

July  
2009



Traveling in  
the Past  
and Present

Next Meeting  
July 14th, 2009

Old Auto Museum  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
General Meeting 6:45 pm

## Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

### Cars bring back memories in parade

By Merry Ann Frisby  
Jefferson County (from *The Tallahassee Democrat*)



The cry of "Batter up!" gets a baseball enthusiast's attention, and "Let's rumble!" is the shout that starts the roller derby bouts. Aah-ooga is a sound that gets an antique car enthusiast's blood boiling. There will be aah-oogas galore at this year's Jefferson County Watermelon Festival. Since 1978, the **Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America** members have been driving their antique cars to Monticello to participate in the Watermelon Parade. A local car enthusiast, Wally Bentley, got his first car from his grandmother "Hubba," when he graduated from high school. It was a 1950 Ford. The first night he owned the beauty, he was stopped by the police for drag racing on Highway 19 North. His father took away his keys and his license. This punishment was too late; his love of classic cars was born. Bentley's love of speed never diminished, even in classic cars. His wife, Carolyn Bentley Cheshire, recalls that he was drag racing a Model A pickup, again up Highway 19 North. When he reached 70 mph, she told him to

slow down or take her home. "He had a heavy foot until the day he died," Cheshire said. In November 2003, Bentley took his last antique car adventure. He and his wife hopped in their 1946 Ford and joined friends on a 3,600-mile journey. Sadly, he passed in 2004. In his memory, the Jefferson County Watermelon festival will host the 2nd annual **Wally Bentley Memorial Car Show** this Saturday. Cars represented, at the start, a new and different way to get around. A horseless carriage trumped a horse and carriage. After the Depression, cars became status symbols and riding the roads a favorite pastime. Many kids wriggled in church pews waiting excitedly for a Sunday drive with their families. In the 1950s and '60s, Americans had a full flush love affair with the automobile. Cruising replaced the Sunday drive. Bigger, more powerful cars fueled with cheap, free-flowing gasoline were the centerpiece of an entire pop culture. Automobile racing both in legal raceways and illegally on local drag strips excited a hip generation. Dudes got cool points based on their ride. Chicks dug it. So far, 20 dudes and chicks have registered to strut their cars in the Watermelon Parade, and another 50 to 60 antique cars will be on display downtown. Other traditional events featured in the 59th Jefferson County Watermelon Festival are a breakfast, arts show, musical entertainment, arts-and-crafts displays, children's theater and the featured parade. The parade streams in military cadence with the Albany Marine Band. The band will stay to perform on a platform as well. Vendors who have signed up this year include the largest wooden-toy maker in the Southeast, a weaver who is bringing her loom, hand-crafted wooden bowls, bonsai trees and magnetic jewelry. (Reprinted with permission)

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nan Brown
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- 17 Jack Gaskins
- 26 Paula Link
- 28 Kathy Andrews

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



## TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

## MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2009

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 47 members in attendance and five guests.

**Opening Prayer – Ed Shuler****Welcome: Richard Duley –**

Richard Duley greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He especially welcomed guests, Wayne & Jerri Smith, Buddy Boyett, Jason (friend of Peter Zulinke) and John Mottice (Jay's son).

**50/50 Drawing:** Believe it or not, our guest, Buddy Boyett won the 50/50!

**Committee Reports:****Treasurer- Carol Love**

Carol gave the report; details will be available from her.

**Sunshine- Shirley Moore & Sharon McEwan Palmer**

We are glad to see Jay & Kathy Mottice at the meeting along with their son, John.

**Tours- Bill O'Rourke/Bobby Hollingsworth**

Bill is planning a one day tour to Carrabelle and visit the World War II museum which focuses on Camp Gordon Johnson. The Camp was utilized as a major training facility leading up the invasion of Normandy. He is looking at July 18th.

**Announcements & Reports:**

1. Neal Davis gave a short discussion on modern day lubricants and their effect on old cars.
2. Nell Hollingsworth gave a report on the recent Quincy Gulf Station open house. It was well attended with probably 40+ cars visiting throughout the day.
3. Discussed the club's participation in this year's Monticello Watermelon Festival on June 20, 2009. Went over assignments and schedules.
4. Neal Davis reported on the Soap Box Derby event which will be held this Saturday. Need volunteers for parking control.
5. Ricky Harper reported on the 2nd Annual Ernie Sims Celebrity Car Show to be held on Sunday, July 2, 2009. It will be at the Tallahassee Auto Museum.
6. The Westminster Oaks car display was well attended by several car clubs; we had around 5 or 6 there.
7. Bill Thompson reported that the Club Newsletter is costing around \$50/month to mail out. He pointed out that the newsletter is available on our website and can be read there or printed out. At the present time, we have only around five members that do not have a computer but are mailing many more than that. From now on, we will be mailing only those that are necessary and hope that members with computers will take advantage of having it available on the web. In addition, he badly needs input from members to provide articles for publication. We know there are many stories available from our experiences with old cars.

**Old Business:**

Carol Love gave out some of the previously ordered blue club shirts and still has several still to be distributed. She will be taking orders for more.

**New Business:**

1. Richard told of being contacted by National to see if we would be interested in hosting a National Show in either 2010 or later. He will refer that to the Executive Board for deliberation and subsequent recommendation to the Club.

**Coming Events:**

1. Lunch every Friday around noon at the Quincy Gulf Station. Hot dogs will be available this Friday.
2. July 4th will be the new Antique Car Museum's First Anniversary Celebration.
3. June 20 is the Watermelon Festival and Car Show.
4. See our website calendar for more events. Click on "Club Calendar" [www.local.aaca.org/traaca](http://www.local.aaca.org/traaca) Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org).
5. Breakfast this Friday (and every Friday after the club meeting on the second Tuesday) at the Cracker Barrel beginning at 8:30 AM.

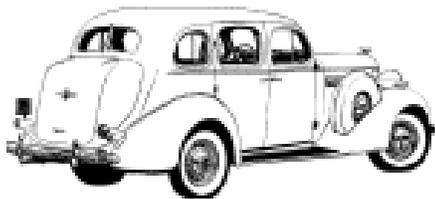
**Program:** Richard called on Bob Love

Bob walked us through the TRAACA web site item by item and discussed how to navigate through it. It was very informative and he offered to help anyone who is having trouble with it. Just contact him after working hours.

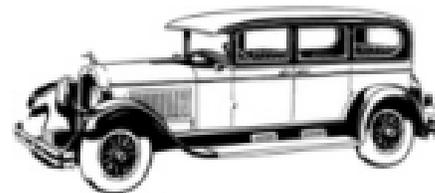
**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 beginning at 6:00 pm at the old car museum.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary



## Yesteryears Remember When?



From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee -

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### 30 Years Ago:

In a setting of beautiful flowers, on a wide veranda, the Club held its **June 7th, 1979** meeting at "The Trailers" park. Our hosts were Russ & Nancy Haines. We have had a formal invitation from the Monticello Watermelon Festival, which has been named the Watermelon Capital of the World. This will be their 29th annual festival, dedicated to the Armed Forces. There will be floats, bands, etc. For all those who can make it, meet at 8 am at Sambo's on Route 27 for breakfast then we tour to Monticello.

A HOT, Saturday afternoon **July 4th**—that's what it was—when a few of our members met at the spot allotted—that of the Tallahassee Federal Bank—to motor together to Wakulla Springs for our BIG BASH Celebration of our 10th year as a club. The sky darkened—the rains came and went— but upon arriving at the Springs, the sun was shining. We enjoyed the nice, leisurely afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gladys Bauer, Secretary

### 20 Years Ago:

Sixteen antique cars were displayed at the entrance to Albertsons on Apalachee Parkway, Saturday, **July 22, 1989** from 11 am to 3 pm. The event was the beginning of the 50th anniversary celebration for Albertsons, which will run for four weeks. AACA members were guests for lunch of fried chicken, grilled hot dogs and sausages, potato salad and salad bar, all you could eat, with free Pepsis throughout the display period. There were plenty of spectators and shoppers to view the cars and talk to various members near the cars on display. The weather was almost perfect for a July day, as it was relatively cool and pleasant with overcast skies, intermittent sun, and finally a rain shower which soon stopped. The Albertsons people were very pleased with the turn out, quality of antique cars and mention was made of a possible sponsorship for a full antique car show in the near future.

Bye for now, Sharon Heber

### 10 Years Ago:

Our **June** meeting was held June 12, 1999 at the home of Jesse and Betty Hickman in Madison. Although it rained most of the afternoon, 24 members and 4 guests enjoyed the cookout and fellowship of club members in the garage of the Hickman's home. It was also a celebration of Russ and Nancy Haines' 34th wedding anniversary. Also in June, Jay Mottice won First Place in the rookie class at the Great American Race in Anaheim, California with his 1931 Chrysler CM 6 Roadster.

Our **July** meeting was held at the Golden Corral Steak House and featured the program by Jay Mottice and his participation in the 1999 Great American Race. We enjoyed watching home video of various highlights during the race, including the awards banquet. After the meeting, everyone adjourned outdoors to see the 1931 Chrysler with all the race decals.

There was a good variety of cars at the **2009 Watermelon Festival** as well as a lively awards presentation at the end of the show





Here we go again.

Nose to the ground, Junkyard Dog, Fluffy and Billy B. Everyone says go west young man. Well we are old men and we went anyway. These electric maps are alright. Put in the address, follow what she says (just like at home) and the next thing you know you are there.

Where? Mr. Chester Williams Junk Yard. This yard we find is next door to his house. Chester is an 81 year old and has been in the junk business for a long time. After weaving through the garage and stuff out back we come to a 1951 Chevy two door fastback. This of course was one Chester's cars of long ago and we were told it would start and run. It did had two pipes out the back but, one was a dummy. Don't confuse this with Fluffy.

Also, We see a 1951 Chrysler coupe, a good solid car and it would run too. Further into the back there is a Buick Convertible about a 1967? This would need lots of TLC. Nell says that means takes lots of cash. Then there was a Caddy 2 door hardtop. Needs the same as above. A 1955 Ford Fairlane 4 door and a 1964 Mercury Comet. on the outside of the fence we find a 1962 Chevy 4 door and a very solid 1951 Dodge 4 door. you could maybe drive this car away.

We had a good visit with Chester. Found he had been a champion boxer in his day and he had newspaper clips and pictures to prove it. A great trip for the Dogs. More to come from this trip. Ever on the trail,

Fluffy

Needs TLC  
(Takes Lots of Cash)



This 1951 Chrysler Coupe is a very worthy project!

A solid 1951 Dodge four door that looks like it does not need much work and would make a nice cruiser for a member with grandkids!



### Things of Interest to the Hobby

#### *From "Driving Force" SEMA— the Specialty Equipment Market Association*

It seemed inevitable. In response to the economic tsunami, nations around the world have enacted **cash for clunkers** programs to help jump-start new car sales. The United States has now joined the crowd. But, there is good news. SEMA persuaded Congress to spare cars 25-years and older from the scrappage heap and expand parts recycling opportunities under the new law. Congress passed the controversial program in June. Consumers who voluntarily participate, will receive a voucher to help buy a new car in exchange for scrapping a less fuel-efficient vehicle. SEMA was able to ease the program's effects by convincing law makers to include a requirement that the trade-in vehicle be a model year 1984 or newer vehicle. This provision will help safeguard older vehicles that may possess 'historic or aesthetic value' and are irreplaceable to hobbyists as a source of restoration parts. The measure also allows all parts to be recycled except the engine. Lawmakers were convinced to permit the drive train to be recycled if the transmission, drive shaft or rear end are sold as separate parts. The cash for clunkers war had two battles. The first ended in mid-February when President Obama signed a clunker-free stimulus bill into law. For the previous two months, thousands of SAN members responded in force by deluging lawmakers with e-mails, faxes and phone calls in opposition to a scrappage program. The second battle began on March 30 when President Obama embraced the idea as part of a financial aid package to help a struggling auto industry. The signal was sent—when, and not if a scrappage program would be initiated. The SAN then focused its efforts on lessening the impact of the program on the hobbyist community.

**REMINDER:** Our club needs a committee with the interest and time to organize and assemble the club's paper records. The club history in newsletters and photos is recorded in large scrap books from the previous three decades up to 1990 and it is important for a committee to form and take on this task. We also need to establish a permanent, accessible storage place to keep our valuable club history. This would be an ideal project for some of our ladies who are good at organizing and producing a new scrap book for the club. This might also be a good opportunity for this "history committee" to get together to enjoy doing this project, getting to know each other better, and having refreshments at the host's home. *If we don't have a volunteer committee soon, there is a good chance that this information will get scattered and be lost for the future.* If you have some suggestions, please let us know your thoughts. We need to preserve the club's history on paper up to switching to electronic newsletters. It's not a huge task so please help us out. The club will fund all the materials.



## A Beautiful Find, That Once Was Mine (for humor only)

by Shirley McEwan Moore

Almost thirty-three years ago on August 26, 1976, DeVoe, our daughters, Katherine DeAnne and Tiffany Suesanne, and Waldo and my sister, Sharon's daughters, Gwendolyn Dell and Juanita Ann flew to Atlanta, GA and drove back in a newly acquired 1967 Mustang, turquoise with white convertible top. It was quite a memorable trip for these 4 young ladies back then—a trip in a plane at their ages, just for pleasure! As the crew arrived in Tallahassee, all four girls were excited at the adventures of the day; especially tales of how it began to rain and the windows were leaking around the ragtop. So they did experience damp clothing!

There are many memories of rides in this particular ragtop.

Plus the hilarious times when we experienced Rascal, the goat on the top of the car. And then the



first day of school each year as we rode to school in this precious little car.

Throughout the years a businessman, the late Mr. Nathaniel Dupont, who was a regular customer of our truck parts business, approached DeVoe about purchasing the turquoise ragtop that sat at the time in our garage at the business location. DeVoe began referring him to me saying, "You'll have to ask my wife—it's hers." Of course, I always declined his offers.

Around 1995, as adjoining property owners, DeVoe met Mr. Fred White. A few years later, unbeknownst to me, DeVoe had turned over the turquoise '67 Mustang to Fred. To this day, I can't understand how that happened; however, it is nice to see it up and running again! Possibly, I was vacationing, rearing grandchildren, etc. and the guys had time on their hands to think about that "stored" car.

A couple of times I have casually asked our friend Fred to sell the '67 Mustang back to me and he just smiles. Now he has replaced the ragtop so I probably couldn't meet his price! The rest of the story will come, if and when Fred once decides to give back the car I rightfully own! Chuckle, chuckle!

**NOTE TO FRED:** Would it be worth a 10-day motor home trip for me to take Linda away for the trade of the 1967 Mustang Convertible turquoise with white ragtop?

## Camp Gordon Johnson Tour

From William O'Rourke: We will meet Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am on the parking lot of Wall-Mart on Tennessee St and Capitol Circle. Depart at 9:00 am on secret route yet to be determined to Carrabelle. arriving around 11:00 am. We will proceed directly to the Camp Gordon Johnson Museum; they are expecting us. After the museum we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant. After lunch we return to Tallahassee

### Father's Day Funnies:

This is from "Dennis the Menace"

by Hank Ketcham

Dad: Check **THIS** out, sport! My first car!

Dennis: Cool!

Dad: My buddies and I would drive up and down main street every week end.

Dennis: What for?

Dad: Looking for Pretty Girls!

Dennis: YUCK! Did ya **FIND** any?

Dad: You **BET!** A tall, beautiful, intelligent **BLONDE!**

Dennis: Does **MOM** know?

## AACA Calendar of Events for 2009

**August 23-28** AAA Glidden Tour- Golden, Colorado Rocky Mountain Region  
**September 18** AACA Grand National Meet- Topeka, Kansas Topeka Region

**September 17-19** AACA Central Fall Meet- Topeka, Kansas, Topeka Region

**October 7-10** AACA Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, Pennsylvania Hershey Region

**November 5-7** AACA Western Fall Meet- LaQuinta, California Sun 'n Sand Region

## Collecting Vintage Tools by Craig McCollum

As I was restoring my 1956 Jaguar in the 1990's, I started to collect Jaguar tool kit items. They were expensive back then and I could only afford to buy 1 or 2 at a time. Last year I realized that I never completed the kit and so I have been buying tools ever since. Belle thinks I have become addicted to old tools and can't understand why I need more. Part of the answer is that it is logical to me that I should have a correct tool kit for each of my vehicles to include my motorcycle and tractor. Besides the collector value, I like to carry tools with me to fix/adjust stuff along the road as needed. Its also nice to display the tool kit and as a conversational item with folks that are interested in looking at my vehicles. Determining which items were included in each tool kit has turned out to be more difficult than I first thought. British car tools kits are fairly well documented where as a tool kit for my 1935 Plymouth has turned out to be quite elusive. If you can find an original parts list for your model, it will usually list the items; however, the mystery is who was the manufacture of the item and the size. If you own a Ford this is easy as most items have the Ford script. For other makes the parts list may only say "wrench". For example the 1935 Plymouth Parts book says "wrench No.1", "wrench No.2", and "adjustable wrench". To assemble a correct tool kit, the correct wrench sizes, correct markings and finish make all the difference. The Plymouth "experts" I've corresponded with so far have only confused the mystery as to what is correct. I've started a Plymouth kit, but I'm still in the research mode. Generally the older the vehicle the larger the variety of items included in the tool kit. Besides wrenches, there are screwdrivers, pliers, hammer, spark plug socket, oil can, jack, lug wrench, starting crank, feeler gauge, pressure gauge, tire irons, and tire pump that could make up the kit. Back in the day, cars had numerous mechanical problems to include flat tires that the owner had to fix on the side of the road. All of these tool were a necessity. The picture of the 1914-28 Dodge tool kit shows most but not all of the items determined to be correct. Missing is the canvas tool roll, jack, starting crank, and probably some other items. The Dodge Club has researched what was in the tool kits but again there is still some uncertainty. For example the Kimball jack they think came with Dodge cars and trucks during the period 1929 to 1950 is possibly correct for the earlier years as I found an ad dated 1919 that specifically identifies this jack. On the other hand the brass Bridgeport 2 cylinder tire pump appears to be correct as a picture of it is shown in the original Tools and Equipment list and I have found an ad for it dated 1920. In contrast, a smaller tool kit is shown for a 1955-66 Chevrolet. It has only 4 open end wrenches, an adjustable wrench, pliers, and a screwdriver. Not shown is the lug wrench and jack. This kit only has the basic tools indicating that the vehicle manufacturer doesn't expect many break downs or doesn't want the owner to think the vehicle is unreliable. Tools kits were not provided with Chevrolets after 1966. An example British tool kit is shown for a 1953-56 Austin Healey 100. Its actually a tool roll. Wrenches are called "spanners" and come in BSF (British Standard Fine) and W (Whitworth) sizes. The tool items can have different manufacturers depending on when the car was made. This can get a little complicated as each Austin Healey model based on body

numbers had different tool items. Also there were 2 supplemental tool kits for the later model cars that could be purchased at the dealer or even provided free as an incentive to buy the car. My Jaguar XK140 tool kit for 1955 - 57, line while not as extensive as the early Dodge kit, has a bunch of tools. Again its a tool roll and the owner is expected to be part mechanic. At the top left is a cam gauge used when positioning the cam in relation with TDC. Don't think I'll be doing this along side the road. In addition to BSF sizes, spanners come in AF (Across Flats) and SAE (Society Automotive Engineers) sizes. This kit also has tube spanners which perform the function that a modern socket wrench would. The tube spanner fits over a spark plug or bolt/nut and a tommy bar it pushed thru a hole in the tube and used a handle to turn the tube. The finish on most of these tools is Black Oxide created by dipping them in a chemical. A few tool kits can be found on E-bay. Prices vary from \$40 up to \$6K and usually track the going price of the vehicle. In other words high dollar cars have high dollar tool kits. If you do your research, visit a bunch of swap meets and spend a lot of time on E-bay, you could put together your own tool kit in just a few years.



**Dodge  
1914-28  
Tool Kit**



**Chevrolet  
1955-66 Tool  
Kit**



**Austin Healey  
100 Tool Kit**



Good Evening,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region. On August 29th, 2009 we will be hosting a Sock Hop at Goodwood Carriage House. 100% of the proceeds from this event will go towards supporting child care services for children in the Big Bend Region. The theme for our event is the 1950's. We would love to have classic cars on display at this event.

Ideally we would have between 6 and 12 cars on display. If your club would be interested in displaying your cars at this event, please respond to this e-mail.

Thank You,

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## Notes from the Editor's Desk

If you missed the Monticello Watermelon Festival car show, you would of seen the Tallahassee Region AACA at its best. The event was well organized and conducted throughout, and every thing seemed to work out as planned. We have some truly dedicated and energetic members who jumped in and made it fun for everyone. Norm Madsen printed the flyers and applications, Kedra Baumgardner organized and conducted the event, Craig McCollum procured about a dozen home grown giant watermelons to give out, as well as car related door prizes from local merchants, Richard Duley bought bottled water to sell, and other club members (you know who you are) did an outstanding job of doing registrations, manning the parking of vehicles, purchasing ice, bringing coolers, and on and on. Every member who came enjoyed the fellowship and fun we had getting "steamed" in the record heat wave. There must have been 60 vehicles there from Model As to street rods, with at least 10 in the parade. We can truly say that the club did this event right and Wally would have been proud. *Bill Thompson*



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ernie Sims Celebrity Car Show**  
**Tallahassee Auto Museum 3550 Mahan**  
**Sunday, July 12, 2009 10 am — 1:30 pm**

Open to all makes, eras, and classes of cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Registration is \$30 by mailing in your name, address, & vehicle info to **Ernie Sims Car Show, 1770 Newman Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32312** or on the web at **ErnieSims50.com** or you can also register starting at 9 am on-site the morning of the show for \$35.

Proceeds support the Big HITS Foundation for at risk youth

**Classes:** Pre war through WWII, 1949  
\* Greasers, 1950-1959 \* Bruisers 1960-1969 \* Muscle, 1970-1979 \* **Motor-head**, 1980-1992

The cool age, 1993-present. \* And Racers, all years representing cars campaigned any class, Drag, Road, Kart, Vintage, Modern, etc.

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**Automotive and accessory vendors are welcome**

## 2009 All American Soap Box Derby

This year marks the 72nd running of the Greatest Amateur Racing event in the world...The All American Soap Box Derby (AASBD). **Article by Patricia Evans**

Arriving at Summit East at 6am Saturday morning, June 13th, I looked around and expected to see children (and some adults) with frowns and yawns. Much to my surprise, not a single frown was in site. All I could see was the hustle and bustle of dedicated volunteers setting up safety barriers for the track, the timers which would determine which four children would be declared local champions and children with their families setting up tents which would help them keep cool for what was certainly going to be a hot day. Everyone I saw was smiling and greeting each other and offering assistance where ever it was needed. I was then reassured, this was certainly going to be a day filled with excitement and friendship.

As volunteers with the local Shriners, **Antique Auto Club**, local high school Key Club and associates from the office of Dr. Joe Miller joined our local derby families and finished putting the last minute touches together to make the day extra special for our local children, The morning started for our race participants with Tonya Asbell calling the drivers names to bring their cars out of the trailers from which they had been impounded after a safety inspection earlier in the week . The drivers then quickly headed over to see David Taylor at the scales to make sure their weight for the car had not drastically changed. The children with their cars then lined up on the hill so that Frank Feliciano could take the group picture of this years participants. (visit Franks website to see amazing race day pictures.

After the local derby director, Neal Davis, who is responsible for bringing this great event back to Tallahassee six years ago, led a quick drivers meeting to review the race day rules and Chris Stavres led everyone in a morning prayer....the races started. The temperature kept steadily climbing during the day, reaching close to 100 degrees, but that didn't damper the spirits of these competitive children. With spectators cheering the children on, they kept going for the gold. As some drivers were elimi-

nated from the field of competition, they joined the other spectators and continued cheering on their new found friends. As the race came to a finish, excitement didn't die down. The children all knew what was coming next: The awards banquet at the Shriners Club. After a relaxing BBQ dinner where families could sit down, bond and relive the days events, because of gracious donations from many local merchants and the hard work and organization of Tyce Grice, the children knew they were each getting a fantastic prize package for participating in the days event.

This was the most important race of the year for our area racers, ages 8-18. Winners of the four divisions (Stock, Super Stock, Masters and Super Kids) along with four local "rally race champions" will represent the Tallahassee Region Soap Box Derby Association at the All-American World Championship Race in Akron, Ohio on July 25th, 2009. This year our local drivers will join the field of racers in Akron which will number around 500 youth, representing over 40 states and 6 foreign countries. Stock: Taylor Byers, Super Stock: Nolan Kelly, Masters: Arryn Evans, Super Kids: Madison, Kelsie Moore, Summer Robinson, Sierra Robinson and Savanna Watson.





## Salvage Yards Slowly Disappearing by Jack Hanbury

The salvage yards history is presently changing and not good for the old car collectors. This is a short story of another trip that I have taken on the word of a friend and later the son of the salvage yard owner. I'll start at the beginning and bring you up to date on how this all came about.

Kathy and I took a vacation to our old hometown in 2005, Cradock, Va., in the Chesapeake area and I was visiting some old friends, with my brother, during this visit. WVN is the owner and operator of this truck stop and full service center who also likes old cars and Texaco memorabilia. He informed me, that one of his employee's father has a junkyard in Florida close to where I live. Getting the general location from WVN and 3rd party at that, it sounded like a yard that I had previously visited and I would call the yard and validate the owner's name. As time went by it turned out not to be the yard nor was I in the correct part of the state. This last visit, I was again asked about visiting this yard and I told WVN I needed to speak to his employee to get better directions. After a number of phone calls I did speak to Mr. Chester Williams who is enjoying his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and trying to retire from the yard he started in 1968. In our conversation he indicated he had retained about 20 cars that the crusher shouldn't have and someone could enjoy rebuilding.

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| '62 Chevrolet green Impala 2dr sdn | '51 Dodge Coronet blue 4dr         |
| '62 Chevrolet black Impala 4dr     | '50-51 Chevrolet tan 4dr           |
| '55 Ford Fairlane 4dr truck        | '60 Chevrolet GMC black            |
| '84 Ford F150 blue/red truck       | '72 Plymouth 2dr hdtp              |
| '51 Chevrolet 2dr fastback         | '51 Chrysler Windsor green 2dr cpe |
| '53 Chevrolet power glide 2dr sdn  | '64 Comet 2dr hdtp                 |
| '50 Buick 4dr sdn                  | '51 Chevrolet 2dr cpe              |
| '52 Chevrolet 4dr sdn              | '65 Buick Wildcat conv             |
| '59 Cadillac 2dr hdtp              | '46 Ford 4dr                       |
| '65 Chevrolet nova 4dr sdn         | '73 El Camino                      |

Mr. Williams and son are presently still collecting scrap metal, mostly aluminum and using their crusher, on site, to turn a truck load of cans into a 600lb block of crushed bailed aluminum for the market. With the price of metal skyrocketing a couple of years back, most old yards unloaded everything they could to cash in on the market. This left very few cars for the collector. I also notice that most of these owners have been in the business between 30 and 40 years and are presently looking for full retirement or a way out. If you think about it, most of them are vets who took up work after one of the wars working on cars or some business connected to cars. Selling parts and wheeling and dealing was a way to survive and after all, that's the name of the game. The above is a good example of a person having a full life with a lot of talent and raising a family with many adversities. It was a pleasure to talk with Mr. Williams about his time in the service and 1957 Golden Glove Title heavyweight champion as a boxer. The local paper has also acknowledged his life in the salvage business with a good story published on June 5, 1995. It can be seen posted on the wall in his garage as you walk in. His grandson Chester Williams the 3<sup>rd</sup> took the time to show us around and was as good to us as his granddad. You can't help but to have respect for this family. The cars are located at:

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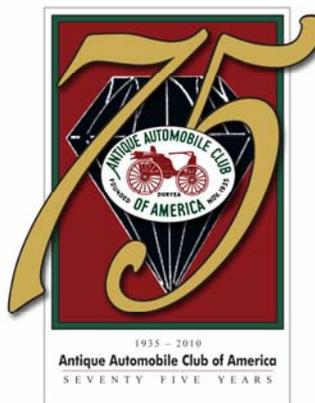
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## Next Meeting

at  
The Former Antique Auto Museum  
July 14, 2009  
6:00 p.m. for Dinner

### Menu:

Baked ham, baked potato salad, fresh veg, tossed  
salad, banana pudding and tea

### Program:

The speaker will be member of the Leon County Sheriffs  
Office. The topic will be "Car theft and prevention"

## 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

July 2009

- 4th** – 1st Anniversary Celebration for the  
Tallahassee Antique Auto Museum
- 12th**—2nd Annual Ernie Sims Celebrity Car  
Show, Tallahassee Auto Museum (see  
ad in this newsletter)
- 18th**—Camp Gordon Johnson Tour—details at  
the July meeting
- 25th**—ICA's Birmingham Collector Car Auction  
[www.icaauctions.com](http://www.icaauctions.com)

Check the Web Site Calendar if you have any  
further questions on what and when things are hap-  
pening in the club. If you know of anyone not having  
a computer or email, give them a call. I'm sure they  
would appreciate it! - Bob Love, Web Master

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