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2005

Tallahassee Chassee



Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
February 8, 2005

Forest Heights
Baptist Church
Dinner 6:00 pm
General Meeting 7:00 pm

The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

View from the Driver's Seat "Time Travel and the Car Hobby"



Before

Some of you may remember the Julius Verne classic, "The Time Machine" or seen the movie of the same title. If not, the movie "Back To The Future" is sure to evoke fantasies of time travel.

What does this have to do with our car hobby? Simply this: short of being able to actually travel back in time (I'm not holding my breath!), driving a restored vintage machine of our youth is about as close as we can get to time travel.

Several years again after my Dad passed away; I was going through lots of "stuff" in the basement of his house and came across my Dad's very rusted 1947 Whizzer motorbike. My first inclination was to throw it out, but fortunately, I thought better of that idea and decided to restore it. Soon after the restoration was completed, I took it out for a spin. What an unbelievable experience! The sounds of the motor (loud!), the vibrations through the handlebars, and

the wind in my face – instantly I was back in 1953, six years old riding on the gas tank and holding on to the center of the handlebars. Then, just as suddenly, it was 1963 and I was 16, driving the Whizzer up and down the streets of Malvern, Pennsylvania (the town where I grew up). My Whizzer motorbike was no less a time machine than the DeLorean sports car in "Back To The Future".

Our 250 year old grandfather clock, and antique furniture handed down from past generations, as valuable as these treasure are, they just don't have the ability to transport you to another time, the way that an antique car or motorcycle can.

Next time you take your classic car out for a ride, ask one of your friends if they'd like to travel back in time with you and take them for a



After

ride in your time machine. You (and they) will be glad you did! You may even inspire them to become part of the car hobby, and who knows, they may even want to join our club.

Gary Edwards

Editor's Note:

Thanks Gary. This is the first installment in a regular column by our club president. Hopefully he will inspire others in the club to contribute articles that may entertain, inform or even instruct fellow car hobbyists. So how about it, folks? Send 'em in!

Bob

p.s.:

Carol and I will be traveling soon to the snowy northlands (brrrr!) to attend the 69th Annual AACA Meeting in Philadelphia, PA and to accept the award on behalf of the club for the Web Site being chosen for another "Award of Excellence". Oh, and to receive a "Master Webmaster Award" for yours truly.

Signs Along the Way



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February Sweethearts

- 5- Wayne Hadden
- 9- Russ Haines
- 13- Tommy Sykes
- 23- Carolyn Grimes
- 24- Pat Thomas
- 26- Carol Rainey
- 27- Betty Edwards

Happy
Birthday

**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA****MEETING MINUTES**

January 11, 2005

Forest Heights Baptist Church

Present were approximately 34 members and four guests. The guests were Don Pumphrey, Jay & Ron Tyler and Terry McDonald.

Prayer – Dan Rainey

Treasurer's Report - Mabel Duncan gave the report. Details are available from the Treasurer.

Sunshine Committee Report -

The following club members have considerations, please remember them, keep them in your prayers and stay in touch with them:

Elizabeth Tyler	Laurianne and Jack Graham
Dorothy Campbell	Dawn Madsen
Ruth Barker	John Plott
Bill Stucky	Tom Link
Sharon Lyle	Kathy Mottice's sister
Joe Cox	Carolyn Bentley

There surely are others who have problems. Let Glenda, Carol Rainey or any of the officers know of needs.

New & Old Business -

1. The 50/50 drawing was held with Andy Mohney the winner. Each year at Christmas time the proceeds will be given to a charity as voted on by the club members. 2004's proceeds were sent to the Lighthouse Children's Home.

2. Again, the Officers for 2005 are:

President -	Gary Edwards
Vice President -	Andy Mohney
Secretary -	John Schanbacher
Treasurer -	Mabel Duncan
Newsletter Editor/Webmaster -	Bob Love

3. Carol Rainey announced that some club logo shirts are still available, see or call her.

4. We still are soliciting membership applications for 2005. Renewals are \$20/couple, \$25 after March 1, 2005. We need new applications from each member in order to keep our records up to date. Forms are available on our web site www.aaca.org/traaca/index.htm click on "About the Club". Also be sure to renew your National AACA membership!



5. We have been invited as a club to "run" this year's University Chevrolet's fourth annual open car show. This would involve coordinating the show including activities such as advertising, show field set up, budget/fee collections, judging, goody bags etc. etc. Concessions and entertainment would not be part of the responsibilities. The club could stand to have a financial gain by doing this. The show probably would be held sometime in May.

Unfortunately, University Chevrolet needs to know if we would take on the responsibility by the end of the month prior to our next scheduled meeting. It was decided to have an Executive Board meeting ASAP to discuss this and make a recommendation to the club for a vote. The vote would be taken via E-Mails to those who have the capability and phone for those who don't.

6. Neal Davis mentioned our past involvement in the Soap Box Derby and asked if the club would be interested in a deeper involvement in this year's activity. This item will also be discussed in the Executive Board meeting noted in item #5.



7. We learned after the meeting our web site has been awarded a National AACA "Award of Excellence". In his E-Mail announcing this, Bob neglected to mention that, at the same time, he was awarded the National AACA "Master Web Master Award". This represents "the best of the best in AACA". The quote is from the letter from AACA. We are proud of him in this accomplishment and all of the other things he does for the club. We may have to consider raising his salary! (Probably not)

Other -

See our website calendar for ongoing events. Click on "Club Calendar" www.aaca.org/traaca . Also, visit the National website for National AACA activities www.aaca.org.

Program - Andy Mohney

The program was a video, Ford Motor Company's 100th Anniversary Celebration held in 2003 in Dearborn, Michigan. The video covered a lot of Ford's history and showed how large their celebration was.

Next Meeting -

February 08, 2005 at the Church.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary

AACA Scholarship Awards

Each year AACA has two Scholarship awards available. These awards are \$750 each and will be paid directly to the recipient. The award may be used for tuitions fees, books, supplies, or equipment for the course of study. The deadline for submitting the Nominations is December 1, 2005. Announcements to the recipients of the awards will be in January 2006. The presentation of these Awards will be made as part of the Annual AACA National Awards at the Annual Meeting of the Antique Automobile Club of America in Philadelphia, PA, February, 2006.

The eligibility for each of the two awards is as follows:

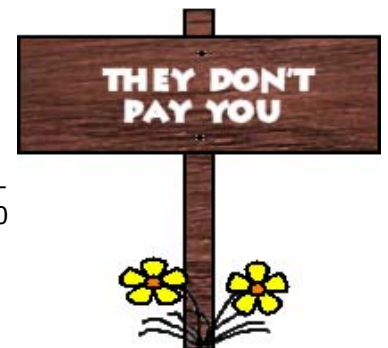
AACA Young Peoples Award

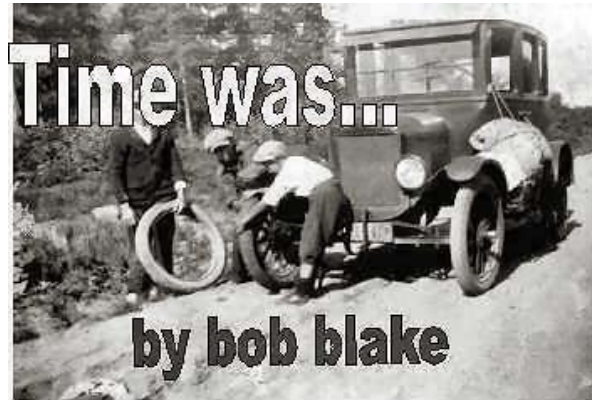
This award is open to any high school senior, child of an active AACA member of good standing for at least five (5) years, who: (1) shall graduate or was graduated from high school in the spring of the year before will be given. (2) shall have a letter of acceptance from either a four-year college leading to a bachelors degree, or from a two-year vocational educational program leading to a diploma or is currently enrolled. (3) shall have demonstrated an active interest in , and made a significant contribution to, the successful operation of an AACA region or chapter, and/or (4) shall have demonstrated a long-time, active interest in the ownership, restoration. of, or preservation of antique vehicles or automobilia.

AACA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award is open to any applicant who will/was a high school graduate before the AACA Annual Meeting in February. The applicant must have received a letter of acceptance to or is now enrolled in a institution of higher learning. The applicant must have two letters of recommendation, preferably from members in good standing of AACA, describing the applicant's interest in AACA and the hobby.

Applications containing additional information may be obtained from AACA Headquarters. 501W/ Governor Road, P.O. Box 417, Hershey, PA, or by phone (717) 534-1910 or by going to WWW.AACA.ORG and downloading the application.





Hood Ornaments

Now they are all FLAT. I mean flat as the “Twiggy” fashion models parading the runways. Hoods, that is. The ornaments are GONE! I scanned a huge parking lot and there was simply a flat sea of sheet metal shimmering in the sun.

It wasn't always that way. Hood ornaments of yesteryear were classy works of art that made an elegant statement about the car. If you were tacky enough to mount your own-maybe a monkey or a risqué lady -it simply made a statement about YOU – not the car.

Early engines did not pressurize the radiator. The Model T simply siphoned the water instead of using a pump. To get the best combustion and preserve the coolant, the motor had to operate between 170-180 degrees F. This became difficult in higher elevations as the boiling point drops a degree for every 500 feet elevation. The Boyce Moto-Meter, patented in 1912, was a thermometer that read the temperature of the radiator's vapor. These were standard features throughout the first three decades of motoring. But auto makers wanted their name riding on the hood, so the Moto-Meters installed at the factory were incorporated into an ornament.

Shortly after WW I, George Stant designed a two-piece radiator cap that kept the ornament properly aligned as well as incorporating a Moto-Meter thermometer. Quickly the company began supplying classic designs to such marques as Ford, Lincoln, Packard, Pierce Arrow and Cadillac. When the internal thermostat became common, the Moto-Meters faded away.

But Stant is still around. Look at your present radiator cap - chances are it is made by them. As a sidebar, his son Kyle invented the locking gas cap. One of their relatively recent innovations (1962) includes the Lev-R-Vent ® safety cap.

I was surprised to learn that Plymouth didn't use the Mayflower sailing ship as an ornament until 1934. Previously it had appeared only as a medallion and bore the words, “Chrysler Plymouth.” In the mid-fifties the ship took on a modern motif and closely resembled a jet plane.

Cadillac's first hood piece was a little guy decked out in a regal tunic bearing the Cadillac crest and blowing a horn to announce a magnificent new car. The official name was the Cadillac Herald but today is jokingly referred to as “the tooter!” In the early Thirties, a Heron graced the cars. Later a mermaid-like Goddess rode the hoods in various forms until the mid-Fifties. The early renditions even had glass wings. When you look at the sleek Goddess and the endowed, bosomy bumpers of the 1955, there is no doubt where the designer's minds were!



Some folks just want to be original. Austin Moore MD of Columbia, SC, an ingenious Orthopedic surgeon in the 1940s, devised an artificial hip ball to replace fractured and arthritic joints. It is said he bolted one to the hood of his car!

Some ornaments have unique stories. Gottlieb Daimler was a technical director of the Deutz engine factory and wrote his wife that someday a star would shine over his factory.

When his sons were looking for an emblem, they remembered their father's fascination with stars. In 1909 they registered trademarks for both a three and four point star. From



1910 to the present the three-point star has been their mark. It is said to symbolize Daimler's universal theme of mobility, on land, on water and in the air.

The Mercedes Star has been a frequent target of thieves. After having three stolen, one owner quipped his next move would be to place several in a pail beside the car and attach a sign reading, "Please take one from here!"

Staid and stuffy Rolls-Royce became incensed their owners were adding personalized decorations to their cars. They commissioned London artist Charles Sykes to design a graceful piece for their motor cars. Sykes was a step ahead. He had already presented to the father of the present Baron a flowing sculpture called The Whisperer. According to the Rolls-Royce website's account, this had been in the likeness of Eleanor Thornton, the secretary to his Lordship, and only to be whispered... his mistress as well. This relationship was concealed for many years. Sykes made a few modifications and presented Rolls with a similar rendition named The Spirit of Ecstasy. Since 1911 she has been the Flying Lady that crowns Rolls Royce hoods. Interestingly, no two of the early Rolls-Royce Flying Ladies were exactly alike. They were cast by a "lost wax" method and this destroyed the mold each time.

And the rest of the story...Eleanor Thornton would never know of her fame and place in Rolls-Royce history. When the SS Persia sunk at sea in 1915 she was lost.

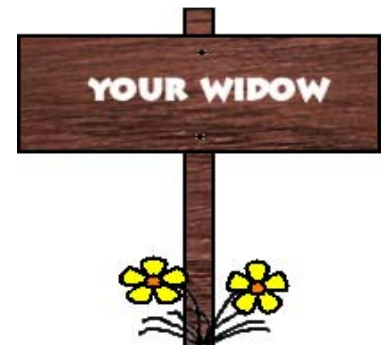
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DID'JA EVER WONDER?



1. Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"
2. Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there? I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta its butt."
3. If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?
4. Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the car pool lane?
5. Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their crotch when they ask where the bathroom is?
6. Why does your OB-GYN leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?
7. Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
8. If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that Acme stuff, why didn't he just buy dinner?
9. If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests? (sound it out...)
10. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
11. If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
12. Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
13. Stop singing and read on.....
14. Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
15. Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window? ...





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Calendar of Upcoming Events

LOCAL EVENTS

February 8th 6:00p.m.: Monthly meeting at Forest Heights Baptist Church.

Menu: Roast Beef w/ mashed potatoes and gravy, Green Beans & Sliced Tomatoes - Bread, Tea & coffee - Banana Pudding

REGIONAL EVENTS

Feb 5 - AACA South Florida Region 20th Annual Frontier Days Antique Car Show, Flea Market and Car Corral, held at Harries Field , U.S. 1 and SW 312th Street , (Campbell Drive), Homestead , FL. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Information: Robert Squier, Registration Coordinator at: 305-252-2756 E-mail: rsquier551@aol.com or www.aaca.org/southflorida

Feb 6 - AACA Stones River Region's 17th Annual Automotive Swap Meet, Tennessee State Fairgrounds, Nashville, Tennessee. Information: Stones River Region AACA, PO Box 11104, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, phone (615)890-1144.

Feb 11-12—AACA 69th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 3-5—AACA Winter Meet, Gainesville, Florida hosted by North Florida Central Region

