

September
2013

Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting

September 10, 2013
Old Auto Museum
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:45 pm

Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Eastern Fall Meet Judging

By Hulon C. McCraw, VP Class Judging

October 9-12, 2013 · Hershey, Pennsylvania
Judges registration deadline Sept. 13, 2013

It's hard to believe 58 years ago the Hershey Region began their journey hosting the Eastern Fall Meet. Fortunately some of those judges are still making their way to Hershey each fall to support what they were a part of creating. Judging at Hershey can be likened to Um-piring the Super Bowl. It only happens once a year, in the fall and culminates the antique automobile hobby season ending event. It's the one thing any judge that's judged Hershey will tell you "they can't wait till next year," just as any team playing in the Super Bowl.



This year we have over 75 new potential judges eligible to judge their first Hershey Fall Meet. The Super Bowl calls them "Rookies," but at the

AACA we call them Senior Judges and it's possible some may reach their Master Judge level by judging in Hershey. In any event, I want to encourage those judges that have joined our judging fraternity this year to experience for your first time the excitement and enjoyment of judging at the Hershey Fall Meet. You will become a part of a history dating back 58 years and joining the ranks of over 18,000 judges that have made the Hershey Fall Meet an annual event they never want to miss.

The Hershey Region again this year will be providing beautiful incentives commemorating the event and

rewarding each judge for their service. Baseball caps will be presented at the judge's breakfast prior to judging. Once your judging duties are completed each judge will receive one of this year's special commemorative die cast cars (pictured above). All this, plus the beautiful cloisonné judging chip for your service.

For those judges who have become inactive by not fulfilling the requirement of attending a judging school and judging in the past year, you can reactivate in Hershey by attending Judging School and taking the Apprentice CJE on Friday to be able to Judge on Saturday. Judging School will be held on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Giant Center with CJE courses directly following. Parking passes are available for Judging School Friday by emailing pbuckley@aaca.org. Judges parking for Saturday can be obtained by sending Maureen Gallo a self-addressed stamped envelope at 703 Smith Ave, Lebanon, PA 17042. I look forward to seeing our dedicated regulars and encourage you who are not to become more active in our judging program.

I want to take this opportunity to THANK every judge for their dedicated service this year. You have made the AACA judging program the most recognized and successful program in the antique automotive hobby and I am proud to have had the opportunity this year to serve and work beside you. Let's make Hershey LVIII the SWEETEST event in chocolate town.

Judges registration deadline is September 13, 2013.
[Judges can register now online with Visa or MasterCard.](#)



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TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2013

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum Old Location

There were approximately 44 members and 1 returning member, Angel Brana.

Opening prayer: Ed Shuler

Welcome: Bob Love

Bob welcomed back a returning member, Angel Brana and thanked everyone for their attendance.

50/50 Drawing: Lori Forster

Barbara Herzog was the lucky winner.

Announcements & Reports:

Bob Love announced that Craig Brown will be our new Webmaster beginning right away. We need to support him in this endeavor.

Randy Cook described his involvement in the International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen and spoke some about his racing experience. The Center will raffle off a 1982 Ferrari 308 GTSi in December.

Norm Madsen told of attending the FSU Film School movie showing of the film he and the Hollingsworths participated in recently. John Schanbacher also participated in one of their films but could not attend the showing.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine:

Norm Madsen reported that the Sonny's Caterer, Amanda Blake, has been scheduled for surgery soon. She has served our meal since we began using their services.

Tommy Sykes reported that member Buddy Rogers is scheduled to go to Shands Hospital in Gainesville for further treatment.

If you know of other member's needs, please contact Glenda Schanbacher or Lois Duley.

Treasurer's Report: Norm Madsen

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

Tour Committee: No report this meeting.

Show Committee: No report this meeting.

Coming Events:

Cruise In and display is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2013 at the Cherry Laurel Retirement Center beginning at 6:00 PM. Similar activities in the past have proven to be very worthwhile for us and the residents.

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, August 16, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

Quincy Gulf Station – Friday, August 16, 2013 at Noon; No Hot Dogs will be provided, bring your own lunch.

Old Business: None this meeting.

New Business: Bob Love

Bob brought up for discussion an increase of Club Dues from \$20/year (Joint Membership) to \$25/year. Reason given was the cost of providing nametags for new members that has risen to \$10 each (\$20 for Joint Memberships) and general increased costs for operations. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously. This will be effective October 1st.

Program: JC O'Steen

JC gave a very informative and well presented discussion on Automobile Restoration with which he has extensive experience. He covered the following:

What vehicle to restore – look at value and determine if restoration would make "Business Sense" in that the end result would be worth the cost.

Budget – have one that makes sense – try to stay within it (probably not possible).

Vehicle in original condition – determine if restoration would be best or if keeping it original and perhaps a driver would be better.

Determine what standard to base restoration on – Driver? Show Vehicle? Just Maintain? Concurs D'Elegance?

Purchasing a restored vehicle is usually a much better option than going through the restoration process and cost. This depends on maybe the vehicle having a special place in your heart.

Best to have an appraisal for a potential project or, at least, get opinions of value from friends or other sources.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the OLD Antique Car Museum beginning at 6:00 PM with dinner.

Respectfully submitted by: John Schanbacher, Secretary.

September Birthdays

- 4 **Ralph Tish**
- 6 **Lois Duley**
- 19 **Ed Shuler**
- 23 **Richard Boutin**
- 26 **Carmen Long**
- 28 **Kathy Madsen**
- 28 **J.C. O'Steen**



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

The Sunshine Committee

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

Sunshine Committee Contacts:

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The Next TRAACA Club Meeting is
 Tuesday, Sep. 10, 2013

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

Peter Zulinke

And the subsequent TRAACA Club Meeting
 will be on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013

Monthly Get Together Event on the Fridays

Following the General TRAACA Club Meetings
 [The next one is Sep. 13, 2012 at 8:AM]

We Meet at the Cracker Barrel for Breakfast

Meet at old Gulf Station in Quincy every Friday

The men meet for lunch* and talk at 12 Noon.
 The station is on Hwy 90,
 on the East end of town.

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.



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

WE NEVER KNOW :

We never know what else we may find when Junk Yard Dog and Fluffy go on a sniff and hunt. This person had a high end bottle collection and "NO" pictures were taken.

Just the other day we went out to check on old signs. The first thing we saw was a 1951 Ford Pickup Truck. This truck is in the process of being made into a Street Rod. In other words, when you put a Chevy 350 engine into anything else but a Chevy, that's when it becomes a Street Rod.

We did get to see some old new signs. Yes, that is what I said. These are old signs that were never hung or used anywhere. Almost like finding Gold. "NOW" and again "WOW". We saw old, OLD signs from the 1930's and 1940's. When you look for this stuff, keep your eye's open. It may be on the back of a building or on the top to cover a hole.

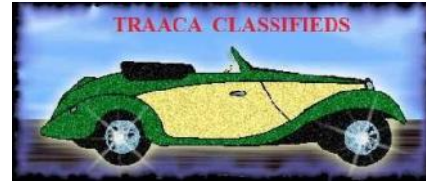
Glass stuff: People like to collect these things, Coca Cola and a lot of the other drink bottles. Milk jug's from the dairies in and around this area. At one time Fluffy's folks had the Shaw Jersey Dairy north of Quincy.

Old gas pumps being restored.

Keep your nose to the ground and keep on sniffing.

Junkyard Dog and Fluffy

AKA: Jack Hanbury & Bobby Hollingsworth]



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transmission any style. Call Jack: 850-539-5992 or e-mail for more details etc. \$29,500.00.





The TRAACA Donaldsonville, Georgia Cruise

By Craig Brown

The following are some pictures of the cruise to the Donaldsonville Gas Pump Museum. You have probably seen this all before, but I was amazed at the quantity! We met the Dothan, AL "New South Cruisers" car club at the museum and then had a great lunch together.



Cruise Participants: the Tallahassee Region AACA and New South Cruisers of Dothan Alabama



1955-56 Ford Crown Victorias 1957 Ford Skyliner



Model T Fuel Tanker



A two "Horse'Power" tanker



Model T Fuel Tanker

See page 7 for more Donaldsonville pictures....

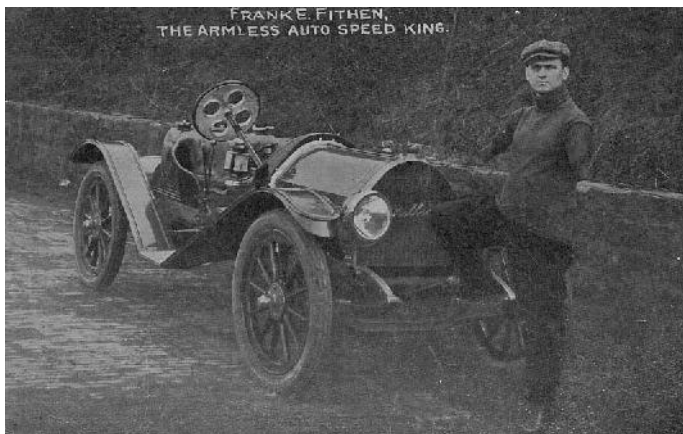


From the AACA Library & Research Center

Driving Against All Odds

By: Matthew Hocker

Here at the Library, we house more than just books, magazines and sales literature. We also possess a collection of more than four hundred postcards, with examples dating as far back as the turn of the century. One postcard which stood out from the crowd featured a man without any arms next to a modified Miller. A glance at the reverse side revealed the man's name was Frank E. Fithen, a stunt driver from Steubenville, Ohio.

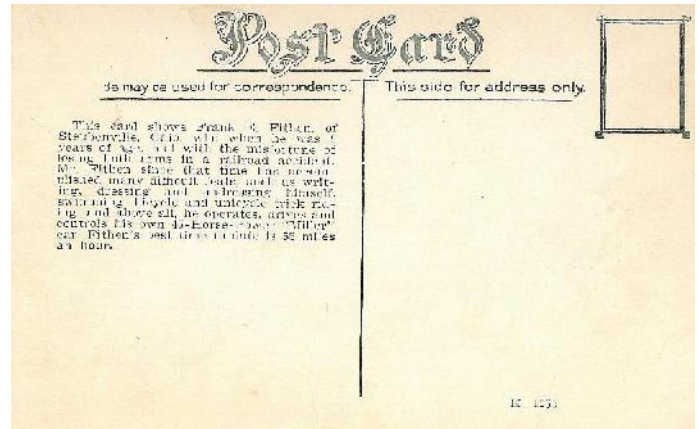


Born in 1882, Fithen's early childhood was fairly uneventful. By the age of nine, however, a railroad accident turned his life upside down. While he miraculously survived this disaster, it ultimately cost him both arms.

However, the "E." in Fithen's middle name might as well have stood for endurance, for he didn't let his handicap hold him back. Before long, he learned how to dress himself, write with a pencil between his teeth, and even how to swim. As a young man, his most impressive feats were learning how to ride both a bicycle and unicycle. After learning how to do tricks on his unicycle, Fithen was able to make money as a street performer.

While bikes were fun, the allure of the automobile proved far too great to resist and, by 1912 or 1913, he began driving cars from the likes of Oakland and Miller. In order to drive his cars,

Fithen modified them with a personally designed special steering wheel. Its construction consisted of a series of metal rings, which allowed him to turn the wheel with the remaining part of his arms.



In order to make a living, Fithen drove throughout the country and sold postcards featuring himself and his cars. He quickly built up a reputation for driving fast (a top speed of 58 mph - quick for the time) and earned the nickname, "the Armless Auto Speed King." By January of 1916, an article in Popular Science claimed he had visited nearly every state and covered eighty-five thousand miles in just three years.

Unfortunately, the details of Fithen's later years have yet to be pieced together because not much was written about him after 1917. Nevertheless, his story serves as an inspiration to all. Fithen's accomplishments prove that with a positive attitude and enough motivation, one can accomplish seemingly anything.

Discover More: Interested in learning more about vintage postcards featuring antique cars? In addition to over four hundred examples, information on collecting auto-themed postcards can be found in our automobilia books. Stop by for a visit and, you too, might make an unexpected discovery!

Source: Hemmings Daily featured an excellent and informative write-up on Frank E. Fithen and served as an invaluable resource.

[Click here to view the original article.](#)



Donaldsonville Continued



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