

June
2009



Traveling in
the Past
and Present

Next Meeting
Jun 9th, 2008

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

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A Day in the Sun

Shirley Mc Moore

As warm as I thought it would be I can truly say I was never uncomfortable at either event on Saturday. The Generation Day at Westminster Oaks gave us plenty of opportunities to sit with our cars or others, visit with all ages and watch, or even participate in some, cake walks, juggling, petting zoo, pony rides, bouncy room and the poochy parade. There was face painting and many lovely paintings done by the residents on display. There were an accomplished pianist, soloist, and the ever entertaining Don Rapp. He touched on balance which is very important for us at this stage in many of our lives. We had a good representation from our club and I believe Jay was super impressed with our turnout. It was nice to visit with Kathy and also their son John.

Hotdogs, chips, cotton candy, snow cones, soft drinks, water, and desserts were all very reasonably priced at 25 cents a ticket. Great day for all!

Apparently on the way to Westminster Oaks when my '73 Mustang Convertible cut off on me as I turned onto Dempsey Mayo Road from Miccosukee Road, it was a stuck float. By the time I reached my spot to park at W.O. my granddaughter, Sarah Layne and I were really smelling flooded. Two very kind gentlemen with beautiful red and blue mustangs, respectively, came to my rescue; checked under the hood, removed the carburetor (spelling?) cover, wiggled two "things" that possible had to do with the "float", and left it to sit. By noon when DeVoe came by, she started right up. When I left for home my thoughts were, "Do I drive her to the Gulf Station in Quincy, or would that be risky?" (continued on page 4)

To all TRAACA members:

I have been away for two weeks for our daughter's wedding and have not been able to prepare the June newsletter, but thankfully Bob Love has jumped in and helped me out by getting it done. This month we are going to send just a notice to every member that has email that the June CHASSEE is ready and you can go to the club web site as usual and read it there.

If you want a printed copy you can easily print one out on your own printer. Reading it on line is much easier and has better clarity and you can enlarge it as much as you want for easier reading. There will be no printed newsletter sent out this month due to my absence and the time factor of not being able to finishing it before the June meeting. There are several other reasons for trying this at this time as well.

When you think about this, it does not make any sense to print the newsletter and mail it to members who already have computers and email and can simply go to our club web site and read it on line. Anyone who wants a printed copy can simply print the newsletter out on their own printer. We will gladly print out just enough and mail newsletters to those who do not have computers or email, but the trend now for most car clubs is a totally electronic newsletter that is available on the club website. This has been verified by national AACA with more and more clubs going this route to save money, time and eliminate duplication.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Bill Thompson
Editor of the Chassee

June Birthdays

9 Pat Baxter
10 Jean O'Neal
12 Nelson Andrews
12 Nancy Thompson
18 Sheldon Brock
22 Judy O'Steen
25 Richard Snow
27 Richard Duncan
29 Mac McLendon

Happy
Birthday



TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2009

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 55 members and two guests present.

Opening Prayer – John Schanbacher

Welcome: Richard Duley – Richard Duley greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He introduced our two guests, Vicki Holley and Mike Byers. In addition, we welcomed Bob & Carolyn Grimes back. Bob works out of town and hasn't had much opportunity to come to meetings. In addition, we were glad to see Jay and Kathy Mottice at the meeting.

50/50 Drawing:

The winner was Richard Long.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer- Carol Love

Details are available from Carol.

Sunshine - Shirley Moore & Sharon Palmer

We mentioned several members that have health considerations. Keep the Link's, Densmore's and Mottice's in your prayers. We need to pay attention and notice when members miss meetings, contact them and inquire about them.

Tours- Bill O'Rourke/Bobby Hollingsworth

No tours are scheduled at this time.

Announcements & Reports:

Richard Duley and Bill O'Rourke told of the annual Cairo Great Southern Antique Car Rally. It was very well attended with around 150 cars for the Friday and Saturday festivities. Our Club again won the most attendees award with each car bringing home a pot-tered rose bush.

Coming Events:

May 15, 2009 - Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel 8:30 AM and Gulf Station around noon.

May 15, 2009 - Claire Bridge Altera Care Center

May 30, 2009 - Gulf Station open house all day.

June 13 Soap Box Derby Summit East-looking for boys & girls 8-17 years old to participate

June 20 Second Annual Monticello Watermelon Festival Open Car Show in memory of Wally Bentley

July 04, 2009 - Tallahassee Auto Museum Anniversary

Check the club calendar for events: <http://local.aaca.org/traaca/calendar/calendar.htm>

And also the National AACA website: www.aaca.org

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Carol Love presented a sample of a new club shirt, blue in color with logos on the front and back. Shirts will be \$18 and light weight jackets, \$20. It was decided to have Carol purchase shirts per received orders and have a few extras on hand. This will be a wash for the budget because the shirts will be purchased by the members.

Neal Davis on behalf of the Soap Box Derby organization has requested a sum of \$500 from the club. The Executive Board has recommended an amount of \$250. Richard Duley announced that he had contacted another organization and they agreed to contribute another \$250. After some discussion, it was decided that the club would donate \$250.

Program: Richard Duley introduced our guest, Tim Sarvis of Champion Chevrolet. Tim brought a 2010 Chevrolet Camaro for us to look at (not drive!). He told of its features including horse power ratings from 304 (V6) to 426 (V8). Impressive! In addition, he



gave out some door prizes. The Camaro was not one of them.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 09, 2009 beginning at 6:00 pm at the old car museum.

Respectfully submitted by:

John Schanbacher,

Secretary

MAKING THE MOST OF IT

By Bill Thompson

Nancy and I have been away from home for almost two weeks now as we finish up the details for our daughter's wedding last Saturday, May 30th in Rome, Georgia. They are away on their honeymoon while we do cat sitting duties this week and continue paying the bills!

I like to make the most of my opportunities while away from home and always look for any interesting old car related places to visit near where we are going to be. On this trip I found out about a unique auto sales place called Vintage Corvettes near Summerville, Georgia. It's not advertised except in the local Rome chamber of commerce brochure. I decided to look it up on a Sunday morning since I was in the close vicinity of Summerville.

Part of the fun of doing this exercise is what you can discover while searching for a place of interest. My GPS didn't even show a listing for this auto sales business in Summerville, so I had to do some detective work to find it. In my search I came across several antique vehicles that were for sale sitting right out on the road. You can't help but imagine what you could do with these hopeless old hunks of rusting metal, so I stopped and took pictures of them if for nothing else than a memory. My GPS didn't show the location of my destination, so I resorted to an old map of Georgia in my glove compartment, to try and figure out where this place was. As I was slowly driving along a side road and glancing at my map (something you should NEVER do) I suddenly saw blue lights flashing in my rear view mirror. Pulling over, a deputy was at my door in a flash and asked for my driver's license. He noticed the map and asked if I had been reading it while driving and I had to sheepishly admit that I was. He had pulled me over thinking I might be drunk by "weaving a bit" (on a Sunday morning no less!). After checking my insurance card and calling in my I.D., he asked where I was trying to go. I told him about the Vintage Corvettes and he immediately knew about it and offered me directions. Turns out he was a Corvette guy himself and had a '69 at home, so that made a huge difference. After directions, he told me to "buckle up" and sent me on my way. Whew! Sure pays to be courteous and sober. I soon realized this place was way out in the country on a private property but well worth the search. It was probably 15 miles West of Summerville which was why my GPS didn't find it with my input into the device. I drove onto the property that had a long driveway up to a very nice residence, and down



a hill sat a large building that housed the Corvettes. The wife of the owner appeared and I called out that I was hoping to see the Corvettes. She was understanding and called her husband on her cell phone. Greg Wyatt then arrived within 10 minutes and was genuinely friendly and very hospitable to me for driving up unannounced. I apologized for my boldness, but he spent a full hour showing me his collection of 21 immaculate vintage Corvettes, and even two restored antique airplanes he flew in on and out of his property. He was a self made millionaire who had been buying, restoring and selling vintage Corvettes for over 30 years. He knew J.C. O'Steen from our club, who is



also a Corvette expert, and we discussed many facets of owning and enjoying old Corvettes. The moral of my story is: don't give up on your search for old iron (or plexi-glass in this case) when you are traveling. You might just find a great collection of vintage cars, make a friend and set the stage for some interesting and good times down the road.



Well, all the way to Thornton Road she ran like a top and purred like a kitten. So this time another granddaughter, Hannah Kate and myself reloaded, picked up my sister Sharon and her granddaughter, Gwennie and headed for Quincy. We all enjoyed the ride. The girls both enjoyed learning from Mrs. Cheryl Bartell how to decorate blown eggs. It was very nice to visit with those present and just relax for a little while.

Bobby, Nell and Jack Hanbury all dressed the part well as they entertained us and made sure everyone felt welcome.

My day was complete with a trip to Hosford in the Smart car for DeVoe and I to enjoy a home-cooked country meal with our daughter Tiffany, son-in-law Russell and their children Isaac Mc and GraceAnne. M.m.m Good!

Shirley

Jay and Kathy Mottice and one of Jay's favorite rides, A 1931 Chrysler CM6 Roadster which has seen several cross-country "Great Races".



Bob Brown and his neat 39 Plymouth Convertible alongside Jim Tyson's 31 Ford Deluxe Tudor.

Relatives and friends of Westminster Oaks residents toured the old cars.



Quite a line-up of great cars from classics to street rods and retro rides.



Nell Hollingsworth working the clientele.



The usual great line-up at the Gulf Station.



Convertible weather for sure!



Everybody's welcome at the Gulf Station!



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

The 47 Plymouth was for sale on side of the road but no one around to get data from. Look very solid and drivable. The yard of old cars is in Moyock, NC on highway to the outter banks from Va Beach, VA. Had to stop and check the old iron. Cars are for sale and owner also builds and restores all style of cars. He is into more muscle cars and street rods than stock. www.moyockmuscle.com is web. I talked to Lucky cell# 757-544-0964 welcomes any customers and he let me have free walk around in yard and bldgs. More cars than pictures send. Fluffy was not on the vacation trip, but will be in next yard visit coming up.

Junkyd Dog



ONE YEAR CELEBRATION

**Saturday July 4, 2009
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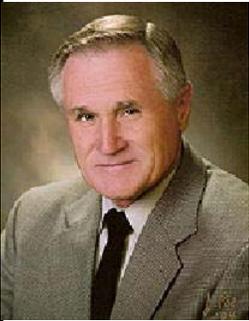
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How Do We Attract New and Younger Members?

by Hulon McCraw
VP, National Activities

This question keeps coming up at our membership roundtable meetings at almost every event. Everyone recognizes the problem. Our club is aging the members are growing tired and lack the desire to be as active as they were years ago, sound familiar?

Bearing this in mind Region/Chapters have to relate to themselves as small businesses. As with any business customers come and go, it's like a revolving door. There will always be some leaving for one reason or another. Therefore we have to offer good value to the customer to keep them coming in the door. With that in mind ask yourself what value is there to meeting once a month having dinner and going home.

Let me share with you some success stories of how Regions/Chapters have attracted new and younger members. Keep in mind there is no one formula fits all for this solution. You keep trying different techniques until you find the one that serves your Region/Chapter best. Remember the solution has to incorporate good value for the customer.

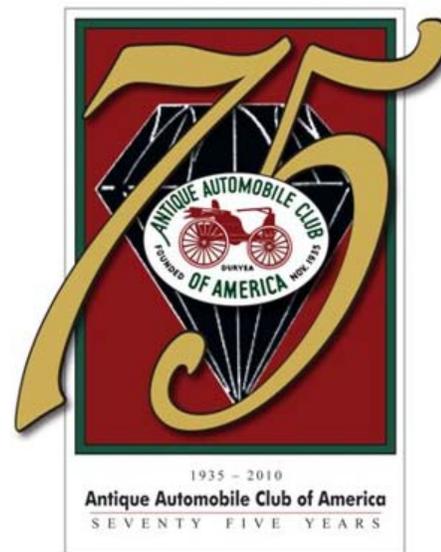
Two years ago a Central Division Region choose to host a National Meet. Their Region was small and they determined they would need additional help from the community to accomplish the task. They took out an advertisement in the local newspaper asking for volunteers to help them host the National AACA Meet. The first meeting produced 10-12 volunteers. As time went on there were more volunteers than Region members. By the end of the National Meet their membership had doubled. The volunteers made friendships and memories for a lifetime. They saw the value in becoming a member.

Last year an Eastern Division Region shared this story. They arranged with the local Middle School to bring some old cars out each month to share with the students. Turns out the students went home telling their parents about the old cars. Thus sparking there interest and resulted in some new and younger members including the student member. Antique cars attract attention. While traveling across country last year with a 1965 Barracuda in tow to a meet in Hastings, NE and the following week a Tour in Minot, ND we met several folks admiring the car. Some of them had antique vehicles but hadn't heard of AACA. Needless to say they didn't leave with our brochure and application in hand.

While on the Western Divisional Tour this year the following story was told about their small Region. Four years ago the Region had dwindled to ten or twelve members. None were active due to their age and lack of interest. A gentleman who is now their Activity Chairman retired to area. He found the Region stagnant and inactive. He began driving one of his antique vehicles each day and because of it the membership began to grow. Later another member began driving his antique vehicle each day and four years later the club is 70 members strong. Three days touring produced four new members for the Region.

The value offered has to be appealing to our customers. Younger members are seeking fun family things to do. Jump in the old car tour to a popular location where there is something of interest for all ages. While others may be content on making an ice cream run or doing a junk yard tour. The master key to the solution is activity. Activities with antique vehicles involved will draw attention and a crowd. Among them you will find the new and younger members needed for a successful Region/Chapter.

Now's the time to get active, dust off the winter and spring into action. You will be amazed by the results.



In 2010, AACA will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. It seems appropriate for us to celebrate; we have come a long way since our beginning. AACA was founded on November 4, 1935 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when fourteen men (and the wife of one) gathered in the auditorium of the Automobile Club of Philadelphia to start a club that now has membership near 60,000 and maintains the greatest activities, programs and benefits than any other antique automobile club in the hobby.

Go to <http://www.aaca75.org/> to learn more.



Less familiar and/or new wheels in the TRAACA Family



Norm Madsen's 1922 Ford Runabout



Nelson & Kathy Andrews' 1946 Cadillac



John Well's 1931 Ford Model A Pickup



Robert Critchlow's 1950 Ford Coupe



Jack & Barbara Herzog's 1966 Buick Skylark Convertible



Bill & Judy Brundyge's 1955 Mercury Monterey



Obin & Marilyn Hamrick's 1973 Triumph Stag MK II



Bill & Peggy O'Rourke's 1959 Chevrolet



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Next Meeting

at
The Former Antique Auto Museum
Jun 9, 2008
6:00 p.m. for Dinner

Menu

Bar-B-Q, slaw
baked beans, potato salad
sliced tomatoes
ice cream

Program:

Discussion of the Watermelon Festival
Car Show

Monthly Cruise-Ins

Sonic/Hardees on North Monroe
1st Saturday each Month
(just north of Capital Circle)

Thomasville Road What-A-Burger Drive-In
2nd Sat—Ford & Chevy Clubs
3rd Sat—Corvette Club
Last Sat—Street Rod Club

Crawfordville Hardees Drive-In
2nd Saturday each Month

National and Regional Events

June 2009

20th— Monticello Watermelon Festival
Open Car Show 10am—2pm

11-13 - Southeastern Special Spring Meet -
Lebanon, TN.
Hosted by Middle Tennessee Region

October

7-10 Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA.
Hosted by AACA Hershey Region

26-30 Vintage Tour - Fuquay-Varina, NC.
Hosted by AACA Brass-Nickel
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