unable to attend meetings over the last several months due to health problems, and he and Kathy have been greatly missed. At the meeting, Nell Hollingsworth presented a program about "Cruisin' The Coast." This Mississippi event began in 1996 with about 400 cars and has grown to more than 4,000 -- and this only counts vehicles registered for the event. Thousands more attend without registering. Bobby and Nell have been a part of "Cruisin'" every year since it began. More of our members would go, if it didn't happen at the same time as Hershey.

Speaking of Hershey, I've talked to several people who attended. It sounds like the recent economic turmoil did not have much effect on attendance at the Hershey Show and Swap Meet. There were thousands of cars on the show field and thousands more in the car corral. I don't know how many people were buying, but plenty of vendors and spectators were there. Wish I'd been among them ... hopefully next year.

Tallahassee's all-club picnic and show, "Motorama," happened on

Oct. 18th at the new Antique Car Museum. About 100 cars were there, including many of our club's best. This was sponsored by All American Ford, and included good hamburgers and hot dogs, a silent auction and a non-judged show. The Florida Highway Patrol was there, collecting stuffed animals for needy kids and the Museum was open, with reduced admission rates for Motorama participants. Our club banner was flying, and we had a table with club info, membership applications and free magazines.

We had our monthly Short Tour on the 25th, and it was a great one. Bill O'Rourke and the Tour Committee ordered "convertible weather," and 19 of our antiques (and 4 or 5 modern vehicles) drove to Crawfordville together for a marvelous outdoor train display. After that we went to lunch at Myra Jean's on Crawfordville Highway, then on to the old Fort at St. Marks. It was a great plan and a fun day! This was the same day as the Forest Festival in Perry (an unfortunate conflict). Several of our members went to Perry, and I hope they will give us a report about their Festival fun.

MARK YOUR NOVEMBER CALENDAR.

Our annual **Auction and Chili Supper** will take place on Saturday, Nov. 15th at 11:00 a.m. at Bill and Peggy O'Rourke's place in Havana. Bring your old car, your best Chili, your appetite and your auction items. This is our big fund-raiser for the year, and your opportunity to carry home some new-old collectables. Remember that this will serve as our monthly meeting, so there will be **NO MEETING** at the old Antique Car Museum hall in November.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE. Kathy and I drove the '33 Packard to the Sonic Cruise-In on Oct. 4th. The drive to Sonic was fun, as was the Cruise-In and the drive toward home. We made a stop at a store on the way home and shut the car off. When I attempted to restart it, the engine

cranked so slowly that it wouldn't start. The car push-started easily, and we made it home, but I knew I needed to address the problem before driving the car again.

In the year and a half that I've owned the '33, it has always started easily when cold, but cranked slowly when the engine was up to operating temperature. I've had the same problem on other old cars, so I knew some things to try. Both battery cables looked old and so did the battery kill switch a previous owner had installed. Also, I didn't think the kill switch looked beefy enough to handle the amperage required for restarting the big engine with its 6-volt electrical system. Hopefully the starter was OK, but I'd try the simplest things first.

I had a local shop make new battery cables, using 0-gauge wire (really fat wire). I ordered a new high-amp kill switch (the "Big Switch," from Flaming River). I cleaned up all connections with my Dremel, and installed the new cables. Finally, I installed a secondary ground wire from the car's frame to the engine block. I think this is always a good idea on old cars. Faulty ground connections can be such a problem.

Last Saturday, I took the Packard out for a test drive. I drove about ten miles, then shut it off for a few minutes. When I tried to restart it, it cranked faster than it ever has, and started right up. Problem solved. Thank goodness --- now I can enjoy the open road again.

Enjoy your November. Hope I'll see you at the club Auction and Chili Supper on the 15th!

Norm

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and speed control parts he had given up on finding and the other Bill (known as Jim) was in a deep search for '48 Dodge vent windows.

After lunch, in the park by the pond, we headed to another yard known as Hoffard's in Bernville, PA. When we arrived at the yard we were told they had sold about all of their 8,000 cars with about 3,000 being 40s-60s and that was a real let down. Their yard was just about empty with about 200 cars remaining. The owner and manager were not in the mood for us to either visit or take pictures. Their message: if you are not buying get the hell out! We headed back through the back roads and enjoyed the beautiful countryside.

Day 9, Tuesday, we headed to the AACA library to do some research. We pulled out that afternoon heading to York PA.

Day 10, Wednesday we checked in (docked the mother ship) at the York Fairgrounds for the toy train show starting on Thursday. We unhooked the scout vehicle and headed off for the Corvair Ranch (salvage yard with 350 Corvairs) outside of Gettysburg. Frank (known as Bill) was in hog heaven and he completed his shopping list 100%. From there we had lunch in a Lions club park outside of Handover, PA where Frank played on the slide with the other children. We wrapped up the day at Ed Lucke's salvage yard where the other Bill (known as Jim) found his 48 dodge vent windows. This yard has about 5,000 cars of the 50s to 70s and some 80s. We had to leave because of darkness and did not finish working the yard. (Maybe next year!) We do have an invitation to return in good standing.

Day 11, Thursday, we start at the train show and what can I say, it is as large as Hershey considering the size of toy trains to real autos. After walking in 7 large fairground buildings with wall-to-wall vendors and trains, there was no way to see everything in the two days we had left. Tried and happy, we start out Saturday morning heading home, 1,040 miles away, arriving in time to watch Sunday's NASCAR race.

Total mileage driven in mother ship: 2,007, scout car unknown, but this trip goes on record as a 10 Plus! We saw 9 of our TRAACA members and a lot of old friends. Three happy car hobbyists, two wanna-be and one actual train hobbyists are still good friends and are now a lot closer. The crew of the mother ship is (Bill "Frank" O'Rourke "Captain", Bill "Jim" Brundydge "Navigator", and Junkyard Jack "Administrator". We drove, walk, looked, shopped, ate and laughed for TWO WEEKS SOLID. Can't wait till next year.

Jack Hanbury



Inside the entrance to the AACA Museum.



You're always meeting friends at Hershey!



What a model train layout!



The boys doing what they love to do best, playing in the yards!



Monticello Karting Track Car Show

On Sunday 5 October, 2008, four vehicles represented TRAACA at the 1st Annual Car Show and Car Club Face-Off Kart Race held at the Monticello Karting track. The track is located approximately 5 miles East of Monticello on US90 and a mile and a half South on Big Joe Road.

Approximately 50 vehicles turned out for this charity event to support the National Guard Family Readiness Group. In addition to the 4 from TRAACA, show vehicles ranged from a dragster, an electric Honda motorcycle, import hot rods, race cars, muscle cars, and trucks.

The event included exhibition motorcycle racing, cart racing and Corvette "hot" laps. Lap times were around 1 minute. A tour of the pit area to view the race vehicles and talking with the race participants gave us first timers insight into their enthusiasm and someone to watch on the track. We left prior to the Car Club race so the winner is unknown by the author.

Craig McCollum



The McCollum's 1956 Jaguar XK-140MC



Jerry Wise with his 1966 Corvette and its twin (technically not a twin per Jerry)



Reuben Plachy sitting in the back of his 1960 Chevrolet Apache 10 pickup watching the racing action.



Sue Algotti and Wease Kaylor with their 1963 Buick Riviera.

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

Junkyard and Fluffy got back to sniffing out the cars again last Tuesday. In the morning, Junkyard checked out a 1950 Chrysler. Fluffy went back later in the day. This is a very good car. (excuse me, automobile). It seems to have all the goodies that could be had in the 50's. This would make a great cruiser. Maybe we have a picture of it.

In the afternoon Fluffy got to check things out. Guess what? A 1948 Mercury Coupe. Just like the one Fluffy had in 1958. Closer look....well, not quite the same. This one turned out to be, you guessed it, a street rod. Chevy engine, air, auto trans, power everything. This one turns out to be a very very, notice I used very two times, nice car.

Sitting next to this Mercury is a 1932 Pontiac. If Fluffy thought the Mercury had it all, he was wrong. This automobile (there I said it again) was a very, very, very (that was three times for the very) nice machine. It seems to really have it all. The color was blue w/silver fenders and orange wheels and blue interior. Again Chevy engine, air and everything. Side mounts on both sides.

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

As ever,
Fluffy



1932 Pontiac



1948 Mercury



1950 Chrysler

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SCENES FROM THE OCT 25 TRAACA TOUR TO WAKULLA COUNTY



Gathering at Wal-Mart to start the tour.



Filling up the yard of Eric Ecklund in Crawfordville.



Eric demonstrating his layout for controlling the trains.



Fascination with trains knows no age limit or gender.



Pete checking out one of the village scenes.



Three trains going at once!



Nell getting close to check out the detail.



The folks checking out the ruins of the old fort at San Marcos.



Yesteryears Remember When?



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

There was no November 1978 general meeting or board meeting.

Special Note:

TRAACA Past Presidents

1970-71	John Wells
1972-73	Charlie Smith
1974	Henry Forester
1975	Russ Haines
1976-77	Roger Collar
1978-79	Bill Thompson
1980-81	Arnold Ellis
1982-83	Devoe Moore
1984-85	Wayne Hadden
1986	Dan Villella
1987-88	Dan Rainey
1989-90	Randolph Brock
1991-92	John Heber
1993-94	Bill Thompson
1995	Dan Rainey
1996-97	Ken Hart
1998-99	Diane McCarthy
2000	John Schanbacher
2001	Jack Hanbury
2002-03	Jay Mottice
2004	Carol Rainey
2005-06	Gary Edwards
2007-08	Norm Madsen

20 Years Ago:

The November 15th, 1988 meeting of Tallahassee Region A.A.C.A. met at the Moby Dick restaurant with 35 members present. President Dan Rainey called the meeting to order. Members present who were recognized included Pete Wright, Ridge Canaday, Phil Koelliker, George Moody and Charlie and Mary Smith. The very good Perry show was the first item of old business. It was suggested the new board should meet and clarify the policy regarding "Muscle" cars as well as "Hot Rods". There is a definite strong interest in these cars and some guide lines needed to be drawn. Milford and Ruth Barker drove their Ford in the Mule Day parade and the Reo in the Old South Day parade. Bill Tyler is traveling all over Florida attending every car show he can. Among them - Lake City and Ormond Beach. The Grahams attended the Corvair Show where their little beauty got a 2nd. The Brocks are planning on attending the Crosley show some time in December. Anyone got a good sturdy shoe box Randolph can pack his car in to take to the show? Steve Gordon will be approaching the V.M.C.C.A. regarding a national show sometime in '90. For sale: 1930 Model A Ford STD Coupe 85% restored, new re-built engine, new paint, brakes and windows. Lots of extra parts \$6,500. Contact Bill Scott, Lake Panasoffee, Florida.

Carol Rainey, Secretary

10 Years Ago:

Special Agent 00007 surveillance report: "Unusual activity spotted at the residence of a John and Sharon Heber, beginning precisely at 13:00 EST on November 22, 1998. A large crowd of approximately 37 people anxiously gathered around tables of what appeared to be insignificant household items of unknown origin. It was apparent that these people coveted said items, and would pay any price to acquire them. Suddenly, a woman of short stature, but obviously possessing hierarchial power, began waving a wooden mallet in the air, shouting: Who will give me \$5!! The frenzy that followed is simply impossible to put into words! Money flowed freely and with abandon; no one was immune to the spending spree! After the dust settled and the mallet waving woman collapsed in exhaustion, it was announced by the aforementioned John Heber that this mystifying even raised \$349.50. The crowd rejoiced and immediately began a feast of chili beans with a gusto second only to the previous parade of purchases. This had been a most unusual sequence of events, however it appeared that no unscrupulous or unlawful activities occurred. However, this special agent does have one question: "What in the heck is a golf hook?!"

Jenny Hart, Secretary



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125 Sugarmill Way, Havana
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11:00 a.m.

Menu

Chili & fixins

Program

Club Auction & Picnic

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

November 2008

7-8 - Pinellas Park, FL - Florida West Coast Region, 33rd annual car show/swap meet. Lois Blackard 727-595-754; Lblac@aol.com
22 - Kendall, FL - South Florida Region, Wings Over Miami Vintage Air Museum car show. Mel Mann - softaaca@aol.com
28-29 - Ormond Beach, FL - Volusia Region. Birthplace of Speed Celebration - Dennis Dunn - 386-252-1728

January 2009

16-18 - South Beach, FL - AACA South Florida Region - Art Deco Weekend - Classic Car. Mel Mann - softaaca@aol.com
17 - Cape Coral, FL - Edison Region - Annual AACA Car Show

February 2009

1 - Nashville, TN - Stones River Region 21st annual automotive swap meet. State Fair Grounds. Bruce Henderson - 615-890-1144
12-14 - Philadelphia, PA - AACA Annual Meeting
26-28 - Lakeland, FL - Southeastern Winter National Meet