

January  
2008

# Tallahassee Chassee



Traveling in  
the Past  
and Present



**Next Meeting**  
**January 8th, 2006**  
Old Auto Museum  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
General Meeting 6:45 pm

*Tallahassee Region  
Antique Automobile Club  
of America*

## It's gonna be great in 2008



2007 was a fun year to be in the Tallahassee Region AACA. We had great driving tours, cruise-ins and shows, dinner meetings, programs and presentations and, most importantly, fine friends to share our good times with. Now, in the blink of an eye, 2007 has passed and 2008 is upon us. I sincerely thank everyone in the club for your participation, for your input and for your companionship during the past year. You have made the club's 36th year a great one. I hope TRAACA's 37th year is even better for us all.

RECAPS ... December Highlights.

We had lots of fun at the Christmas Holiday Party on December 11th. Thanks to everyone, it was a ball. Everyone had a good time and brought their delicious homemade foods. Thanks, also, to Bob and Carol Love, for planning the meal and picking up the ham and turkey (paid for by the club). We had a great turnout, and the gift exchange led the way with fun gifts and fond memories. This year we kept things moving, and got home at a decent hour, too.

At the meeting we announced the Member of the Year, elected by secret ballots collected at November's Chili Supper

and Auction. Congratulations to Bill Thompson, 2007 Member of the Year! You deserve the honor, and you did a splendid job planning the successful AACA National Tour, Bill!

STRAIGHT AHEAD ... a preview of January.

Our monthly First-Saturday Cruise-In will happen on January 5th, at Sonic on US 27 N. Hope to see you there.

Every Friday around noon, Bobby Hollingsworth opens the old Gulf Station in Quincy for a get-together. Sometimes he even makes hot dogs. I finally made it to the last of these events in December and had a fine time. Hope to see you there, also.

The next TRAACA meeting will be at the OLD Antique Car Museum (NOT the new one) on January 8th. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:45.

Friday, Jan. 11th is the monthly breakfast at Cracker Barrel. This is always at 8:30 a.m., on the Friday following the club meeting and John Schanbacher is the contact.

There are no Tours planned for January, but stay tuned --- we'll be driving again before long.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE.

In the past year there have been several articles in the old car hobby publications about the newer oils damaging our older engines. In addition to what I've read, I have spoken to a local oil expert about this matter. To summarize what I have learned, zinc is being reduced or eliminated in newer engine oils. Without this zinc, our vintage engines can suffer

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- 30 Sharon Lyle

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**TALLAHASSEE REGION, AACA****MEETING MINUTES****Annual Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange****December 11, 2007****Tallahassee Antique Car Museum (Old Location)**

There were approximately 65 members in attendance.

**Opening Prayer** - John Schanbacher

**Welcome** - Norm Madsen greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

**50/50 Drawing** -

Drawing was not held this month.

**Committee Reports**

***Treasurer*** - Andy Mohney

Andy reported on the final results from the SE Divisional Tour. Details are available from Andy.

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

The following folks have considerations:

Tommy Sykes, John Wells and Jay Mottice

We learned today that John Graham passed away this morning. John, along with his wife Laurianne, was a Charter Member of our club. Both, as veterans of WWII, are being interned in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington. Visitation with the family will be held on December 13, 2007 at Allen & Allen funeral home in Thomasville beginning at 7:00 PM. We need to keep all of our members who have considerations in our prayers and make contact with them.

***Short Tours*** - No report this month

***Long Tours*** - No report this month.

***2007 National Tour*** - Bill Thompson reported on the tour which was a great success. He thanked everyone who helped on the tour. He stated there would not have been a tour without the members pitching in whenever and whenever they were needed.

**Announcements & Reports** - Norm Madsen

1. The meeting in January will be held at the **OLD** Museum in the regular meeting room.
2. Norm reported on the November Moultrie Swap Meet. It was well attended as usual by members of our club. Norm would like to have this event held at least monthly!
3. Norm expressed thanks to the O'Rourke's for hosting the Chili Dinner & Auction on November 18th. They even volunteered to have it again next year.

**Old Business/New Business**

1. The Executive Board met as the nominating committee on November 26, 2007. Norm presented the following slate of officers for a vote:



President -	Norm Madsen
Vice President -	J.C. O'Steen
Secretary -	John Schanbacher
Treasurer -	Andy Mohny
Newsletter Editor/Webmaster -	Bob Love

**Executive Board Elected Members:**

Bill O'Rourke

Bobby Hollingsworth

Ed Shuler

Richard Duley

Note that the Executive Board consists of the Officers and the four elected members.

The slate was voted upon and passed.

2. Gary Edwards, as the recipient of the Member of the Year Award for last year, announced that the votes were tabulated and Bill Thompson was chosen as this year's Member of the Year. Bill's leadership as Tour Director was very instrumental in accomplishing a great tour. Bill has been a very active member for a very long time.
3. Everyone was reminded that the Dues and Newsletter ad payments are due now for 2008.
4. The Executive Board recommended the following: That the club switch to name plates with magnetic fasteners instead of the present pin type. The plates will cost around \$3.00 more and will continue to be provided free to new members. Existing members can switch to the magnetic type for the cost to the club. The vote was taken and passed.

**Coming Events**

1. Next Cruise-In will be on Saturday, January 05, 2008 at the Sonic on North Monroe by Hardee's.
2. Breakfast at the Cracker Barrel the Friday after each regular meeting date. Begins at 8:30 A.M.
3. Lunch every Friday around noon at the Quincy Gulf Station.
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).

**Program** - Bob Love/Norm Madsen

The program was, of course, the Christmas Gift Exchange. A good time was had by all (although comments were heard about stolen gifts!). It was a great time and a fitting way to end a GREAT Year. Bob Love was Santa (sort of!) with Norm's help.

**Next Meeting & Location**

The meeting will be held on Tuesday January 08, 2008 at the Old Museum.

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary

premature wear in the bearings, valve lifters, gears, etc. This applies to all engines without full-flow oil filter systems (which is most pre-1960s engines, and some newer than this). None of my antique cars have full-flow oil filters, so I have been quite concerned.

The oils that are supposed to be problematic for our old cars will have an API SERVICE rating (usually printed on the back of the oil bottle inside a circle) of SM or SL. Oil with an SM rating is the biggest problem, because it contains NO zinc. The SL oil is a little better, but has reduced zinc. Some of the older-type oils, rated SJ or SH still have zinc added, and so are better. I have stopped using SM-rated oils, and I use an additive if I use SL-rated oils.

I hope to get my oil expert to speak about this matter in an upcoming club meeting.

Have a wonderful January, my friends, and a great 2008. I'll see you on down the road!

*Norm*

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**From the Rummage Box—A publication of the AACA Regions Committee**

## Keep the Hobby Going

By Myron Smith

Chairman Development and Support-Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota

Since my only child just made the leap, turning 16 last September, I have had a while to think about how to keep youth interested in the hobby I've enjoyed so much. We've been in those awkward years where he is too old to play with toy cars on the floor with imaginary roads, but not old enough nor doesn't have enough money and attention span to start and complete a restoration.

The number one thing necessary to pass our hobby down to offspring is time. You have to spend time with them for them to appreciate your interests.

There are a multitude of peripheral hobbies which the too young and under funded can participate in which will slide right in or become a part of your car hobby. Some activities which either Nathan or myself have participated in include:

Gas station memorabilia (called petrobia) — A collection of signage or oil company advertising, cans or old equipment can really compliment your garage décor.

License plates collecting — Do you have corresponding plates for your state for the year of each of your collector cars? Or, how about the same year plates for each state you have visited with your collector car? Might be a fun thing to look for? Or, how about a plate for each the birth years of your children and yourself?

Literature and advertising — This doesn't have to be old. Free literature is as close as your local car dealership. And hang on to it. It will get old. I have pieces that I collected when I was a small child, which can document show cars now.

Photography — Son Nathan has been particularly involved with this one. He has shown some of his car photos as 4-H projects at the local county and state fairs, or they would also work in an open class at county fairs if you are not connected with 4-H.

Model cars — I have enjoyed model cars since I was 5, and now as one who no longer even qualifies as a young adult even by AACA standards, I still like them.

My particular favorites are those models made between 1958 and the mid 1970's. I particularly like the "annuals," those models that were made for only one year to correspond with the new models of real cars. Models are a good way of learning what various parts of a car are and how a real car is constructed. And they can be great to learn how to distinguish various eras, brands and models of real cars.

With a little patience, the looking for models or any other peripheral hobbies at rummage/garage sales, swap meets, flea markets, antique shops and of course Ebay can compliment the quest to find items for your real car project. And, it provides a diversion to have your young one have something to look for while you are searching for some part for your project.

Left - Vintage Gas Pumps of Days Gone By

Right-Collecting Automotive Signs is a Fun Part of Petrobia





**From your Reporters in the field:  
Ramblings and Rovings of  
Junkyard Dog & Fluffy  
Junkyard Dog's yards to visit!**

Sept. 25, 2007

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This yard was started in 1985 and being changed over with new management since 2004. It's been a family business with Jack Alsup and son Jack Jr. in their 3rd year at this location, but they've been in the salvage business since 1961. They have done an outstanding job in cleaning up, removing trees, under-growth, old junk and non profit making auto items.

I was in this yard in 1995 and it was a job to find your way around and remove any parts you may need. All vehicles are inventoried, numbered and bad parts marked and good parts logged for online sale and inventory control. They use some of the latest programs for cross referencing parts and locating the storage of same. They have setup racks, bins and shelving to support customer's needs and to give quick response to parts requests. The 10 acre yard is still being worked on but it is clean and level with sand/dirt base with little mud and vehicles spaced for easy parts pulling. They pull their own parts but will allow customers in the yard to validate the correct parts needed. Jack and family still enjoy old cars and, while you're there, see Mike about a couple for sale in storage area. At this time 3 originals (39 Plymouth coupe, 55 Ford V8 4dr automatic Custom, and a 50 Pontiac 4dr 3speed) are available with Pontiac parts cars in the yard.

The inventory basically is autos 1980s and up and trucks 1970 and up and everyone was pleasant to talk to and work with. They will and do ship parts on request. If you are in the area or need a part for the family vehicle stop in or give them a call for your needs.

Junkyard Dog and Fluffy generally have lunch together along with a few other car nuts every Friday at "The Station". Welcome to everyone! A few weeks ago Bill Brundyge needed a part for his 48 Dodge coupe. (R vent window frame) I told Bill to hold off until I return from my vacation next week and I'll check a junkyard that has a few old Dodges.

The first yard had one 48 Chrysler with the part but not much better than his. Just east of Richmond VA, I toured another yard finding 9 old Dodges with 5 missing the vent frame completely and 4 in worse shape than any others I had seen. Sorry I couldn't help Bill but I did find a 1952 (?) Packard convertible (parts car) for Norm. Must say any day in a junkyard is not all bad.

Junkyard Dog





One of the more obscure special statewide license plates issued by the state of Florida is this 1992 Columbus Jubilee.



I don't ever remember seeing one when they were current - do you? I am a little confused about the Quincentennial (500 years) anniversary of Florida. That may have been fudging a bit! The whole US Quincentennial thing was mired in problems. In fact, by 1990 the commission was \$600,000 in arrears and the chairman resigned!

I don't think many of these plates were sold and today are quite scarce and usually sell for \$125 and up. I paid only \$6.47 for the one shown here as it was in a group of 9 other miscellaneous plates and has a small nail hole in the center near the upper edge. Talk about a plate loaded with (mis) information - it has no less than 80 characters - 59 letters and 21 numbers plus a picture of a sailing ship and a small outline of the state! Try reading all that on a car ahead of you while waiting at a traffic light. Here is some information I found on the web:

\* 1991 - The Quincentennial License plate was approved for issuance for the purpose of educational and promotional activities for the celebration of Florida's participation in the 1992 World's Fair in Seville, Spain. This plate became obsolete January 1, 1994. (Does that mean it could not be sold after December 31, 1993?)

\* Florida 1992 - "Columbus Jubilee 1492-1992 The Quincentennial State". Sorry, but Columbus never made it to Florida during any of his voyages to the new world, or to any other U.S. state, for that matter. His 1492 voyage took him to the eastern Bahamas, Cuba, and what is now Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Florida therefore has no basis for its claim of being the

"Quincentennial State".

The second plate is from Nassau, Bahamas also celebrating the first voyage of Columbus. (Paid \$19 for this one.) I think the Bahamas has a better claim to the anniversary than the US. Also I thought Portugal financed the trip of the Italian Columbus so why the celebration in Spain? Oh, well - who am I to argue with current historians!



For information on collecting plates visit the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association - [www.alpca.org](http://www.alpca.org) or email Gene Densmore - [aa4us@arri.net](mailto:aa4us@arri.net).

## Notes from the Editor's Desk

WOW...where has the time gone? It's already 2008 and we aren't slowing down yet! Oh well, full speed ahead (well, at least 55mph or 45 if you're driving an 'A'.

It's a new year and that means time for renewal ...memberships, advertisements, web sites. Oh have you seen the new web site design? Hope you like it.

Oh yes, renewal...those that have been advertising in the Chassee need to renew by paying the club and letting me know if you wish to continue your old advert or would like to submit a new one (please, no vertical cards, they are hard to fit into our magazine format.). It's still only \$35/year for a business card size. As you can see by the brevity of this month's newsletter, I haven't received many articles from club members nor renewal of advertisements. I am still looking for input from members. If you send pictures, please send information along with them.

Thanks,

*Bob*

TRAACA Editor and Webmaster



# Yesteryears Remember When?



From the archives of the Tallahassee Chassee - Official Publication of The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

## 30 Years Ago:

The January, 1978 meeting of the Antique Car Club was held in the game room of DeVoe and Shirley Moore's home. Co-Hosts & Hostesses were Bill Tyler, and Fred & Elizabeth Tyler. A blazing fire and room full of 35 chattering, enthusiastic members set the scene for a rousing first meeting of the year.

Steve & Joan Gordon of Thomasville, Ga., and Mike Chapel, from Carra-belle, were welcomed as new members. If you wish to receive the "Distributor" and be a member of MARC, send your check for \$3.00 to Ray and he will send all the memberships in to Jack Kranyik at the same time.

Bill Thompson stated that since we are a Region of AACA, we should all be members of the National AACA. Members receive a beautiful, glossy-print magazine every two months and receive information about current National Shows, along with restoration articles. Dues to the National AACA are: \$8.50 single; \$11.50 joint membership (Husband & Wife). Anyone wishing to obtain an application for membership should contact Ray Bauer.

Committee sheets were handed out to each member present. Please sign up for the committee on which you would like to serve. A Calendar of Months in 1978 was presented and hosts & hostesses sought. See chart at end of minutes if you would like to sign up.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gladys Bauer, Secretary

## 20 Years Ago:

WOW! What a meeting! What a way to kick-off the New Year! 50 members of the Tallahassee Region AACA and 5 guests met at the Western Steer on Apalachee Parkway, January 14, 1988 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and George Campbell opened with prayer. Our guests were the son and daughter-in-law of the Lovetts, Jeffery and Della Lovett and Bill Roberts, the proud owner of a '64 Corvair. Special guests were Bob and Betty Porter from the club in Panama City.

Bill Thompson presented Diane McCarthy an award for the great job she has done as the club secretary. Diane gave a very sweet acceptance speech and thanked the Club for the honor of being elected "Woman of the Year" for '87. She then proceeded to announce the new addition to their family - a '66 Mustang with 17,000 original miles! (May I add a note: this car is a beauty! Dan and I were treated to a "look-over" when John and Diane got it. They were so excited and rightfully so. To be perfectly frank, my heart was filled with envy!)

John and Sharon Heber also have a new addition, a '37 Ford, 2-door, Russ Haines has a '48 Dodge PU and a '53 Chevy. Dan Rainey is the proud (?) Owner of the ugliest '47 Studebaker truck in the world!!! (Your secretary is convinced, nothing, neither rain nor sleet or dead of night will deter an antique car buff once upon the trail of a coveted vehicle!)

See Ya'!!!  
Your Secretary - C Rainey

## 10 Years Ago:

January 1998

President Diane McCarthy: "We just wanna have some fun!"

It is an honor to serve as your President for the next two years. We worked like dogs in 1997 with the Founders Tour, the Great American Race and the Perry Show. Now it is time to have some FUN! If you missed the Christmas Banquet or the January meeting, then you have missed announcements on some important changes taking place in the club.

First, the club is going to try having a regular business meeting on a designated day at the same place each month. As of now we are meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum on East Mahan Drive. These meetings will not be dinner meetings, but light refreshments will be served (coffee and a light dessert).

The main reason for this change is to make us more accessible to the public. By meeting at a different day and place each month, we were almost invisible in the community. My desire is that this change will work out for our members and make us more visible in the community. Don't fret that we are going to become a stodgy old club that just talks about dry, boring business and never has any fun! You REALLY need to come to the business meetings to find out about the great variety of programs and social events/tours that are in the plans.

So, if you want to have some fun, ya just gotta come to the meetings!

Jenny Hart, Secretary



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## Next Meeting

at

The Former Antique Auto Museum  
January 8, 2008

6:00 p.m. for Dinner

Menu: Salad, Spaghetti, cheese sticks,  
bread and dessert

Program:

**"A different type of Cruising"**

Will Mitchell from Cruise Holidays of Tallahassee will be giving a short presentation on a proposed club group cruise this summer to the Caribbean.

## 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

**Havana Main Street Cruise In**

Havana Smokehouse (formerly Main St. Buffet)  
3rd Saturday

## National and Regional Events

**Feb 7-9, 2008 AACA Annual Meeting** - Philadelphia, PA

**Feb 24-28, 2008 8th Annual Model T Winter Tour** will be held in Tallahassee. Sponsored by Mad River Ts of West Central Ohio. The Host Hotel will be the Ramada Inn and Conference Center. Tour plans include trips to Tallahassee Automobile Museum, Pebble Hill plantation, Maclay State Gardens, Wakulla Springs, St. Mark's Lighthouse, antique shops in Havana and much more. For information and registration forms call Miriam Williams at (937)465-4661 or email at [wintertourinfo@hotmail.com](mailto:wintertourinfo@hotmail.com).

**Mar 14, 2008 Annual Grand National** - Melbourne, FL. Hosted by AACA Cape Canaveral Region

**Mar 15, 2008 AACA Winter Meet** - Melbourne, FL. Hosted by AACA Cape Canaveral Region

**Apr 3-6, 2008 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet** - Concord, NC, Lowe's Motor Speedway. Hosted by AACA Hornets Nest Region

**Jun 1-6, 2008 AACA Sentimental Tour** - Burlington, NC. Hosted by AACA Alamance and North Carolina Regions