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2009

Tallahassee Chassee

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Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting

November 14th, 2009
125 Sugarmill Way, Havana
Chili Lunch 12:00 pm
Auction 1:00 pm

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2009 Perry Forest Festival Show Re-visited by TRAACA

We had eight cars in the Forest Festival Parade and another two cars at the fairgrounds for the car show. We all enjoyed the parade and eating that "free" fish fry lunch. The weather was absolutely beautiful. Not one rain drop! Our club won an award for having the most members of a club participating. We counted Ruben even though he had some pioneer outfit on.....

Another great event! Free food, no rain and a great day of relaxing under the pine tree's of Perry, Florida. (Submitted by Richard Duley)



John Wells & Tom Lyle wait for the parade to start (above) along with Bill & Peggy O'Rourke (below)



Paula Link waits in their '57 Ford



Kedra Baumgardner, friend & Peter Zulinski smile for the camera (below)



Lois Duley and Ruben Plachy in his Pioneer outfit



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 18 Judy Brundydge
- 1 Katie Hart
- 21 Karen Long
- 23 Tom Lyle
- 19 Craig McCollum
- 26 Belle McCollum
- 9 Shirley Moore
- 2 Sharon Palmer
- 24 Reuben Plachy
- 24 Glenda Schanbacher
- 6 Dan Stallings
- 8 David Taylor
- 2 Jim Wynn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA
MEETING MINUTES**

October 13, 2009

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)

There were approximately 48 members in attendance. (I forgot to count)

Opening Prayer – Richard Duley

Welcome: Richard Duley – Richard Duley greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance. There were no guests at the meeting.

50/50 Drawing: Sue was not at the meeting so there was no 50/50 drawing

Committee Reports:

Treasurer- Carol Love

No additions or subtractions have been made this month.

Sunshine

Shirley Moore said the only one she knew that wasn't feeling well was her sister, Sharon.

Tours- Bill O'Rourke/Bobby Hollingsworth The tour to Perry for the Forest Festival will be on October 24. We will meet at the Wal-Mart on Apalachee Pkwy. At 7:30 am and leave at 8 am. The parade starts at 10 am. There is no charge if your car isn't being judged. Lunch is free, but bring your own drink. There is a Gaslight Parade Friday night from 6 to 7 pm.

Coming Events:

Oct. 16-8:30 am Cracker Barrel

Oct. 16 Quincy Gulf Station

Oct. 17-Soap Box Derby Summitt East looking for boys & girls 8-17 years old to participate

Oct. 30-2 pm FSU Homecoming Parade

Nov. 14-12 noon Auction and Chili at Peggy and Bill O'Rourke's

Dec. 8 Christmas pot luck and \$10 gift exchange

Dec. 12 Havana Lawn Mower Parade

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:

There was an All Club Event at the new Car Museum, but the club was not aware of it

New Business:

It is time to recommend new Club Officers and Board Members. We have our own domain and website. The address is TRAACA.org. This will be our only site as of Nov. 1. Bob Love can provide us with email addresses. Let him know if you are interested.

National dues are due by January 01, 2010. Get them in as soon as possible.

We are looking for ideas to adopt a family or help an organization at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Kedra said Elder Care needs help at Thanksgiving and Lois said Big Bend Hospice collects Christmas gifts for patients and their families.

Neal Davis said Powder Coater in Quincy is moving to Tallahassee on Woodville Highway. They are now a dealer for Vintage Air.

Bob and Carol Love have a few more club shirts and jackets available for purchase.

Program:

Club member Craig McCollum demonstrated Antique and Vintage Automobile Tools. Craig said that Eastwood offers free shipping to AACA club members. Russ Haines added 3 points to last month's program on towing:

1. Lock trailer on ball before loading
2. Latch the coupler with a bolt or pin
3. If using a pipe with a chain, use bolt and washers to bolt the chain to the vehicle

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 beginning at 12:00 pm at the O'Rourke's.

This is our annual get together for Chili and an auction to raise funds for the club. Bring a dish or dessert and items for the auction.

Please note that the 2010 dues are due on January 01, 2010. After February 01, 2010, the cost increases from \$20 to \$30.

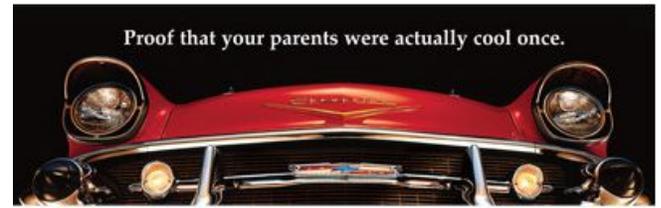
Respectfully submitted by:Lois Duley for John Schanbacher (Many thanks to Lois Duley who did the minutes in my absence.—John)



A message from RICHARD DULY, President of TRAACA

Our club is at a critical crossroads. We are trying to recruit new club officers for next year. Many of our current officers have served for many years and it is time for them to take a much needed break. I have agreed to be President for other year. So, that is one office filled if I am elected. However, we need more people to step forward and serve the club. Our club is by far the best club in Tallahassee. Please consider volunteering to serve our club as an officer next year. If no one wants to serve, we may not have the club we have come to expect and enjoy.

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30 Years Ago:

Although it's been nearly one month since October 19 & 20 and the Perry Forest Festival and Antique Car Show, fond memories live on in the hearts and minds of those who were there. The GREAT poolside party, the gaslight parade on Friday night, the Saturday morning parade, and the free fish fry, the many arts & Crafts shows and booths, the marathon runners proudly wearing their newly won T-shirts, the parachute jumpers, and the beautiful line-up of antique cars... you name it...it was there. What a grand time we had, and we hereby give a huge thank you to everyone who was present and made it such a fun success!! To any of you who contributed in any way, thank you. We couldn't have made it as fine as it was without each of you who helped!

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys Bauer, Secretary

20 Years Ago:

For the past several years, the Perry Forest Festival has been blessed with almost perfect weather and 1989 was no exception. Because of the weather and the increasing popularity of the festival, thousands of people converged on Perry to enjoy the festivities. Old car enthusiasts were well represented in the throngs of people and we had a very successful show. Saturday morning dawned to be a gorgeous day. Following the Forest Festival parade which included our antique and special interest cars, 46 vehicles from as far as 160 miles away gathered at the festival grounds for close-up viewing by the public. There was a tremendous variety of automobiles from Model T Fords to Corvettes to vintage sports cars. The display and running of several old engines set up by Russ Haines and Melville Womble was also a popular attraction. Some of the clubs visiting the event included Albany, Tifton, Ft. Walton & Palatka.

Bye for now, Sharon Heber

10 Years Ago:

Riddle: How do you get Tallahassee Region AACA members to show up? (Answer: Serve Chili and have a fun auction!) Actually, there was much more than just Chili served: delicious covered dishes, drinks and desserts were included. On Sunday afternoon, November 21st starting at the revised time of 1 pm, about 30 members came to enjoy the food and fun at the Heber's farm in Whigham, Georgia. Once again, Carol Rainey did her magic as the auctioneer, and raised a record amount of funds for our club. (If you want to know the amount, come to the Christmas banquet to find out). Many thanks, Carol for a great job. The bidding warmed up right after the rain started and the auction was moved under the car port. As usual, many bargains were there for the bidding, and everyone had a great time. Special thanks to John and Sharon for sharing their place with the club for this popular annual event.

Bill Thompson, Editor



Things of Interest to the Hobby

Ed Shuler wanted to share these photos that belong to Ted and Sharon Forbes who live in Sook B.C. which is on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. These are great examples of those famous Continental Kits!

From your Reporters in the field:

Ramblings and Rovings of Junkyard Dog & Fluffy

Here we go again. Back to the past. We made another trip over to see Lamar. This time to the #2 Junk Yard. On our first trip we found a 1959 Chevy 4-door hardtop like the one that Bill O' has and he needed a few parts. So, thinking this may be the place to find some stuff he would like to have, we went back. So, maybe he could buy the few parts or maybe the whole car. Well, this did not happen and we came back with nothing. I am sure this has happened to most of us at one time or another. This yard at one time must have had hundred's of car's in it and now it is down to a few. There were a few Mercurys, A GMC truck and 1960 T-Bird, Lincoln, and some old Ford Truck's and a gaggle of other makes and models. On the way back we came across a place called Bembr'y's and this is a place where we think you could find some parts for your 1956, 1957 Chevy. I think we have a few pictures.. This place was not open so we did not get to go inside. Don P. will probably have to make this stop one day. I got to go now, I think I have some rust up my nose. This is not good for sniffing out old stuff. Fluffy

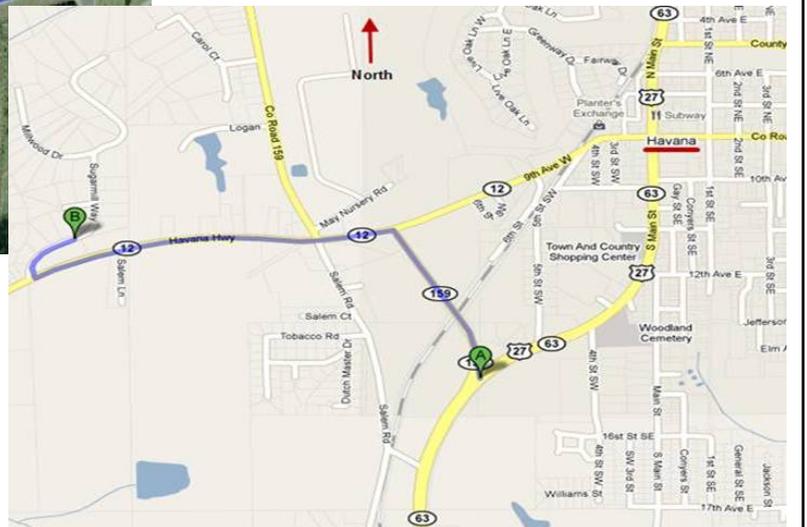




It's Chili & Auction Time! Saturday: 11/14/09

We won't be having our regular monthly meeting the second Tuesday of the month this month. Instead we are having our **annual Chili & Auction event** at the home of Bill and Peggy O'Rourke in Gadsden County on Saturday, November 14th **starting at Noon**. Members are asked to bring chili to share, or a covered dish suitable for a chili lunch. The club provides the soft drinks. You are welcome to bring a dessert also. The second most important item besides FOOD, is auction items for bidding. Please bring items that can be carried off, car related if possible, and bring cash or your check book. All money collected goes toward club and community projects during the coming year.

One of our members Kedra Baumgardner has asked that we use the dinner/auction as an opportunity to collect food for **Elder Care Services** as one of our club's first community projects. Elder Care Services has a food closet that they try to maintain all year round. Once a week, elders in need are able to come in and help themselves. In addition, at Thanksgiving they collect "baskets" that contain a whole Thanksgiving meal that can be delivered. The basket is really just a grocery bag that contains canned or other easily prepared foods such as: canned ham, canned yams, canned vegetables, canned cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, Jello or pudding mix, cookies, crackers, etc. If you'd like to contribute, any of these items would help: Bring any food items you'd like to donate to the food closet. Bring any food items you'd like to include in a Thanksgiving basket. Bring a completed Thanksgiving basket (bag with a complete meal already inside). You can even add a card, decorate the bag or add anything else you want! Bring cash to donate. (I'll use it to buy food items to complete more baskets.) This is our opportunity to socialize, enjoy good food, pick up some bargains and help out our club and community. **DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy. 27 coming South from Havana, turn onto S.R. 12 (Havana Hwy.) headed West until Sugarmill Way. From Hwy. 27 North, turn onto 159 to S.R. 12, then left to Sugarmill Way.



Collecting Vintage Tools V, Starting Cranks

by Craig McCollum

Hand cranks were used to start engines prior to electric starters and were supplied with cars as late as the 1940's. I recently read some letters to the editor of some publication where there was a discussion on what was the last car to have a hand crank. Unfortunately I can't remember if there was any agreement on what car that was. One of the perils of using a hand crank was injury if the engine fired before reaching top center. This could cause the engine to rotate in reverse it and possibly sprained or broken bones. Since my first car (1926 Star) required lots of hand cranking, I developed my own starting technique.

First the emergency brake is set and the transmission put in neutral. I've heard of jacking one rear wheel up and leaving the transmission in gear to get a "flywheel" effect of more rotating mass, but I wouldn't recommend it. Next I would manually retard the spark lever all the way in order to reduce the chance of firing a cylinder too early. I set the gas lever part way so that the idle speed would be enough to keep a cold engine running. I also set the choke if the engine was cold. Although I am left handed, I held the crank handle with my right hand so that my thumb was on the same side of the handle as my 4 fingers so that my hand formed a cup. This was a safety precaution so that any backward movement of the crank would pop the handle out of my hand and not catch my thumb. The crank was then inserted and the engine and turned clockwise so that the handle was just past the down position and starting on the way up. This is the time to turn on the ignition. If I was lucky all I had to do was pull up and the engine started. If not I had to carefully and slowly rotate the engine to get the crank just past the down position and pull up again. If it started, the crank is pushed out when the engine speed exceeds the crank speed preventing the crank from being rotating by the engine since the engaging pin at the end of the crank only locks to the front of the crankshaft in the clockwise direction. Now its possible to continuously rotate a hard starting engine if it doesn't have much compression, but you risk injury if you push down on the crank since the crank could push back up and not pop out of your hand as it would when you pull up.

Even if you had an electric starter, the hand crank comes in handy when the battery is low. You can also use it for tune ups, troubleshooting and repairs. With a hand crank you can rotate the engine slow enough to set the ignition timing or set the valves. You can also identify certain problems as the engine is slowly turned as well as remove/install the fan belt.

The first picture shows a hand crank for a Farmall tractor at the top. The color is Farmall red. Its also long to reach thru the radiator shroud and under the radiator. It was probably used all the time in the 1930's, 40's and 50's as farmers may not have had a battery due to the cost of a battery and battery maintenance problems. The battery was actually a luxury as its only use was for starting and lights which were optional. A magneto provided ignition. The ignition switch on the tractor was not connected to the battery as it stopped the engine by grounding out the magneto points. Below the Farmall crank is crank that fits 1920's Dodge cars/trucks. Just below the word "Dodge" is a small picture from the Dodge Master Parts List that shows this crank with part number L4997. The crank is unique in that the handle has square drive to fit a plug possibly in the rear end. It also does not have an engaging pin on the engine end of the shaft, instead it has a one-way locking collar similar to the front of the crankshaft for any other engine that mates to a pin in the end of the starting crank.

The next picture shows a starting crank for any early V8 Ford 1932-1940. The handle end of the crank has a socket that can be used as a lug wrench for removing/installing wheels. The other end has a deep 4 sided tapered socket in which the engine engaging shaft can be inserted. Shown are both a long and a short shaft with engine engaging pins. Since I'm not a Ford expert I don't know which years used which shaft length. Reason for the 2 piece crank arrangement is 2 fold. First if it was long like the Farmall crank it would be difficult to use as a lug wrench and second it would be more difficult to store in the car.

I didn't include a picture of the starting crank for my 1935 Plymouth as it looks identical to the Ford crank with the long shaft. I have used the crank many times except for starting as it is nearly impossible to pull up on the crank with enough force to spin the engine. One of us is too old.





From National AACA

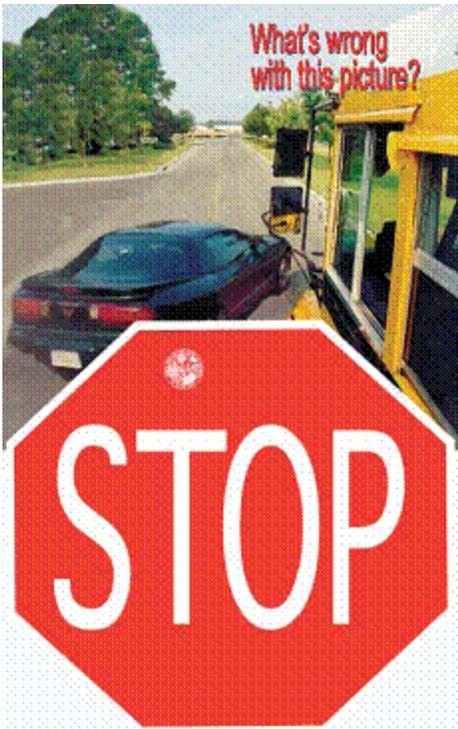
If you have never been to a national AACA meet to show your vehicle, here's the information for you...

National Meets are held every year throughout the country by the AACA. These are held on a divisional basis with Spring and Fall National Meets in the Eastern, Southeastern, Central, and Western Divisions. A new Winter Meet has recently been authorized by the National Board and is held annually. National Meets are organized and run by the local regions. Pre-Registration for any National Activity is required. Use the "Activity Request" printed on the address sheet inside the plastic wrap of your Antique Automobile Magazine to request information and registration materials for any national activity's you are interested in attending. You may also use online registration. You must print the registration form and mail it with your check to the registration chairperson of the event. Many host Regions and Chapters also have individual web sites that will contain additional details. However, you are advised to consult printed registration materials when received for up to date information regarding date, location, and accommodations, etc.

Notes from the Editor's Desk

I would like to begin training any member of our club to learn how to produce the *Chassee*. Its a good opportunity to learn some new technology and to compete with other clubs in AACA for awards and recognition for your work. I have been doing this off and on over a long time now and would like to pass on my experience to someone who would be interested in learning how it is done. My work schedule is getting heavier and the newsletter takes several hours to produce when you can get to it towards the end of the month. We have had some excellent Chassee editors in the past and our newsletter has won numerous awards. Bob Love brought it into the 21st Century with new software that makes it soooo much easier than the old days of cutting and pasting, literally with glue and scissors. During Bob's five years of production, he continued the tradition of calling on our members to submit materials to the newsletter and I have been fortunate to have some of our members to continue the tradition. Let me know if you want to learn something new.

Bill Thompson



Here is a reminder about the illegality of passing a stopped school bus for drivers:

In a 180-day school year, it is estimated that there are almost two million illegal "pass-bys" of Florida school buses, each representing the possibility of tragic injuries or fatalities to students.

Florida Motor Vehicle Laws require that motorists stop upon approaching any school bus which has its stop signs extended.

Motorists must stop when a school bus is stopped and displaying its stop signals and may only proceed when the bus stop signal is withdrawn and begins moving forward.

There are serious fines associated with failure to stop for a stopped school bus with its STOP sign extended (\$100) and for passing a stopped school bus with its STOP sign (\$200), plus additional fines and court costs, and 4 points on your driving record.

Please remain alert throughout the school year and remember, the inconvenience of an extra few seconds spent waiting for a stopped school bus is insignificant compared to the loss of a child's life.



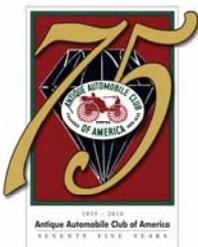
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Menu:

Chili with tossed salad, bread, cookies, tea, sodas

Program:

Auction of member's stuff for everyone to bid on

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

November 20th—22nd

Moultrie, Georgia swap meet and car corral at Spence Field.

Please consult the club web site calendar for upcoming events.

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