

November
2010

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting

November 14, 2010
125 Sugarmill Way, Havana

Chili Lunch 12:00 pm
Auction begins 1:00 ish

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

They Say We are In A Recession!

By Charlie Maher
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The topic of conversation with many people always seems to be the same. At some point during the conversation, we start talking about how much money was lost in the Stock Market, 401-K, and retirement accounts, home values plummeting, banks, mortgage and savings institutions failing, the problems with the big three auto makers, and the list goes on. In the middle of all of this, there is one question that needs to be answered to the hobbyist and owners of antique automobiles, and that is, "What effect is the recession going to have on the antique automobile hobby, and what can one do until there is a positive turnaround?"

The value of old cars has not even remotely seen the same decrease in value as newer cars. It appears that price of antique cars is still very much controlled by demand, and the condition of the vehicle; not by any other financial indicators. Check the prices of antique cars for sale in the magazines of national clubs such as Antique Automobile Club of America, Early Ford V8, Mustang Club of America, Classic Thunderbird Club of America, and other magazines such as Hemmings Motor News, Old Car Trader, and others. In none of these magazines will you see any Federal Stimulus awards, overstocked discounts, going out of business sales, lost franchise sales, free trip to Florida with the purchase of a car, or any other types of promotional discounts being offered. Thus, it readily becomes abundantly clear that your antique car is holding its value, and if anything is increasing its value.

Whatever you do don't quit membership with a car club to which you belong. Stay active and busy with your car club, and keep the old girl clean and shining, taking it to meetings, outings, cruise nights mini-tours and weekend tours. To walk from the hobby now would be the worst thing that you could do. In addition to the loss of being with all of your friends, this is a hobby that you understand and love. You will never find another group of friends like the old car family, which is constantly growing. Just look around you to the new faces that have come onboard in the past several years.

During these rough financial times, there are some things you can do, most of which will only cost you mainly time, but will surely help to enhance your club, the hobby, and most of all the friendships you have developed over the years during these times:

1. Call a club member who hasn't been to any of the meetings or outings in awhile, and invite them to attend a function or meeting. You'd be surprised in the response you will get in making that call, and you're revitalizing the friendship. Plus watch as the other members of the club generously welcome them back into the fold.

2. Clean out that awful mess in your garage! You have been putting it off long enough. This project will surely take your mind off of everything else that is going on around you, and you will be really surprised in the things that you will find, that you thought were long lost. But remember that when you are done cleaning your garage, throwing away the "junk" is also part of the process. If you feel that your "junk" has value, you can always sell the pieces on E-Bay.

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- 24 Glenda Schanbacher
- 26 Belle McCollum

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2010

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 36 members and one guest in attendance. The guest was Lt. Jason Greisl from the Tallahassee Fire Department, our program for today.

Opening Prayer: Richard Duley

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

50/50 Drawing:

None this meeting.

Announcements & Reports: Richard Duley

Richard reported on the "Tech Saturday" held on October 2nd at the O'Rourke's on August 21st. It was well attended; the subject was Automotive Air Conditioning. John Schanbacher gave a description of the refrigeration circuit and how heat is removed from the automobile. In addition, the process of installing pressure gauges and troubleshooting was demonstrated.

Richard reported that the next "Tech Saturday" will be held on December 4th. The subject will be "Horns". Yes, he said "Horns". This also will be held at the O'Rourke's beginning at 9:00 AM.

Richard announced that there will be openings for Club Officers for next year. At least the President, Secretary and Treasurer Positions will need to be filled as the incumbents have stated they will not be serving next year. It was suggested that a nominating committee be formed to address this important need.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: - Lois Duley - Glenda Schanbacher

Please continue to remember the Mottice's & Lyle's. Jean Josie and Julie Rainey were mentioned as having considerations. Please keep them and others who may be having problems in your prayers. Please let Glenda or Lois know of members who may be having problems the club should be aware of.

Tours: Bill O'Rourke

The next tour will be to the Perry Forest Festival on Saturday, October 23rd. There will be activities also on Friday if members wish to participate. We will meet at the Parkway Wal-Mart on Saturday at 7:30 AM and leave there by 8:00.

Treasurer's Report:

No report was given this meeting. Carol Love was out of town.

Coming Events:

October 15, 2010 - 8:30 AM Cracker Barrel Breakfast.

October 15, 2010 - The Noon gathering at the Quincy Gulf Station will not have hot dogs! Bring your own lunch.

The Perry Forest Festival will be held on October 22-23, 2010. See "Tours" above.

We will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2010. The parade will begin at 10:30 AM starting at Call Street and South Monroe and will end at the DOT parking lots. Time to gather and line up information will be coming.

The annual Chili Dinner and Auction will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the O'Rourke's beginning at 1:00 PM.

Annual Christmas Meeting and Dinner will be on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 beginning at 6:00 PM.

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:

Everyone needs to think about how to attract new, younger members for the club and hobby.

Need to elect club officers for the next year. See above in "Announcements & Reports".

New Business:

None this month

Program: Richard Duley introduced Lt. Jason Greisl from the Tallahassee Fire Department.

Lt. Greisl described the various types of fire extinguishers and how to determine their expiration dates. He demonstrated the use of them using an electronic gadget that simulates putting out a fire. He allowed several members to "put out" fires in this manner. The Ladies did better than the guys. Need to leave the fires to them!

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Program – Chili Dinner & Auction

Respectfully submitted by: John Schanbacher, Secretary



Just a Note on FUEL

The new fuels (with Ethanol or alcohol) will separate over time and may leave water in your gas tank. You should always use a little fuel stabilizer in your gas year round. There has been much talk lately about the new E85 (15% ethanol). This is definitely not recommended for any old fuel system!

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3. Call a friend who has a project car underway and offer your help. You will be surprised of how much your friend will appreciate your offer, and how your friendship with them will become even stronger.

4. Really clean and polish that beautiful antique car of yours. Do the things that you have been putting off because it is very time consuming, like detailing the grille, or the cleaning the inside of the fender wells. You will feel good when you have finished, and your baby will look great and ready for the next outing.

5. Take your car to a Cruise Night. You'll be amazed in the new friends you'll make, plus you'll have that feeling of pride as you discuss your car with other car enthusiasts. It will be a high probability that some of the younger generation have never see a car like yours and will be loaded with questions. Like, "Is the AM radio all that you have?"

6. Attend a tour/outing hosted by another club, whether it be local, regional, divisional or national. You will be amazed at the lasting friendships that you will make, and the great time that you will have. After all, remember that all of the families attending these outings have the same love and interest in the old car hobby as you do, and most important of all, the club members hosting these events, are doing so just so that you can have some fun, a memorable time, and most importantly of all, being with you, their friends.

7. Write an article for your car club's newsletter. Once you start writing the article, you'll find out how easy it is to put to paper all of those things you tell people about what you did with. and to, your cars in the years past. Each of us has a tale to tell, and your club's newsletter is the perfect venue to tell your story. You know the stories that you always tell people that normally begin with: "Did I ever tell you about time that I---?" or better yet, "When I was a teenager let me tell you what I did with my father's car ..."

8. Help plan a "Show and Tell" for one of your monthly club meetings. This is where each member brings a piece of their automotive memorabilia collection to the meeting to show other members, and tells a little story about its history. This sure makes for an interesting meeting, and you will really be surprised as to what some of the members will bring, and the

enthusiasm it generates.

9. Volunteer to become an elected officer with your car club. Once becoming a club officer you'll be impressed with yourself, and what you have to offer to your club, and to the hobby. Even volunteering to head up the Telephone Committee is welcomed.

10. Volunteer to be the Chairperson for a tour, or mini-tour, or outing that your club is planning and sponsoring. Even a one day Mini-Tour allows you to take your fellow club members on a mini-tour on which they will have a fun day with their antique cars. I can assure you that being a Chairperson for a weekend tour will definitely take your mind off of all the other things around you. You will also be overcome and surprised with the amount of support that you will get from your fellow club members in the planning and making the club's tour a success. If you don't feel that you can be a Tour Chairperson, you can always volunteer to work with a tour chairperson in helping make your club's event a success.

I am not in any way remotely qualified to offer any solutions to the current financial economic challenges facing us, and the nation. Instead, what I do offer is what I consider some simple suggestions (and I am sure there are a lot more) that may help us insure that during these rough financial times, our great antique automobile hobby stays ahead of the curve, and if anything, in some way keeps us pulled together, growing and becoming stronger, until better times return.

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Sometimes you do not have to go far to find one of the most interesting garages or shall we say garage owners in the area. I'm at the residence of Russ and Nancy Haines and those of you who know them will agree with me. My short interview with them turned into several hours with many stories of cars and history of the club that I have not heard before. More than I have space here to relate.

Russ is self employed and specializes in a variety of different skills. Nancy has been employed as a Librarian for a number of years but her main occupation was Russ's number one assistant. Keeping his books, procuring parts or what ever was needed to help him.

Russ has always had a interest in antique cars and in 1957 he bought a 1928 Chevy 2 door. More on that later. After getting the car, he was told by a neighbor that there was a car club located in Tallahassee . Russ applied for membership in that club and met John Wells who was a founding member of that club. It took a lot of convincing for John Wells and the powers



to be to let Russ join. You see it was a Model A club and he owned a 1928 Chevy. Thanks John we all know now that you made a good decision. In case you did not know, that Model A club later became our present TRAACA . Nancy love of old cars grew from Russ. When she began dating him, he was already into antique cars, so it was the beginning of two loves Russ and cars. They joined the club in December of 1972 and have

been members ever since.

Russ estimates that so far he has owned over 40 or so different cars but presently just has the 1929 Chevy four door. He also has about 8 stationary engines. He is also a member of "The Deep South Gas and Steam Club"

Russ has already owned his dream car, but he sold it. It was a 1917 Haynes which most of us have seen. Russ has a complete picture history of the restoration he did to that car. Although it was his dream car it was several years too new to do the type of touring he and Nancy like to do. They have restored two cars that went on to be awarded First Seniors in AACA Judging. The Haynes being one and the 1929 Chevy being the other. Most of us will probably never own one Senior Winner in our life time.

Russ has many fond memories of cars and special stories. Nancy and Russ have been on 5 Glidden Tours and it was hard for him to find one special story because there are so many. He did have one experience that stood out in his mind and that was the purchase of that first antique car, the 1928 Chevy two door. He found the car and agreed to pay \$40.00 for it. He only had \$10.00 . After making several loans from some co-workers he got the money together and paid the man for the car. After being paid the man laughed at Russ and said you just bought a car that did not run. Russ checked out the car and realized it had an ignition problem. After checking in some old cigar boxes he found what was needed to make the car run. A new rotor button. Russ leaves with his new car and is so excited driving it, looking at the gauges and what have you he realizes that he is coming to a intersection with a stop sign. Yep, no brakes. He goes through the intersection without stopping, fortunately nothing was coming the other way. Nancy recalls a story that now is amusing. Her children were out in the yard playing and her daughter would follow her older brother around which he did not appreciate. So at some point he convinced his sister to get into the 1928 Chevy that was parked there knowing that she could not open the doors once inside. Nancy checking on the children did not see her daughter and began looking for her. At some point during the search she hears this muffled voice calling to be let out of the car.

Russ and Nancy enjoy touring in the old cars and sharing time with people. So if you are in the neighborhood of Russ and Nancy stop by and say hello. Be prepared to stay a while and enjoy the many stories that they have to tell.

Bill O'Rourke





Images from Hershey 2010



Photography by Bob Love



MG and Triumph Automobile Tool Kits



While collecting tools to build tool kits for British cars I own, I obtained duplicate/different tools that could be used to build other British tool kits. Two of the kits I made are correct for MG TD and Triumph TR3 cars. The first picture shows cars these kits would be appropriate for. The green MG TD is owned by Blair Engle and the red Triumph TR3 is owned by our own Obin Hamrick.



The MG TD tool kit at left is shown with the tools on top of the tool roll which is a reproduction I made. As with the original, it is made of burlap (hessian) that is covered by a black tar like material (I

used spray under coating). The roll has compartments for the tools and is rolled up and stored in a special tool box on the MG TD firewall. To be correct, the tools must be the correct sizes with the correct finish (black oxide). The MG operations manual states that tools varied due to supply constraints. These tools were made by Shelley, King Dick, Enots (Stone spelled backwards), Lucas and Dunlop.

Only the Dunlop tyre (tire) levers, Dunlop tyre valve tool (small brass pin) and Lucas ignition distributor tool (looks like a key) are common between the MG TD kit and the Triumph kit.



The TR3 tool roll (above) is black plastic (vinyl) while the later TR3B rolls were a peach like color. Earlier TR2 tools were finished in black oxide while the TR3 tools are finished in cadmium. These tools were made by T. Williams, Tecalemit, Lucas and Dunlop. It appears that the feeler gauge (3 feeler leaves riveted in center) is a rarest tool as I have seen them sell for over \$100. I obtained the one shown in this kit by chance and didn't know what it was until I researched the TR3 tools required for the kit.

Craig McCollum





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

Junkyard Dogs annual trip to Hershey, PA Part I

I must set the scene for this trip so you may understand the players and history of this trip. I have been going to Hershey, as a customer or vendor, since 1966 and Bill O'Rourke pretty close to the same amount of time enjoying cars, parts, family, show and friends. About 4 years ago Bobby (Fluffy) & Nell joined Peggy and Bill (Stray Dog) on this trip and I met them on the field (it was raining). All had a good time. The following year Peggy indicated that she might not go to Hershey and before she completed the sentence I volunteered to go in her place. My son joins me regularly on these trips and that would make three for the trip. Another Stray Dog (Bill Brundyge) indicated he would like to make this trip (add one). Fluffy and Nell have made every Cruiz-in the Coast since the beginning and wouldn't be able to make all Hershey trips because of conflicting dates.

Bill O'Rourke alias (Frank, Captain & other things), Bill Brundyge alias (Bill, George and food specialist), motor home alias (Mother ship), GMC in tow, alias (land rover). This trip I am alias (Surfer Jack). All of the above alias names have their own stories.

Trip was planned to leave on Sunday Oct. 3 early morning. Because the mother ship could not reach warp speed due to leaking fuel injectors, docking engineers indicated lift off Monday evening about 5:40pm. The crew boarded and set off for another great trip (3rd annual) to Hershey. About 9:00pm Captain announces, "Houston, we have a problem". All ears tuned to sharp response and we listened "NO Power". Mother ship, with the umbilical cord connected to the land rover was able to pull off the interstate about 3 foot. Captain calls emergency service and gives location (as per sign) 13 mile from Cracker Barrel exit 136 on I-75 in Georgia. Big Mike Adam's wrecker shows up to move us to safer docking area for repairs. Three hours later and one destroyed uni-



Wal-Mart boondocking!

versal joint, we are parked in the galaxy of Wal-Marts parking lot. (With a sign posted no overnight parking) On the third day while I was walking into Wal-Mart store I was asked about being a greeter. But that was the day that everything got up and running and captain

gave orders to blast off just before midnight Wednesday and we arrived at Hershey RV parking site 7:30pm to be informed that they were FULL.

After some words, I will not repeat, when the messenger gave our Captain the directions to Wal-Mart! With weather nice and cool and the mother ship very heated, we found space in the overflow area in



Listening to the trains!

RV Park down the street. The gods were with us and put us beside a busy double railroad track @ mile marker 103.3 no defects (train talk). That's like putting Brer Rabbit in the briar patch for us.

Friday low 50s in the am and high 60s later in day, made both days

a 10+ . I met my brother and friends, from years past, and we were able to judge show cars Saturday. It is true, I thought we might not make Hershey this year, but we stayed true to our plans. Stay together, think positive and have fun. Every year with anticipation I look forward to saying "I attended Hershey this year". For me it is a reunion of family and friends and being able to share that same feeling with other hobbyist; it's hard to compare. This year was one that I won't forget like so many others (rain, mud, snow/cold, no vacancy etc.) Spending any time at Hershey week is always good, enjoyable and a lot of fun. Part 2: the following week after Hershey.



"George"

"The Captain"

"Surfer Jack"

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Chili Lunch
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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

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

January 2011

15-16 - Miami, FL - Art Deco Weekend Car Festival held along Ocean Drive on South Beach. Parade on 1/15 and show on 1/16.
For information: AACA South Florida Region's Show Chairman - Mel Mann at - soflaaca.com.

February 2011

6 - Nashville, TN - AACA Stones River Region 23rd annual automotive related Swap Meet. Tennessee State Fair Grounds, Exit 81, I-65. Nashville, Tennessee 615-890-1144

10-12 - Philadelphia, PA - AACA Annual Meeting, 717-534-1910