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2010



Traveling in
the Past

Next Meeting

February 9th, 2010

Old Car Museum, Tallahassee
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm



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HISTORY OF TRAACA

When did our club begin? From our archives it is documented that the Tallahassee Antique Car Club met on January 17th 1969 at the Holiday Inn East. Twenty one people attended. Then on March 21, 1969 the "Tallahassee Antique and Classic Car Club" met at the Tallahassee Federal Savings and Loan Association Auditorium. Dr. Edward Eikman had secured films from Dearborn that would keep undivided interest for about an hour. Reports were welcomed by various members on their restoration projects. A discussion was held proposing organizing a club with officers, technical advisory committees and token dues (to cover stamps, stationary, etc.) On July 17, 1970 Dr. John Wells wrote a letter to Richard Boutin suggesting an effort to establish an organization in the Tallahassee area whose goals were to be primarily the preservation, maintenance, utilization and enjoyment of antique automobiles. By October of 1970 the club had formed as a chapter of the Model A Restorer's Club. At the September 30, 1972 meeting it was decided that those members of the Chapter who were members of Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) should make up the core of a local AACA Chapter. The purpose of this would be to provide the local organization with broader coverage for their events in addition to any other benefits connected with the larger circulation of AACA publications. Also, such affiliation made it possible to hold events judged by the AACA specifications. A motion was made, seconded and approved to hold a judged event at Springtime Tallahassee that year. It was mentioned that Charlie Smith was an AACA qualified Chief Judge. On December 16, 1972 an application was submitted to National AACA for a regional charter. Those attending that meeting included John D. Graham, Jay Mottice, Richard Boutin, George Moody, Henry Forster, DeVoe Moore, Fred Tyler, Harold Cottingham, Charles Smith, Bill Tyler, Dr. John Wells, John Bevis, Dr. Bill Stucky, Tom Moody, Larry Barker and Dr. Randal Kendrick. The official certificate of charter was issued from Antique Automobile Club of America on February 8th, 1973 for the Tallahassee Region AACA. The following lists were developed in 2000 for the 30th Anniversary Celebration and have been updated to the present.

Founding Members (Members at the club's inception): Richard & Joan Boutin, Tom & Marjorie Moody,

Charles & Mary Smith, Bill Tyler,* Fred* & Elizabeth Tyler*, John & Ada Alice Wells, Jay & Kathy Mottice.
Charter Members (Members in the first year)
Richard & Joan Boutin, Edward* & Helen Eikman, John* & Laurianne* Graham, Tom & Marjorie Moody, Charles & Mary Smith, Bill Stucky,* Bill Tyler,* Fred* & Elizabeth Tyler,* John & Ada Alice Wells, Jay & Kathy Mottice. * - deceased

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 Vilella
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
2009	Richard Duley

Technically, our club has been in existence for 40 years this year, but not specifically as the Tallahassee Region AACA which would be 2013 for that 40th anniversary.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 27 Betty Edwards
- 20 Arlene Finley
- 23 Carolyn Grimes
- 5 Wayne Hadden
- 9 Russ Haines
- 18 Ricky Harper
- 13 Gail Harper
- 19 Mary Smith
- 13 Tommy Sykes

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
& VALENTINES DAY**



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2010

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 46 members in attendance and two guests.

Opening Prayer – John Wells

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

50/50 Drawing: The winner was Barbara Herzog.

Announcements & Reports:

1. Neal Davis gave a report on Soap Box Derby activities. There are races coming in February, March and April with the big one in June.
2. Richard Duley recapped the many club events held in 2009.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine:

Randolph Brock is doing very well recovering from surgery. We have learned that Nancy Davis, Ada Alice Wells and Larry Benson are having health considerations; please keep them and others who may be having problems in your prayers.

Tours:

The tour committee is working on some, more info to come.

Treasurer's Report:

Carol Love gave the report, details available from her.

Coming Events:

Jan 15, 2010 - 8:30 AM Cracker Barrel

Jan 15, 2010 - Noon Quincy Gulf Station - Bring your own lunch, no hot dogs!

Jan 21, 2010 - Car display at the Immanuel Baptist Church - We are invited to attend (lunch provided for participants); show up around 10:00 AM, display from 10:30 to 11:30 +/-.

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: TRAACA membership renewals are due; cost of \$20 will increase to \$30 after February 1st.

New Business:

1. After some discussion and begging, the following officers and Executive Board Members are as follows: President - Richard Duley, Vice President - Bill Brundyge, Secretary - John Schanbacher, Treasurer - Carol Love, Web Master - Bob Love, Newsletter Editor - Bill Thompson

Executive Board Elected Members (Note - the Board consists of the six club officers above and four elected members): Ed Shuler, Norm Madsen, Dan Rainey, Jack Hanbury

2. "Member of the Year" ballots were received; results will be announced in the February Meeting.

Program:

1. The program "Club History" was by Richard Duley and Bill Thompson. Bill brought many items of club memorabilia. Richard conducted a quiz centered on Club History. Results were mixed! John Wells gave a short talk on the Club's beginnings as the "Capital Chapter New Florida Region Model A Restorers Club" in 1970. John was the first President and served for two years.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 09, 2010 at the Old Antique Automobile Museum beginning at 6:00 PM. Program will be by Jack Hanbury.

Folks - Be aware that the dues amount goes up to \$30 after February 1st. Several members have not yet renewed (around 20!). You will need to send your application and check to our P.O. box before the first. Application are available on our web site. If you are not sure if you have renewed, call (878-3036) or E-Mail me. In addition, you will need to renew with the National AACA if you haven't already done so.

Respectfully submitted by John Schanbacher



Things of Interest to the Hobby

How could anybody have known?

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours, and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show *Lo, Norm, Hi,* and *Max* on the controls.

So, now you know... (submitted by Obin Hamrick)

What is a HELICRON?

In the late 1930s this one-of-a-kind Helicron was placed in a barn and forgotten. More than six decades later this odd lost little gem was rediscovered, rebuilt, and reintroduced to the world... Although the manufacturer is unknown, it's believed that this car was built in France 1932. Following the first World War it was not uncommon for recently displaced airplane engineers to look towards the automobile industry for employment.



Yesteryears Remember When?



From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee -

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30 Years Ago

Our February 1980 meeting was held at the home of Bill & Nancy Thompson. Although the weather was very cold, we had 24 members to attend. George Moody brought us up-to-date on Springtime Tallahassee. We will have to go last in the parade and need to have the cars at the Northwood mall on Friday. We may take our cars out for the parade on Saturday morning (if we wish) and return back to the mall after the parade. The club will receive \$300. for showing the cars and they would like to have as many cars as possible at the mall on Friday. We can park cars on both levels and enter the mall from the back ramp near the Silver Slipper. Let's all support our hard working committees that make our show a success.
Janie Brock, Secretary

20 Years Ago

The Tallahassee Region AACA met January 16, 1990 at Moby Dick's Restaurant with 42 members present. Randolph called the meeting to order and George Campbell opened with prayer. Dan Rainey, representing the nominating committee, submitted Glenda Schanbacher as secretary and Bill Thompson as editor. Many thanks to John and Sharon Heber for the terrific job done last year. Diane McCarthy volunteered to handle the sale of the club hats and visors along with the club name tags. A list for Springtime committees was passed around during the meeting. If you can work on a committee please let Randolph or Glenda know. There will be no judged show for Springtime. Instead, the car display will be a Village Commons.

Burma Shave with the Statler Brothers: You may need to watch it twice; once to watch the Burma shave signs change, and once to catch all the pictures plus listening to the music of the Statler Brothers. John Schanbacher sends this to our 'older friends' because most folks under 50 would have no idea what he is talking about... 'Too bad they missed it!' Copy the http link into your browser, turn up your speakers and hit enter. <http://oldfortyfives.com/DYRT.htm>

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

For February, Junk Yard Dog and Fluffy decided to go fishin'. Fluffy has been a bit down in the back since the holidays and needs to take it easy a while. Junk Yard has been goin' & comin' a bunch (traveling) so be back soon. As ever, Fluffy

For Sale: 1966 Corvair Corsa 140 Convertible

This classic car has been beautifully restored from the ground up: new top & tonneau cover, new metallic blue paint, new carpet and metallic blue vinyl upholstery; rebuilt engine w/new seals and all new rubber. 140 HP 6 cylinder air-cooled engine has four 2-bbl carbs w/both stock intake/filter and separate sport K&N filters. Drives very well with 4-on-the-floor transmission; power top works well. Always garaged and driven occasionally (stored using *Sta-bil*® fuel stabilizer.) Includes lots of extra small parts and manuals/catalogues, including extra fan belt. \$12,500 Dianne (850-566-2949) or Dean (850-566-2982.)

**For Sale: 1966 T-Bird Landau**

1966 T-Bird Landau, 123K mi., 2nd owner, garage kept, 396 engine, A/C, PW, PB, Automatic, rarely driven last 10 years, ran when parked but will need attention to return to safe driving condition, serious inquiries only \$4,500. For info. call **878-2381**

From the VP of the Plymouth Owners Club of America. The owner of a **1941 Plymouth Woodie P 12 Special Deluxe** is having to sell his car due to illness. Car is West Point Gold (original color) and 99% original. Canvas top has been replaced as well as the bench seats recovered and car repainted. Other than that all original. Mileage is approx 37,000, titled and car is in Edna, TX. Contact

bobbib@nctc.net for details.

Notes from the Editor's Desk

If anyone in the club cares to express an opinion about the club, please submit it to the editor. Bob Love sent out an email expressing some of his thoughts: *"If you haven't visited the club web site in a while, you may be missing out. In another issue, how much longer do you plan on sitting back and letting a few people run the show for you? We seem to have a real dearth of volunteers for managing our club activities and helping us to grow as we should. We are looking for someone to step up and take part."* Thanks to Bill Brundyge for agreeing to accept the position of Vice President. *"After 7 straight years as Club Secretary, John Schanbacher would appreciate a break (anyone interested?). Feel like getting others interested in our club? Take part as a Membership Committee member!"* We also appreciate Ed Shuler, Norm Madsen, Dan Rainey and Jack Hanbury agreeing to be on the Executive Board (non-elected officers). Thanks Bob for your contribution. Also, we appreciate Kedra Baumgardner and Kathy Lewis for volunteering to help out with the Sunshine Committee, and thanks to Shirley Moore and Sharon Palmer for their work.

Bill Thompson

Let's go Cruisin' Now...

On Saturday February 13th, the Tallahassee Streetrodders (TSR) is planning a cruise to Steinhatchee for their 2nd annual Fiddler crab Festival and car show. We are meeting/eating at 8:00AM at Savannah's Country Buffet located at 968 Woodville Hwy (363) and the Bloxham Cutoff (267) just before the red light at the intersection of Woodville Hwy and 267. Steinhatchee is about 1 1/2 hour drive from Savannah's. According to the notice in the Mike Kelly's Cruise News there will be some great seafood, arts and crafts, a kids carnival, a "Swamp Water Cookoff" and the classic and custom car show from 10 to 3 with top 15 plus best of show, door prizes, 50/50, trivia, and oldies music. Registration is \$10.00 the parade is at 11am. For more information regarding Steinhatchee the notice says to call Dan at 352-213-8904 or Ramona at 352-246-6446. For inform about the cruise call me (David Morgan) at 504-312-8629. We sure hope to see everyone there....Tell your friends....
(submitted by Ed Shuler)



Collecting Vintage Tools VIII, IGNITION TOOLS

by Craig McCollum

Prior to electronic ignitions which require no adjustments, our vintage cars used points ignition systems that required regular maintenance. The points had to conduct sufficient current to energize the coil and open to the correct gap so that the coil could produce sufficient voltage. The condition of the spark plug and its gap determined whether or not enough voltage was generated by the coil to jump across the gap. Ignition tools were usually included in the tool kit so that the owner could do his own maintenance or to make adjustments or repairs along the road.

Ignition tool kit number 1 is shown with 10 tools under the black tool roll. A tool roll like this was primarily used by an auto mechanic who had to be well equipped to work on various makes of automobiles. Starting on the left, the first 8 wrenches have feeler gauge blades used to gap points. Thickness of the blades is not marked. Wrench number 6 has 2 blades that are marked "distributor" and "spark plug". This tool is used for Delco systems with part number 12741. When it was supplied with early Dodge tool kits its Dodge part number was L-4879. Wrench number 7 is marked "Distributor" and "Battery and Magneto" on each blade. All of these wrenches were used to adjust the points and are typically not marked with their sizes. The 9th wrench does not have a feeler gauge and appears too large for points. The last 2 items are a points file and a mini screwdriver.

Ignition tool kit number 2 has a larger black tool roll but only 5 items. The first item is a wrench marked 7/16 and 3/8 that I suspect is not original to the kit. My reasoning is that ignition wrenches are generally not marked with the size. The next item is a feeler gauge set marked Millers Falls Co. Greenfield Mass. Made in USA No. 9. The 3rd item is an ignition wrench very similar to the 5th wrench in the previous kit. The opening sizes are slightly different and it has 2 feeler blades one of which doubles as a screwdriver. It is marked BOSCH and may not be original to the kit. The 4th wrench is almost the same as the 6th wrench in the previous kit; however both blade thicknesses are thinner. The top blade is marked "For Steel Cam Distributor" and the bottom blade is marked "For Fibre Cam Distributor". On the back side it says "Use Both Blades for Spark Plug". There appears to be various designs of this tool as I have a bunch. I found a Packard Engineering drawing for one dated 14 Apr 1926 which changed the blade thickness and is marked "Spark Plug" on the top blade and "Steel Cam Distributor" on the bottom blade. Packard part number is 71029. The last item looks like a key on one end. It is marked "0.25 Gap Gauge for Champion Spark Plugs".

Ignition tools number 3 are some items that were collected individually and may have been part of a specific model car tool kit. First item is a North East contact adjusting wrench with feeler blades marked .02" and .03". It is part number 8181 and is used for all North East systems to the last. The 2nd wrench is marked "For Connecticut". The 3rd wrench is marked "For Splitdorf" on one side and "H.T. 0.020" on the other with one unmarked feeler blade. The 4th wrench is in mint condition and has no markings. The 5th wrench is similar to the 4th wrench above but differs in that the feeler blades are brass and say "Spark Plug Gap" and "Breaker Points". The 6th item is marked "Champion Spark Plug Tool" and has 6 feeler blades. Wrench 7 is marked "Eisemann" and has 2 feeler blades marked "Points" and "Spark Plug". It is part number 8785 and was used for Eisemann Magneto Ignition G4. Wrench 8 has no markings. Item 9 is shaped like a key and is marked ".014 Lucas .015". The end of the key is used as a screwdriver and it has one feeler blade. This item is used in various British car tool kits. Wrench 10 is the largest and has a feeler blade marked "Spark Plug Gap Gage .32". Next is an Ignition Plug Tool Tester. On the left side is a points gauge and file. On the right is a spark plug gauge and gapping tool. This item also has a neon bulb that will flash when the end marked "Sensor" is held near a spark plug wire. The round item on top is a Spark Plug Gapper that has a wedge around the circumference that can be used as a feeler blade. It is marked starting at .020 increasing to .100 on top. On the bottom it is marked 0.6 to 2.4 millimeters. I've had this for many years and never thought of it as vintage. I must be getting old.





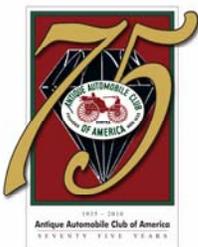
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Ham, sweet potato casserole, green beans, salad,
bread, dessert and ice tea

Program: Jack Hanbury

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

Regional Events

Please consult the club web site calendar
for upcoming events.

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