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Tallahassee Chassee



Traveling in
the Past
and Present



Next Meeting
March 14, 2006

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

The Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Tallahassee Region Honored by National at Annual Meeting in Philadelphia

The AACA National Meeting in Philadelphia, PA each year is the equivalent of our Academy Awards. Recognition goes out to the most outstanding cars as well as people over the past year.

The editors of regional clubs' newsletters as well as web sites are recognized also. The Tallahassee Region received recognition for it's web site in the form of the 2005 Award of Excellence as



well as recognition for the site's webmaster with a Master Webmaster Award. This was the fourth year in a row for this prestigious honor.



The newsletter you are reading right now received its second Award of Distinction.

A Tour to Moultrie

A little before 9 on Saturday morning, Feb. 4th, E'Lane and I headed to Bradley's Country Store in our 1965 Rambler to meet up with any other TRAACA members that wanted to tour together to the Moultrie Swap Meet. When we got there at 9 o'clock, we parked our car by the road in front of Bradley's Country Store with a big hand-made TRAACA sign in the front window.

After rocking on the porch and eating a sausage dog for breakfast, we decided by 9:35 that this would be a tour of one to Moultrie. We proceeded on to Spence Field on back roads via Monticello and Quitman and we probably saw no more than a dozen or so cars until we headed north on Georgia 33 about 10 miles south of Moultrie.

We arrived at Spence Field at 11:05 sharp, parked the car, and the day of parts shopping began. At 4:10 we made our way over to the nearby Jennie Allen's collectibles store and managed to spend a few more bucks before leaving there. We later found out that we just missed John Schan-

bacher - he said he was there from 3:45 to 4:10; he then drove on home.

It was around 5 before we got our newest stash of junkie into the Rambler and headed for Cairo, arriving there sometime after 6 PM. There waiting for us at a table was Wayne and Rosa Hadden, who were somewhat surprised that no one else was with us (some other TRAACA members had told them the night before that they planned to be there).

We had a nice dinner with the Hadden's though and then we headed on home around 8 o'clock. We enjoyed the "tour" - it was a fun day for us and the weather was perfect. We just wish that there had been more participation. Remember, a tour is not usually the shortest route between point A and point B - it's the camaraderie and the fun of driving our old cars together that makes a really enjoyable tour!

- Ed Shuler



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 5 — John Ricketts
- 8 — Bill Thompson
- 15 — Jay Mottice
- 15 — Neal Davis
- 18 — Ken Hart
- 21 — Barrett Johnson
- 22 — Charlie Smith
- 25 — Nancy Haines
- 25 — David Knopf
- 27 — Devoe Moore

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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

February 14, 2006

Forest Heights Baptist Church

Present were approximately 47 members, two guests and one new member

Opening Prayer - Gary Edwards

Welcome Guests & New Members - Gary Edwards

Guests of the McClendon's were Bill & Camille Davis. Our new member is Alec Porter.

Opening Remarks - Gary Edwards

Gary told of the need to have club members sign up to serve on the various committees. He also reminded everyone that the 2006 club membership renewals are due and the cost goes from \$20 to \$25 after March 1st. Send renewals to Andy Mohney or John Schanbacher

Committee Reports

Treasurer - Andy Mohney

Details are available from Andy

Sunshine - Shirley Moore/Sharon Palmer

The following were reported to have considerations:

Lynne Koelliker Bob Spiegel

Belle McCollum Jon Thomas

Carol Love had surgery today and we learned during the meeting that she was doing very well and is expected to have a short and successful recovery.

In addition, we learned the Neal Davis lost his Mother recently.

Short Tours - Ed Shuler

See the Lanark Village 50th Anniversary listing under Announcements.

Long Tours - Dan Rainey

Dan is working on a long tour perhaps to Eufaula, Alabama or the Andersonville, Georgia area. Details will follow.

2007 National Tour - Bill Thompson

Bill reported on progress in planning. Due to spring conflicts, tentative dates are now in the fall, November 1-3, 8-10, Or 15-17. Possible conflicts with the FSU/FAMU football schedules will still have to be addressed. The Tour will consist of three tour routes which have been identified and directors appointed. Club members are requested to volunteer their help in the many aspects. Bill stated that it will be necessary for ALL members to participate in order to have a successful tour.

**Announcements & Reports**

Gary announced that we have been invited to participate in the Lanark Village 50th Anniversary Celebration March 17-18, 2006. There will be a corned beef & cabbage dinner on the 17th and a flea market & car show among other events on the 18th. The club voted to make participation in the car show a club activity.

Old Business

The 2007 Tour was discussed above.

New Business

None

Coming Events

1. The Lanark Village Celebration listed above.
2. There will be a Berrien County, Georgia Antique Vehicle parade & show on February 25, 2006 in Nashville.
3. Bobby Hollingsworth announced that the Gulf Station in Quincy will be open on March 11, 2006 "after lunch". All are invited to come by and "chill out".
4. See our website calendar for ongoing events. Click on "Club Calendar" www.local.aaca.org/traaca Also, visit the National website for National ACA activities www.aaca.org.

Program

The program this week was by Russ Haines who displayed a fine group of Haynes Automobile literature. He gave a short history of that automobile and described the process he went through in restoring his 1917 Haynes. This is a fine restoration which has advanced through the AACA National judging process. Russ went to great lengths to restore every part of the vehicle to original specs. Many unavailable parts had to be fabricated. It has been awarded a National AACA First Junior and a Senior.

Next Meeting & Location

March 14, 2006 at the Church

Respectively submitted - John Schanbacher, Secretary

Lanark Village Assoc. 50th Anniversary Celebration

3 Days of Celebrating starting with Corned Beef Dinner at Chillas Hall 5:30 - 7:30 - \$8 at door or tickets available in advance at Chillas Hall, Live Music "Not Quite Ready" Band. Saturday 3-18 Flea Market (Call 697-9600 to reserve a 6X6 space for only \$10) & Village Wide Yard Sale Plus **Antique Car Show 9am - 4pm**, Dance Under the Stars to Jim Cheon WFSU Swing Radio Show 6pm - 10pm Lanark Village, Door Prizes Given during Dance. Lots of Food, Beer Tent. Sunday 19th - Covered Dish with Area Cooks and Lanark Scotland History. at Chillas Hall - 1pm. Music by Lanark Village Scottish Fiddlers. All events free to the public.

Lanark Village was named after the Royal Burgh of Lanark, Scotland. Since the year 1140 the residents there have upheld an annual tradition of "inspecting" their boundary lines - which was mandated by the king, hundreds of years ago. The Lanark Scots have turned this mandatory duty into a full scale festival called "Lanimers" and have parades and festivities and an annual selection of a Queen.

Gathering and touring information for those wishing to go to Lanark as a group will be made available at the next club meeting. All details will also be placed on the web site as they are received.



The Thrill Of The Hunt!

By Club President: Gary Edwards

Its one thing to have a vision of the classic car of your dreams, but turning the dream into reality can take a lot of planning, study and effort. Just like many other life experiences, the preparation and anticipation of an event can be almost as exciting as the event itself. Finding your dream car is what I like to call "The Thrill Of The Hunt!"

For many years I had dreamed of owning the car that started the muscle car era, the Pontiac GTO, the car of both legend and song. It was no accident that my email address contained "gtothree89" and I had purchased a gold 66 GTO sedan 1/26 scale model nearly ten years before actually owning the genuine article. But eventually, it was time to stop cutting bait and go fishing. The hunt was on!



1964 GTO Sedan



Tripower

In my own case, I had to go through the process of narrowing my focus: What year or years of GTOs did I want? What body style: coupe or convertible? Four speed manual or automatic transmission? What interior and exterior colors? What condition: restored or un-restored? What price range? Genuine GTO or clone? How far am I willing to travel to find my dream car? What sources will I utilize to find my dream car, internet websites, car club web sites like GTO association, Ebay, Hemming's, Goat Finders newsletter, etc?

I must warn you, the hunt itself will help you narrow your focus and choices as it is an education unto itself! Initially I considered a clone (a Pontiac Lemans that was not originally a GTO from the factory, but made into a GTO with the bigger engine, as well as a GTO hood, and other GTO body parts and emblems), but by talking to other members of the hobby, I came to realize, that in many cases the lower price of the clone was no bargain, and in the end, I wanted the genuine article. I also initially ruled out convertibles because of the higher cost, but thankfully my wife Betty convinced me I should spend the extra and get what I want, hinting that I might not get another shot at my dream again!



1967 GTO Convertible

Even before I began to look for actual cars for sale, I had previously researched the history and development of the various GTO models. The actual search process also helped to narrow my choices considerably, as I actually drove some GTOs which differed in both model year and how they were equipped. I decided my dream car would be one of the early years from 1964 through 1967, equipped with a manual four speed, bucket seats, center console, convertible body style, and although I was open to several different color combinations, my preference was for one of the original bright red or burgundy colors.



1966 GTO Sedan

For a good six months I would search several sites that had GTOs for sale both morning and evening. Several times when I would find one that fit my criterion and was reasonably priced, I'd call the seller only to find out it had already been sold to a buyer who acquired it just minutes before me! I actually pursued the purchase of three different GTOs before acquiring my dream 66 burgundy convertible, even to the extent of having GTO "experts" in the Pontiac car club who were in an area where the prospective GTO was located, and were kind enough to go check them out and test drive them.

Sometimes it was a lot like trying to find the perfect mate, I'd find one I fell in love with, only to discover she had run off with another suitor! When you want to find the car of your dreams, such disappointments are part and parcel of the process, but you know your "true love" is out there, if only you are diligent enough to search until you find her.

Finally, after a long an exciting search, I found the car of my dreams, and many of you have met her in person, even a few of you have been privileged to experience her presence and power by going for a ride, my 1996 Pontiac GTO convertible. →

Whatever your dream car, if you really want to find her, do your homework and be willing to take the time and effort to find her. Don't settle for less than your dream. Experience "The Thrill Of The Hunt!"





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



Here we go again, climbing to new heights.

Out to the west of Gadsden County. After arriving at the base of old Mt. Pleasant we naturally had to climb it. Now we can say we saw and went to the highest point in Florida. Leaving there we went to Mr. Gunnwrench's place. He and his wife are former members of AACA, maybe we can get them back soon. In the first building we found a 1949 Chevy truck that needs TLC. (Nell says that means takes lotsa cash). John, (that's Mr. Gunnwrench) has his father's 1948 Chevy two door sedan of which John has fond memories of going up and down on the grease rack at the old Gulf station in Quincy. Also, they have a very nice 1964 Chevy two door hardtop and an early seventy's Volkswagen. Flower bug. Outside you will find a cane mill and syrup kettle. Yellow bird is a big back hoe with a scoop on the front. An older machine that John really enjoys. Lot's of old 1968 or 1969 Chevy Chevelle's in which combined could be one nice car one day. Of course it is to have an SS396 in it. It was a good day on the trail of old cars for Fluffy and Junkyard Dog. Good hunting to you all. As ever, Fluffy.



John Gunn on his 1953 John Deere 60

49 Chevy Truck



Flower Power in Pink



48 Chevy Tudor



64 Chevy



The Litterbox
by Neal Davis



HELICOILS AND EASY OUTS

Easy outs are not easy! If you wrung off an old bolt that was rusted in , or a bolt that was installed with dirt on the threads that locked up when backed off: an easy out would have a very low success rate. Flatten top of a broken bolt and center punch, center drill with three sizes of drills, one step at a time. Don't use a drill too small as it might break and you will have lots of problems. Make sure the drill is square to the surface. A Helicoil takes an oversize hole back to standard threads. Good luck.

NANCY AND I THANK THE CLUB AND MEMBERS FOR THE CARDS AND SUPPORT IN THE PASSING OF MY MOM. YOU GUYS ARE SPECIAL.

NEAL AND NANCY DAVIS



Yesteryears Remember When?

From the Archives of **THE TALLAHASSEE CHASSEE**

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30 Years Ago:

Our monthly meeting for March was held on March 4, 1976, at the home of Graham and Nancy Carothers with DeVoe and Shirley Moore as co-hosts. Attendance of club members was good along with several visitors. We wish to welcome Kelly Parrish, Diane Delamatre, John Denslow, Carol Robinson, John Smallwood, Sherrie Smallwood, and Mary Lou Branson as guests to our club. Bill Thompson reported success of car showing at the Northwood Mall with 15 cars participating. Mall manager, Connie Watts, was well pleased with mall traffic due to car showing. Fred Tyler gave a report on committee achievements for Springtime Tallahassee. All committee work is progressing nicely. Hospitality Committee Chairperson, Shirley Camper, gave report that all was taken care of except a few minor details of menu in which she passed out to other club members for their help. Hopefully other club members will complete their portions of menu to finalize Shirley's new and difficult task.

Respectfully submitted,

C.K. Pope, Secretary

20 Years Ago:

On March 21-22 we held our 1986 Springtime Tallahassee Antique Auto Show at the Tallahassee Mall. It was a very successful show: the club was pleased with the turnout of 51 beautiful cars AND the Tallahassee Mall commented on how pleased and impressed they were with the turnout for the show and the increase of potential shoppers in the mall. The "show" actually started early Friday morning as many club members converged on the mall to start putting cars in. That evening was the Hospitality Party at the Cameron at Woodcrest Apartment Clubhouse. Our club sure has some mighty fine cooks and everyone went away with happy tummies and smiling faces. Saturday dawned as the busiest and most satisfying day of the show: the cars were in place, the judging began and at the awards banquet, 44 of the cars would receive trophies. Seventy-four people attended the awards banquet at Ramada Inn North and it was wonderfully enjoyable. There was good food, great fellowship and lots of fun!

Good-bye until next month,

Diane McCarthy

10 Years Ago:

The March 19 meeting of Tallahassee Region AACA was held following a 6:30 pm gathering for dinner at Quincy's Family Steak House on the Parkway at Magnolia Drive. In the absence of President Ken Hart, Diane McCarthy presided at the meeting. Twenty-seven members and one guest were present. The Tallahassee Region AACA Founders Tour Committee members stepped up planning at their meeting on Tuesday, March 12. The business discussions followed a covered dish dinner at the Schanbacher's home. John Graham was reported as recovering nicely from his recent foot surgery while Milford Barker has recovered from his recent illness and hospitalization. Diane announced several car shows which appear in 'Round the Bend' in this issue. She read an article about drive-in theaters which were first opened in 1933. Welcome to our newest members, Charles Miller from Deltona, FL, who owns a business in Tallahassee, and Tommy Sykes who joined recently.

Larry Benson - Editor



From The Rummage Box
A publication of the AACA Regions Committee



Regions and Chapter issues

By Joe Gagliano
Vice President - Regions

It has been a real pleasure being the Vice President of Regions over the past two years. It is a challenging job, but very rewarding. There is a sense of accomplishment when we are able to assist and sign up a new region or chapter and an equally disappointing feeling when we are notified of the disbanding of one of our local affiliates. As VP-Regions I also become a "sounding board" for many issues that affect our regions and chapters. There are many diverse opinions, processes and traditions that are embedded in our local clubs and in some cases these tend to create issues. This may be more common when we are out recruiting new members, especially younger members. No matter how you like it, one fact is true, times are changing and whether you are willing to accept change may determine how you survive in the future. It's true in business, at work, in your community and in your club. I'd like to share the most common issues I've run into in the past couple years as your VP- Regions.



Why are we here?

Many of our members forget why they joined the club in the first place...to have fun. They've forgotten that to recruit and hold members you have to have activities, programs and an environment that are fun. Arguing and bickering at meetings isn't fun.



Management of the region or chapter and responsibilities of the officers.

All regions are required to have a documented Constitution and set of By-Laws. These documents are the basis for how the club will be operated and define the processes and proceedings to be followed. They typically define the elected officers and their responsibilities. If the membership decides, these should be revised; there should also be a process to define the change and voting process.



Region/ Chapter activities and events.

Local activities and events are the responsibility of the region and chapter, National AACA does not dictate how you will manage them. Our concern would be any situation or incident that would have a negative or detrimental impact on our national organization. There are well defined guidelines for hosting a National event or activity which must be followed.

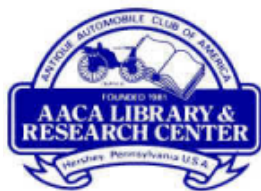


Sensitivity to the opinions and beliefs of other people.

We live in a very diverse society and we need to respect the beliefs of others, and avoid comments and situations which could cause some of our members to be offended.

*"It's not the journey that's important;
it's the people you meet along the way."*

While you're browsing, check out these sites as part of the National AACA experience.



<http://www.aacalibrary.org/>



<http://www.aacamuseum.org/>



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Local / Area

Mar. 11 Quincy Gulf — Cruise to the Gulf (Station) in Quincy with Bobby & Nell. Hang out, swap some tales, swap some parts, have a soda pop with your favorite gal. Miss Nell says stop by after say "ten-ish" and stay until...?

Mar. 18 Lanark Village — Antique Car Show. Part of 50th Anniversary celebration of this small coastal town.

National

Mar. 16-18 Southeastern Winter Meet, Mobile, Alabama, hosted by AACA Deep South Region

Apr. 8-10 AACA Central Divisional Tour, Glen Rose, Texas. Hosted by AACA Texas Region

Apr. 20-22 AACA Western Spring Meet, Tucson, Arizona. Hosted by AACA Tucson Region