

October
2014



Traveling in
the Past
and Present

Next Meeting
October 14, 2014
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

The TRAACA Tour to the Florida Caverns on September 13, 2014 By Craig Brown

When it gets hot and muggy, some head for the beach or a nice, cool spring. Our club decided it was time to head underground to the Florida Caverns, located in Marianna. Most of the substrate of Florida is composed of limestone that is full of holes, tunnels and caves that are usually full of water. The aquifer flows happily through this underground Swiss cheese, so SCUBA gear is usually required to visit this subterranean world. The Florida Caverns are just above the water table and dry most of the year-- plus they provide a 65 degree temperature!

We met at Don and Pam's farm to begin the trek and were cheerfully met by Snoopy the Border Collie. Pam, the consummate hostess, had prepared a wonderful spread of drinks and snacks for the would-be cave explorers.



After catching up on the latest news and projects, the convoy headed west on scenic North Florida back roads.



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TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 48 members and one guest, Bern Pearson. Bern is representing the upcoming "Show & Shine" show; see announcements below.

Pledge to the Flag: All present

Opening Prayer: John Schanbacher

Welcome: Don Pumphrey
Don welcomed everybody; there were no visitors this month.

50/50 Drawing: Lori Forster
The winner was Peggy O'Rourke.

Announcements & Reports: Don Pumphrey
Jim Healy announced that club logo shirts etc. are now available on-line through Signs and Auto Trim in Crawfordville – www.signsandautotrim.com. You can chose clothing from many manufacturers. The embroidered TRAACA logo will be provided at no extra cost. If you want the logo on the back, it would need to be silk screened. Embroidered would be much too expensive on the back.

Don introduced Bern Pearson who described the 10th Annual "Show & Shine" show to be held at the Tallahassee Auto Museum on October 11th.

Allen Thompson, new member, announced that there will be a "Mini Car Show/Tour" at the Tallahassee Downtown Marketplace on Saturday, November 15th. Special parking will be available for our cars on Park Avenue between Adams and Monroe. More information will be forthcoming.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Pam Pumphrey
Belle McCollum reported in the absence of Pam Pumphrey. Tom Link is still doing better.
Congratulations to Ray Bartell on his recent marriage. If you know of other member's needs or positive announcements, please let Pam or other members of her committee know.

Treasurer's Report: Norm Madsen
The report was given by Norm Madsen, details are available from him.

Tour Committee: Bill O'Rourke
The tour to the Marianna Caverns is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th. We will meet at the Pumphrey Farm at 9:00 AM and proceed from there.

Show Committee: Norm Madsen
No Report.

Other Committees: No reports.

Coming Events:

- ◆ Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel – Friday, September 12, 2014 at 8:30 AM.
- ◆ Quincy Gulf Station – Friday, September 12, 2014 at 12:Noon. This will be a Hot Dog day!
- ◆ Tallahassee All Club Show & Shine – October 11th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum.
- ◆ Florida Forest Festival – October 24th and 25th. This originated in 1956 as the Pine Tree Festival. Our club has participated in this for many years and operated the car show also for many years.
- ◆ "Walk the Walk" in Southwood on October 5th. This is a fund raiser for the Center for Biblical Studies.
- ◆ TRAACA Annual Chili Dinner & Auction on Sunday, November 2nd at the Pumphrey estate.
- ◆ See our website at <http://traaca.org> for more events. Click on "Club News and Calendar" Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities at www.aaca.org.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Program: Bill O'Rourke & Jack Hanbury
Bill & Jack described the AACA Judging Procedures and the process of showing cars at AACA National Meets.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 beginning at 6:00 pm at the **OLD** Tallahassee Antique Automobile Museum.

Respectively submitted by John Schanbacher, Secretary.




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The Next TRAACA Club Meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2014

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

TBA

NOTE: There will **NOT** be a regular November meeting!
Instead, our club will be having our "Annual Chili Dinner
and Auction" on Sunday, November 2nd, 2014.

October Birthdays

6	Thomas Wiatt
7	Bobby Hollingsworth
10	Obin Hamrick
10	Jenny Hart
10	Andy Mohney
16	Mac McCammon
16	Janice Wise
21	Angel Brana
22	Bernie Kuhn
24	Nell Hollingsworth
26	Nancy Davis
29	Joan Boutin



There will be free Birthday cake, cookies & coffee at our general club meetings to celebrate all member birthdays occurring each month.

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 East end of town.

- 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 Get Together Event on the Fridays
Following the General TRAACA Club Meetings.
We Meet at the Cracker Barrel for Breakfast
at 8:30 am at the I-10 & North Monroe location**

[The next one will be on October 17, 2014]

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

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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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.

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: http://traaca.org/traaca_news.html

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(Contact Club Secretary John Schanbacher if questions)

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

Camping trailers; Follow-up article

Remember the man that said, "Go West, Old man"? Maybe this is not just right, but this is what Junkyard Dog and Fluffy did. As you know, old becomes new whenever you start collecting and fixing up old vehicles. There is a trend now to restore older trailers, the smaller ones. Smaller ones because they can't afford large ones or do not plan to use it for longer trips and long periods of time. Jack recently appraised a small and older Airstream. It was in fairly good shape, but like our old cars, it needed lots of TLC, and remember that means Takes Lots of Cash. With trailers in mind, Fluffy remembered seeing an older trailer on the other side of the lake. So with the owners permission, Junkyard Dog and Fluffy went for a picture taking session. Doesn't Big Red look like he's ready for an adventure on the road? Keep on sniffing, you never know what you'll find.
Junkyard Dog and Fluffy

1976 Airstream, 17' Caravel



16' Shasta Trailer with wings - late 1960's



16' Shasta Trailer with wings - Front



Front view with sofas, foldout beds, fridge with kitchen counter on right



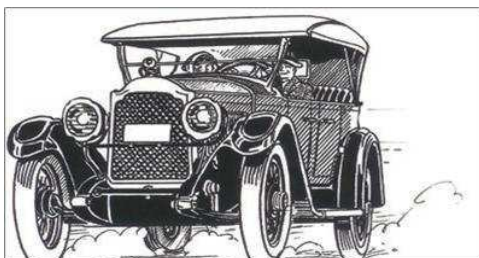


Continuation of Craig Brown's "The TRAACA Tour to the Florida Caverns on September 13, 2014" Article

There was some curiosity and interest generated as the antique cars pulled through the ranger station and into the parking lot. Car aficionados of all ages took time to admire the hardware and swap stories of automobiles from the past. There was time to visit the museum before the tour. There was a special display of turtles and Nell even got to hold a 50-year-old box turtle. Box turtles don't get very big, so the burning question was "How do you know how old a turtle is?" The answer is held in the rings that can be seen circling the shell. Much like a tree, the turtle shell grows out and leaves a ring for each year of growth.



There was a short lecture including instructions, rules and safety procedures prior to the tour. The President of TRAACA gave this the attention it deserved and was quickly identified as the "one to keep an eye on" by the tour guide. We descended down into the cave. The first stop was the "big room" named for its expanse and variation of cave formations. Some received 'cave kisses' consisting of a drop of water, dissolved limestone and carbolic acid. There was momentary panic over the possibility of carbolic acid eating a hole through the skull and into the brain, but the tour guide assured us soda contained fifty times the concentration of carbolic acid. The panic subsided, but it was curious that no one drank soda at lunch.



The next stop was named the “wedding room” due to the impressive formation resembling a wedding cake. You can see the formation lighted behind the group.

As you move throughout the cave, there are the standard stalactites and stalagmites, but there are also representations of everyday shapes such as a heart, South America and a duck. See if you can guess which shape is represented in the picture below.



Pam moved in to take a closer look at the cake. It looked tasty enough, but was cold and slimy to the touch.

On leaving the park, we noticed a statute honoring the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) workers who improved the cave system and made it accessible for all to enjoy. These young men toiled for \$1.00 a day from 1933 to 1942. They were able to keep 25 cents of that dollar and the other 75 cents was sent home to their families. When war was declared in 1942 they were among the first drafted and given a free trip overseas.

Local legend says that for a day’s wages of a dollar, the CCC Worker in bronze will step off the pedestal and tell tales of the depression and his adventures overseas during World War II. Naturally, two members of the club had to put this to the test. The worker did not come to life, but I do think his mouth moved ever so slightly and I could barely hear a voice say, “Hey, watch it lady, your hands are cold! And by the way, I really like your cars.”



We enjoyed our time at the caverns, but it was time to eat. Jims’ on state highway 90 has a fantastic buffet of southern delicacies that was exactly what we needed after a day of arduous spelunking. We were set up in a private room and well taken care of by the staff. Florida Caverns is a great day tour and something unique that one would not expect to find in Florida.

We will definitely be going back, so don’t miss the next one!

- THE END -



Reuben Plachy did a couple of things recently that I thought would be of interest for our newsletter.

1. Reuben entered a model car contest sponsored by *Model Cars Magazine* and Galaxie Trailers. He received an Honorable Mention and here are a couple of the pictures he submitted that were printed in the magazine.

2. Reuben's truck, "Shorty", was requested to be one of the props for the FSU Film Festival.

I have included a couple of his photos from this event too.

Ray Bartell, Newsletter Editor





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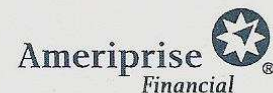
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