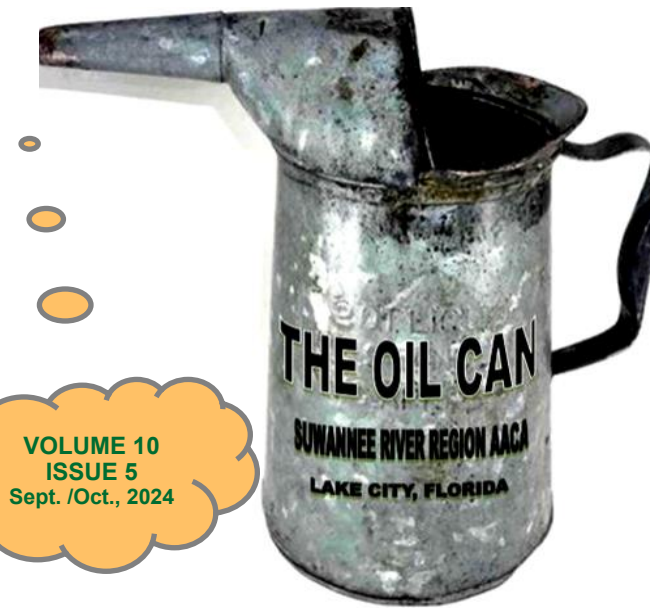


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"I wanted another Model A ... and here it is!"



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*I may not have everything I want in life,
but I am blessed enough to have all I need.
For this, I am grateful.*
Anonymous



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

There were no new members in July or August. Encourage anyone with a collector type car or even just an interest in the hobby to join AACA and our SRRRAACA Region.

The Preservation of Old Cars



The Suwannee River Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, is a family friendly organization, located in North Florida. We love old cars, good food and enjoy above average comradery with each other. Our members are involved in local, state and national events.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month currently at the Wellborn, Florida Community Center and starts at 7:00PM. Door opens at 6:30PM. We cover necessary business, but the meetings are always light, interesting and involve all members and guests.

If you have an interest in old cars, please consider joining us. You do not have to own an antique car to join our region or AACA.

For more information, contact: Shirley McManus, President at 386.365.9643, or Ralph Towner, Editor at 386.397.4571

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I can't think of a better gift to give someone who loves this hobby than an AACA membership. Do you have friends and family who aren't current members and enjoy antique cars as much as you do? With the benefits of *Antique Automobile* magazine and the Library and Research Center alone, how can you go wrong?!

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A Message from Our Vice President

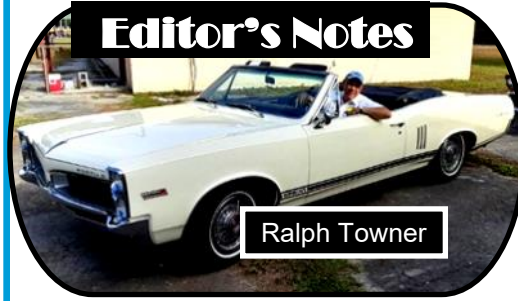
Don't worry - nothing has happened to Shirley. She has been extremely busy looking after her husband, Bill, plus her brother, Joe. Bill is doing much better and He and Shirley were able to join us at Sal's Deli on August 20th. It sure was great to see him there, visiting with everyone! God continues to show all of us his tremendous healing power with the miracle of Bill's healing and continued improvement.

August went by quickly but it came blowing in heavily on August 5th with Tropical Storm Debby dumping 12 to 15 inches of rain with gusts up to 60 to 70 mph. I bring this up because things usually start ramping up quickly for Hurricane season in September every year. We all need to be vigilant in paying attention to the three P's - people, property and pets that we need to look after.

Property includes your antique and vintage vehicles. We must plan ahead on where and how to store and protect our vehicles. Also review your antique vehicle auto insurance policies to make sure your vehicles are covered in case of severe weather damage, what your coverage limit and deductibles are. Also be advised most insurance companies state that coverage has to be in place 10 to 14 days prior to a storm hitting your area.

Do yourself a favor - if you don't have coverage, right now is the time to get it. It's a lot less expensive than you think. Please make sure your policies are specifically for antique or vintage vehicle coverage.

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Hello Gang,

September is upon us and the promise of some pleasant Fall weather is not far away. Car activities will

begin to pick up this month. Check out pages 12 and 13 to learn what is happening this fall.

There is a combination tour and club picnic planned at Ron Manna's home on November 16th. **I am asking you to really try to make this one.** There is plenty of notice to plan for this event. Ron's home is about 28 miles SW of Lake City. Once we leave Lake City, the tour will be on country roads with low traffic. Please read the article about Ron & Alice, beginning on page 6.

Driving is what cars are made for. A tour basically is a road trip to a final destination. Each driver is given a route sheet which details the trip in tenths of a mile for each turn or stopping point. There is no leader. You may drive at your own pace and make pit stops if needed. Simply follow the directions and enjoy some scenery you may have never seen before.

Participants are encouraged **not to run together in caravans.** One exception is if you have no passenger, select another vehicle to follow and let the driver know you will be following them. There is a reason for each road we may take, such as scenery, special features along the way or even a surprise or two. If you don't follow directions and just use GPS you miss the whole point of the tour.

Please read the Tech/safety article on page 11. There are some great reminders in the article of how small hazards can cause major problems. If you are in the market for a great classic car, check out page 14, where you will find two fine cars for sale.

Also, I have not heard of any new issues from our members this month for the Sunshine Report, so I am using that space to report on how President Shirley's husband, Bill, is doing in his recovery. I encourage you to read it. Bill did get out to Sal's in August and seemed to be doing quite well.

Happy Motoring!

Ralph



Marie Towner

July, 2024 **Board Meeting Minutes**

Our Board meeting was called to order at the Wellborn Community Center by President Shirley McManus, on July 2nd at 7:00 PM.

A new member application for Ralph Falco, was presented. After discussion, Roy Spurling made the motion to accept his application.

Jerry Howd seconded. All approved.

Shirley told us there was a good turnout at the Breakfast Cruise at Denny's. They want us back. They have set a date for July 27th.

Shirley suggested our club offer a donation to the "Smile like Lainy" fund. After discussion, the Board recommended we donate \$500 to the fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Submitted by Marie Towner for Marybeth Downs, Secretary

July, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

President Shirley McManus, brought our monthly meeting of the Suwannee River Region AACA to order at 7:11 PM, on July, 2nd, at the Wellborn Community Center. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Our members pledged allegiance to the flag, followed by a prayer from president Shirley.

Shirley announced our Board had approved a new member, Ralph Falco. Roy Spurling gave our current treasurers report.

Shirley reported our members health concerns. Ken Barton, as well as Ralph and Mary Owens, are doing much better and were welcomed back to our meeting.

Shirley reported the annual Blueberry Festival on June 1st, was a success. The festival organizers stated there were over 13,000 people who attended the events. The blueberry breakfasts were sold out by 9:30 AM as well as the blueberry cobbler and ice cream by early afternoon. Shirley said the weather was perfect and thanked all our members who turned out

and helped in any way. Our club float, with "Pontiac Pete" Mazzocchi's 1928 Pontiac on the float, took first place.

Shirley told us that on June 13th, our members brought nine cars to the VA Domiciliary for the Veterans to see. The Vets enjoyed looking at the cars and talking with us about them. We had lunch there with them. Ken Barton is DJing a "Sock Hop" at the Domiciliary in late July.

Shirley reported the Denny's Manager was pleased with our 21 cars and 41 people who attended the first Breakfast Cruise there. Denny's would like to have us monthly. The next one was scheduled for July 27th from 8 - 10 AM. 20 % off tickets will be offered to our members who attend.

Ralph emphasized the feature story of our recent new members, Doug and Kathy Smith during The Oil Can report. He also mentioned new members can join National AACA and our region for half price for the remainder of 2024.

Shirley stated the Board had approved a donation of \$500 to help with medical expenses for the "Smile for Laney" fund. Our members approved.

Shirley discussed the upcoming July events. A handout was given to members with the list of these events. Members can see them listed on page 15 of the June/July issue of the "Oil Can". Shirley also told us Ken will not be DJing at Hardee's during July and August.

Members were asked for suggestions for future events. Rhonda Stanley suggested a progressive dinner. Don mentioned the EAA building could be used for an ice cream social or even a rummage sale. No other suggestions or action was taken concerning future events.

Shirley asked us to take some of the cards that Sherman Stanley had made up to give to prospective members in our recruiting of new members.

The 50/50 winner was drawn, which was Diane Partington. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Marie Towner for Marybeth Downs, Secretary





Mary Beth Downs, Secretary

August, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

There was no Board meeting in August. Next Board meeting TBD.

bers how to find our website. He also mentioned if you would like to send a picture of your car and an article to go with it he would be happy to put it in on the website. Also, he talked about putting a classified section for anyone that might want to sell their car or car related items.

Kelly went over Pilots with Presents event that happens in December. Don said he would get with Mark Wiencek about a date for the event. We talked about matching the year of the car and the plane. On December 14th, is the Cannon Creek and Friends Christmas Party. Both events are great and hope to see you there!

Kelly let us know that the White Springs Sugar Cane Festival is in November. It will be November 9th and 10th. Also, Sherm mentioned having a cook-out and a movie. No date has been set.

Ron Manna has offered to have a picnic at his home on November 16th. There would be plenty of room for cars. He suggested a committee to help plan this picnic. He said there were plenty of shade trees there and plenty of picnic tables. He lives in Gilcrest County.

Ralph mentioned it would be great to have a tour to the picnic. It will be a covered dish event. We voted on a picnic and a tour. Ralph made a motion and Barb seconded it. The motion was approved. So, it is scheduled for November 9th at 11:00 a.m. Hope you will come. I am sure it will be fun! More info to follow.

Roy Spurling gave a treasurer's report. He reported the balance of our account. Also checks and deposits for the month.

Kelly announced the 50/50 winner and Doreen picked the ticket. Anne Hanney was the lucky winner. Congratulations Anne.

Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary



August, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order on August 1st at Wellborn Community Center in Wellborn, FL at 7:00 p.m. by our Vice President Kelly Jordon. Kelly started by welcoming our new member Ralph Falco to our meeting this month. Welcome Ralph, great to have you as a new member.

Kelly gave a report on Bill McManus' recovery. Bill has been home since Saturday recovering from a fall that resulted in surgery on his brain. He is doing well and receiving physical therapy at home. He also had his staples removed from his head. Things are going well for now. Please remember to keep praying for Bill as he recovers.

Kelly extended his thanks to all the members who helped to get the meeting together. He reminded us that the minutes are in the newsletter as well as on our website. Calendars were passed out and we went over the birthdays and anniversaries.

Kelly talked about breakfast at Denny's. On the last Saturday in July there were about 14 to 15 cars that came out. It is a fun time to show off your car and socialize with the members and get to know new members. So, keep it in mind. It is a good time. Kelly asked if anyone had pictures of the breakfast at Denny's for Facebook.

In the Oil Can report, Ralph also mentioned putting pictures of the breakfast in the newsletter. Ralph talked about Ron Manna's Model A and his experience driving it.

Don did a website report. He asked the members to send pictures of events. He reminded mem-

I Wanted Another Model A ... and Here It Is!

Text and photos by Ralph Towner



A few months ago, our club went on a mystery breakfast tour which ended at a Huddle House near the Route 441 and I-10 interchange. While there, I got a phone call. At the other end, was a friend from the past, Ron Man-na. It had been years since I had last talked with him.

Ron and I are both machinist/toolmakers by trade. We both earned our living by owning and operating a precision machine shop for the majority of our working years. After a few minutes of re-acquainting, Ron asked if I was still involved with a car club. I replied yes, our club was doing well, with over 100 members and we are a Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA).

He then told me about his interest in Ford Model A's and how he had one as a daily driver at age 19, and another one around 35 years ago. "I decided I wanted another Model A," Ron told me, "so I started looking and found a 1930, five window coupe in good condition. It needed some work and freshening up, but generally it is a good car. I decided I would consider joining a car club and I thought of you."

I gave Ron the information of where and when our next meeting would be held. He and Alice came to our next meeting. We signed them up to AACA under the Military program, as well as to our local SRRAACA Region. As good members, they have already recruited another new member.

I kept in touch with Ron and learned more about the Model A. At the next meeting, I asked him if I could get an interview and some photos for a feature article in "The Oil Can" newsletter. He did me one better by inviting Marie and me to his home in Gilchrist county, about 28 miles south of Lake City, for dinner as well as the interview. We set a date in late July.

The drive to Ron's home is a nice open road country drive. When we arrived, Marie got better acquainted with Alice, while Ron showed me his Model A and machine shop. We then had a wonderful home cooked meal and just talked in general about some of our life's experiences. After dinner, I got some basic info from Ron and Alice.

Ron was born and raised in Sussex, New Jersey.

After high school, he worked a few jobs, but at age 22, he was drafted into the US Army. After his discharge from two years active duty, he served two years active reserve and two years standby reserve. Ron got a job at Picatinny Arsenal, in Dover, NJ, where he served a four year apprenticeship in the tool and die making trade. Ron

was married for over 30 years to his first wife. Together, they had a son and four daughters; the two youngest girls were twins.

Ron was interested in aircraft from a small child all the way from model airplanes to the real thing. He got his pilots license and owned and flew his own airplane for years. He was President of the Suwannee County EAA chapter in 1998. Besides his aircraft and old car interest, he is a Ham radio operator and a musician. He played the saxophone in a band for 32 years.

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I Wanted Another Model A ... and Here It Is!

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After a few years working in the toolmaking trade, Ron had gained enough confidence to make a big leap into the rest of his life. He wanted some acreage large enough to have his home, garages and hangar as well as his own landing strip. The lure of living in Florida, away from all the snow and cold was strong. He found his dream location in Gilchrist County, about 30 miles south of Lake City and 30 miles NW of Gainesville.

Ron soon found industrial work for his shop in Gainesville and other surrounding areas and even some out of state work. Ron became very good at his trade, at the very top, building injection molds, which provided him and his family with a good living. 45 years later, he still loves his homestead and the fresh country air. His airstrip is an official "airport" in Gilchrist county and may be used for emergency landings.

After a long term marriage, Ron and his first wife divorced. A while later, Ron got re-acquainted with Alice Jonas, a nurse who he first met 45 years ago. They have been together now since Valentine's Day, four years ago. Alice is a native Floridian from the Branford area. She has a son and daughter from a previous marriage.

Back to the Model A. It is a 1930, two door five window coupe. The original engine runs very well. Ron offered to let me drive the car. He reminded me to double clutch when shifting gears. Double clutching, for those who don't know, is when depressing the clutch pedal the first time after taking off in low, you shift into neutral, release the clutch pedal, then push in the clutch again and shift into second. The same procedure is for third, or any time you are down shifting to a lower gear. This is necessary as cars in that era did not have synchronized transmissions.

I drove the car only on his property, mostly on the landing strip. I have double clutched several vehicles in the past so I had no problem shifting the gears on the Model A. What a thrill to drive a Model A for the first time.

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Top: The rumble seat better know as the "Mother-in-law" seat. **Above:** Rear view of the Model A

Below: Yours truly, ready for a spin. I'm an average size guy, but I had to work at it to get in the driver's seat.

Photo by Ron Manna



The Annual Lake Butler Independence Day Classic Car Show.

Text & photos by Alex Fardales

The 2024 Independence Day Classic Car Show was held at the Lakeside Park in Lake Butler, Florida, Saturday July 6th, put on by the Lake Butler Rotary International Club. With about 25 cars on display, not even the excessive heat kept these beauties from showing up. However, there were some that left early.

I arrived at approximately 9AM to register my 1955 Chevy Bel Air, and immediately received compliments. One of those compliments came from William and Mary Hicks who brought out a beautiful 1950 Ford, which was a restored original car, however, converted to a 12 volt system. Chevrolet first had 12 volt systems in 1955, but William informed me, Ford went to 12 volt in 1956.

I was not the only one with a '55 Chevy on display. There were a few '55 Chevy Hot Rods, but also a nice red and white '55 hardtop. The owner, Gregory Whitaker just recently purchased this car, and was enjoying it very much.

Trucks were also a crowd pleaser, and two of those trucks caught my eye. Clint Wilson had his beautiful turquoise and white '66 C-10, and Tom Holt's outrageous blue 1953 Ford F-100. (Not pictured) Continued on page 9



Top: My 1955 Chevrolet parked on the show field, soon after I arrived.

Above, Left: Red and white '55 hardtop, modified, but nice belonging to Gregory Whitaker of Starke, FL.

Above: 1950 Ford that was parked next to me belonging to William and Mary Hicks of Brookner, FL.

Left: Custom 1966 Chevrolet C-10 owned by Clint Wilson. Best of Truck" winner.

The Annual Lake Butler Independence Day Classic Car Show.

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By 1 pm, judging was complete, and I was very happy to receive a **"Top of the Pick Best Of Show"** award for my '55 Chevy.

Next year, this event will be held on the actual 4th of July. Looking forward to it!



Above, left: A very nice Ford Model A Roadster Pickup was at the event for only a short while. The owner is unknown.

Above: Tom Hartman's, from lake City, 1968 Pontiac Firebird, with the OHC Six engine. The Overhead Cam Six, was the base engine in the first two years of the Firebird.

Left: 1972 Chevelle 454 owned by R. Wooden of Lake Butler, FL.

Denny's Breakfast Cruise

Text & photos by Ralph Towner



We just completed our third Denny's breakfast Cruise on August 31st. It is a good venue for a cruise-in as it is easy to get to, there is plenty of parking and the food is good and reasonable. The staff are pleasant and do a good job. The turnout continues to be good.

Denny's Management and our SRRAACA club have agreed to continue this as a last Saturday morning of each month event until further notice. So put it on your schedule and enjoy a great breakfast and friendly conversations with our members each month.



A few of the member's cars
Above: Enjoying breakfast



The July, 2024 issue shown in the above photo is the last printed issue of Mike Kelly's Cruise News

Tribute to Cruise News The Magazine Is No More

I usually receive "The Cruise News" to distribute to our members and friends by the 2nd of each month. When I had not received the August issue by August 5th, I decided to call to find out if there was a printing or shipping problem. The phone answer was a recording from Mike Kelly. Please read his statement:

"It is with sadness that we must inform everyone that there will be no more issues of Mike Kelly's Cruise News magazine, and that the July 2024 printed magazine was the last. It is due to circumstances beyond our control, along with some medical issues, so we appreciate everyone's kindness and understanding during this time (and not inquiring about those medical issues, as they are personal)." Mike Kelly

This publication will be missed by our members. It had good content and you always knew where to look for future auto related events in Florida. Our members want to say **THANK YOU** for the 30 years, Mike. Best wishes to you and your family.

Ralph Towner, Editor, "The Oil Can" & members of the Suwannee River Region AACA, Lake City, FL

Tech/Safety The Small Hazards of Life

By Ralph Towner

When planning our work day most of us think ahead of what could be hazardous. Usually we think of the big hazards, such as falls from ladders or from roofs, electrocution, or asphyxiation from various chemicals, paint or even cleaning products that we may be using in a confined space. A major one for gearheads is not using wheel chocks or jack stands to guard against jack failures. All these hazards must be taken seriously and be properly reduced. However, the bigger hazards can take most of our attention and we may not even give a second thought to the small hazards which can be found in most work areas.



Defining the Small Hazards of Life

Small hazards, are those things that could be in any home shop or outside area, such as a cord or hose on the ground, tie downs or bungee cords, a nail sticking out of a board, a slippery spot on the lawn or floor, or a heavy object such as a hammer or wrench hanging off the top of a shelf. Small pets can be a tripping hazard too. Outside, watch out for tree roots and vines. Another common hazard for gear-



heads is when working under the hood, you raise up quickly to back out and clunk your head really hard. Any head injury is serious.



Another hazard is working on areas of the car such as inside the door panels or in any area that is not usually visible. There are sharp un-deburred areas all over a vehicle to be aware of while restoring. Many bad cuts and scrapes or bruises have happened to many of you I am sure, while working on cars.

These small hazards can still pose a great risk of injury to you or others who may be visiting or helping. The problem is, we get used to seeing these small things around us all the time and don't even recognize them as hazards until it's too late, especially when you have major hazards to deal with.

Unfortunately, accidents from small hazards happen to people every day, many times causing life changing injuries not to mention the pain and long term downtime as well as the expense involved.

So, please take the time to look around your home garage or work area to identify some of these small hazards and take corrective action or at least, remember they are there. **Be aware of the small hazards of life.**



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Website Corner

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Upcoming Events for Sept., Oct. & Nov. 2024

Sept. 5 SRRAACA Meeting
Wellborn

Sept. 6 Hardee's

Sept. 7 Wellborn Breakfast 7:00-10:30

Sept. 7 Ft. White Car Show at Celebration Church Registration 9-11 \$20.00 Fee People choice. 174 SW Morningstar Glen Ft. White SR 47

Sept. 13 Hardee's

Sept. 17 Sal's 5-7:30

Sept. 20 Hardee's

Sept. 21 Spring Hill Festival and SRRAACA Car Display Trexler Methodist Church High Springs 23300 Old Belamy Rd. 9-1pm

Sept. 27 Hardee's

Sept. 28 Denny's Cruise In 8-10:00AM Lake City

Sept. 28 Tioga Town Center Car Show \$40.00 4-8pm 129th Terrace Newberry Fl.

Sept. 29 PDQ Restaurant Gainesville Sunday Cruise In 3403 W. University Ave

Oct. 3 SRRAACA Meeting Wellborn

Oct. 4 Hardee's

Oct. 5 Wellborn Breakfast 7-10:30

Oct 11 Hardee's

Oct. 15 Sal's 5-7:30

Oct. 18 Hardee's

Oct. 25 Hardee's

Oct. 26 Denny's Cruise In 8-10AM

Oct. 27 Sunday- PDQ Restaurant 3403 W. University Ave. Gainesville 4th Sunday of the month.

Nov. 1 Hardee's

Nov. 2 Cornbread Festival Wellborn

Nov. 7 SRRAACA Meeting

Nov. 8 Hardee's

Nov. 9 Sugar cane Festival in White Springs, FL

Nov. 16 Saturday Ron Manna hosting a Tour & Picnic at his home. Details



SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5 SRRAACA MEETING 7PM	6 Hardee's	7 Wellborn Breakfast Ft White Car Show Celebration Church
8	9 Mary Owens Happy Birthday	10 Barbara Sparks Happy Birthday	11 George & Barbara Richards Anniversary	12 Bill & Shirley McManus Anniversary	13 Hardee's	14
15	16	17 SAL'S 5-7:30 Pete Mazzocchi Happy Birthday	18 Graham White Birthday & The Marquis Anniver.	19 Denise Jordan & Bob McGraw Happy Birthday's	20 Hardee's The Carroll's Anniversary	21 Spring Hill Church Methodist Festival 9-1 Display
22 George Breslin Happy Birthday	23	24	25	26	27 Hardee's	28 DENNY'S 8-10 Tioga Car show Nancy Hagey Happy Birthday
29 PDQ Gainesville show	30	Oct. 1	2	3 SRRAACA Meeting 7pm	4 Hardees	5 Wellborn Breakfast

The Roadmap

Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)

- Sept. 5 — SRRAACA meeting Wellborn 7PM
- Sept. 6 — Hardee's 4-7 PM
- Sept. 7 — Wellborn Breakfast 7:30 - 10:30 AM
- Sept. 7 — Ft. White Car Show at Celebration Church 9-11 Reg. 772-528-0891 or 207-343-7523
- Sept. 13 — Hardee's 4-7 PM Ken Barton DJ
- Sept. 17 — Tuesday Sal's Deli 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- Sept. 20 — Hardee's 4-7:30 PM 30
- Sept. 21 — Spring Hill Festival & SRRAACA Car display
- Sept. 21 — Classic Car show O'Steen's Barn 16811 Cty Rd 241, Alachua 32615 352-318-4810
- Sept. 27 — Hardee's 4-7:30 PM Ken Barton DJ
- Sept. 28 — Denny's Breakfast Cruise 8-10 AM Lake City
- Sept. 28 — Tioga Car Show Newberry, FL
- Sept. 29 — PDQ Restaurant, Gainesville 3403 W. University Ave
- Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 — Friday evening Cruise-In at Hardee's Ken Barton DJ on 2nd & 4th Friday 4 - 7:30 PM
- Oct. 5 — Wellborn breakfast 7:30-10 AM
- Oct. 15 — Sal's 5-7:30 PM
- Oct. 26 — Denny's breakfast Cruise-In 8-10 AM—
- Oct. 27 — Sunday - PDQ Restaurant Gainesville
- Nov. 16 — Saturday Club Picnic and tour to Ron Manna's home. Details later

Check:
flacarshows.com for
other future local events

AACA National Events

- September 12-14 Western Fall Nationals Loveland, Colorado 970-686-9291
- September 22-27 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre 1943) Fairfield, PA 240-344-2922
- October 8-11 Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA 717-566-7720
- October 23-26 - Southeastern Fall Nationals Huntsville, Alabama 256-653-4036

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534-1910 for more information**



THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's been a very hot and humid summer so far and September will likely be no slouch either with plenty more heat, humidity and perhaps a tropical storm or hurricane thrown in.

There are not a lot of car shows or SRRAAC activities scheduled for September with summer weather, back to school and the return of football. However, we will be doing our last Saturday of the month breakfast cruise at Denny's on September 28th from 8-10 AM. A reminder that all participants will be get a 20% off of regular price breakfasts. So, drive those antiques and classics to display if possible and enjoy the event. Hope to see y'all there.

Also on September 7th, Celebration Community Church on SR47 near Ft. White, will be hosting a car show, rain or shine. If it's overcast, it will be cooler and hopefully, no rain. It would be nice to see some good participation from our club members.

Ralph and I will be attending the AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals in Huntsville, Alabama from October 23rd - 26th, returning on Sunday the 27th. The next national event opportunity will be the Annual Convention and Awards ceremony in Charlotte, NC to be held from February 6 - 8, 2025.

One other thing and I'll wrap up this VP message; at the August meeting, member, Ron Manna presented a possible outing opportunity in November at his property and home. November 9th was suggested. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Ron's offer. A motion was approved to also have a tour with our old cars to make the approximate 28—30 mile run to his home a fun experience.

Thanks, Ron, for the invite and for hosting the event. Final details will be made at the September meeting. Ron has since agreed to have the event on November 16th so it won't interfere with the Sugarcane Festival in White Springs. Please put this event on your calendars. The weather should be pleasant that time of year.

By now, y'all are probably looking forward to the November/December newsletter for our President. Shirley's newsworthy and motivating President's message.

Take care, stay well and look out for those September/October storms!

VP, Kelly Jordan



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Sunshine

Report

By Ralph Towner



As most of you know by now, Bill McManus fell during the night of Friday, July 12th and sustained a head injury. Shirley sensed Bill was having symptoms of a concussion. She took him to the ER and he was checked out. They found he had some bleeding on the brain, so he was rushed to a hospital in Orange Park, near Jacksonville, where a surgeon was available. They put him into surgery immediately. He was in ICU for four days and it did not look good. With some answered prayers and the surgeon's skill, Bill began to recover. He was in the hospital for a total of 11 days.

Shirley made the decision to take him home rather than a rehab facility as she would be able to give him full time care which he would not receive at the facility.

He continues to improve as time moves on. He requires special care for most of his needs and must eat only pureed food. Shirley brought him to Sal's for a while on August 20th as well as the Denny's Breakfast on August 31. He seemed to know everyone and appeared well for all he has been through.

Shirley has her hands full but appears to be holding

up well. Remember, she is also a caretaker for her brother, Joe. **Please continue your prayers for both of them.**

* * *

I talked with **Melvin Lane** at Denny's August 31st. I am happy to report he is doing well and enjoys staying at the Veterans Domiciliary. Kelly picked him up and brought him back home from Denny's.

Jan Kissel has had the flu for over a week, which was diagnosed at the VA. I talked with him, he sounds good and is recovering. He sends us best wishes.

On another note, **Jack Wells** and friend, Jim Allen have gone on another **long distance ride to a sidecar rally in Maine**. I heard they arrived there safely. The rally is



this Labor Day weekend. I decided to hold off on an article about them until they have returned and cover both the trip to Oregon and to Maine in the same article in the next issue. This would be an adventure for anyone, but remember both of them are past 80!

Left: Jimmy in front and Jack in back on their sidecar rigs.



CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

Mary Owens – 09/09; Barbara Sparks - 09/10; Pete Mazzocchi - 09/17; Graham White – 09/18; Denise Jordan - 09/19; Bob McGraw – 09/19; George Breslin – 09/22; Ralph Falco - 09/26; Nancy Hagey – 09/28

September Anniversaries

Barbara & George Richards – 09/11; Shirley & Bill McManus - 09/12; Nancy & Gary Marquis – 09/18; Darla & Joseph Carroll – 09/20

October Birthdays

Maria Calvet – 10/03; Carole McGraw – 10/04; Diane Hill – 10/5; Roy Spurling - 10/12; Crystal McNamer – 10/22; Larry (Woody) Woodfin – 10/23; George Degler - 10/24

October Anniversaries

Michelle & Jimmy Huntsman – 10/01; Doreen & Bob Hoffman – 10/04; Rhonda & Sherman Stanley – 10/09; Teresa & David Ochsenbauer – 10/12; Nina & Gerald Howd – 10/17





WANTED: A Few Good Men and Women!

By Jack Harris, 2024 AACA National President

Being a Chapter and Region officer has been a very rewarding experience for me. I was first nominated as Chapter President 17 years ago. The friendships and relationships I have made over these past years have been incredible. I would have never met so many great people across the country if I had not agreed to take a leadership role in AACA. Once elected as Chapter President, I became more involved in the NC Region. This opened up a whole new group of new friends and colleagues, as we worked together for the hobby.

As past NC Region President, I have served the past 6 years on the Region's Nominating Committee. In this capacity, I have called many people and asked them to serve as a Director or Officer. Unfortunately several times I was met with resistance or just a plain No I can't do it! You may only be one person, but you are one person who can offer something to the AACA, whether it is locally or in a broader capacity.

Everyone is busy and has a lot going on, but this hobby deserves all of our best efforts to make it grow and prosper. Your leadership can and will make a difference. We can't and should not count on the same people who always step up to help--they also need the rest of us to pitch in. New blood helps form better ideas and will keep the club moving into the future.

Everybody has a talent and can offer something to bring to this table. You never know what you can do until you give it a good try. If you can write, you can be the Chapter secretary. If you have some skill with your phone camera, you can be the photographer of your chapter newsletter and assist the editor. If your writing skills are better than mine, you can be the Chapter reporter or editor. If you have good computer skills, you can be the webmaster for your Region. And the list goes on. Step up and help your Chapter or your Region today! Get involved. Agree to be on a committee. Take on an officer or director position!

Most people are intimidated at first of agreeing to a leadership role. Starting up as an assistant or teaming up with another person might make both of you confident that you can be a leader in your Chapter or Region. Just remember, you will never be alone in participation or in leadership--there are many resources available to you from the National headquarters.

There are people to answer all your questions and people who are willing to come to your area and offer assistance. Being an active member in AACA in a leadership role is hugely rewarding at every level. All it takes is to say YES one time and you never know where it might take you. Everybody is capable of doing something big or small. We are in this together!



The Macungie Truck Show

By John McCarthy VP—Endowments

The town Macungie in Pennsylvania and surrounding states is synonymous with car shows. From June to September there are several shows each month at Macungie Memorial Park---to name a few the General Motors Show, Antique Truck Show (three days in their 44th year), Das Awkscht Fescht sponsored by the Ontelaunee Region AACA (three days in their 61st year), Corvette Show, Wheels of Time (three days featuring hot rods and customs), plus many cruise nights with a large number of food truck vendors.

Then in mid-June there is the Antique Truck Show sponsored by the Antique Truck Club of America headquartered in Boyertown, PA. Not only is this a large show with close to a thousand trucks, but the trucks are also really BIG. While there may be a couple of handfuls of F-150's, Dakota's, and Silverado's, the vast majority of the trucks are Kenworth's, Brockway's, International's, Peterbilt's, Sterling's, and of course, Mack, whose factory is a few miles away. Many of these trucks are trailed by even bigger trucks for states in the South, Midwest and Canada.

There is also a large selection of orphaned trucks going back to the early 1900's like Autocar, Diamond T, Hahn, Detroit Diesel powered Studebakers, DIVCO, Moreland, REO and even Crosley. Crosley owners should never complain about detailing their trucks--- just think about what the Peterbilt owners have to go through. Since I don't have a truck, what is nice about this show is that I don't have anything to do other than roam around and enjoy the trucks.

There is also a large selection of vendors selling truck parts and truck models and toys. To get a good feel of this show there is an excellent video on YouTube "the trucks arriving at the Macungie Truck Show in 2023".

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- Revival AAA Glidden Tour® - September 22-27, 2024 - Fairfield, Pennsylvania
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- Southeastern Fall Nationals - October 23-26, 2024 - Huntsville, Alabama
- AACA Annual Convention - Feb. 6 - 8, 2025 Charlotte, NC

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Ken's Korner

A collection of trivia, anecdotes, quotes and jokes to brighten your day.

Humor: One day little Jonny was visiting his grandparents. He went over to where his grandfather was sitting and asked him if he could make a sound like a frog. "I could" grandpa answered, "but why?" "Because." Johnny said, "Grandma said when you croak, we're all going to Disney World."

Anecdote: Whenever things go "Haywire", something has not gone to plan. Haywire is a farming term from when hay bales were held together by tightly stretched wire. If the wire broke, the bale would fly apart forcefully which could injure someone or cause damage. Thus the saying something went "Haywire".

Quote: The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable man persists in trying to make the world adapt to him. George Bernard Shaw

Updated Quote: A journey of 1,000 miles is made easier with a GPS.

Until next time...

Ken



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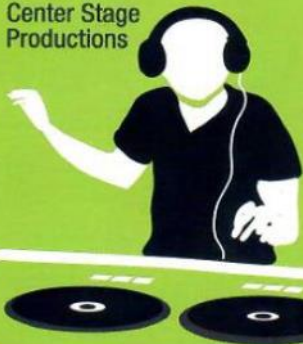
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I Wanted Another Model A ... and Here It Is!

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Ron then, took me for a ride through some of the wide open Gilchrist county roads. The Model A runs and performs well. Once we got back to his shop, Ron examined and offered some pointers on a personal project of mine, which is a story for another time.



Above: Passenger's view of the "Real Florida" Gilchrist county countryside.

Ron and Alice have offered to host a club picnic at their home. We have set a date for November 16th, 2024. He has a great country location with plenty of open space, facilities and picnic tables. Again, it is about 28 miles from Lake City, about the same distance as when we went to Pontiac Pete's home for a picnic. We are planning a tour to see some country roads which many of you may have never seen before. **If any way possible, plan to attend this event.** It's a nice open ride getting there and the weather is usually pleasant at that time of year.

Thanks, Ron and Alice for a taking time to help make this article and for allowing me to drive your Model A. Welcome to our club!

Our SRRAACA members appreciates your membership and for your volunteer efforts, which help our club continue to succeed.



Top: Ron Manna enjoying the cruise in his Model A.

Above: The Passenger side view of the 1930 five window coupe. The dark green with black fenders and light green wheels was typical of many of the Model A's.

Left: Original type interior. Seat belts are allowed by AACA in antique cars as a safety precaution.

Right: The Model A dash plate with ignition key, engine temperature gauge and odometer.

