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**We Want to Thank Ralph Tower
For 5 Years as Editor of
THE OIL CAN**

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MY FIRST JANUARY 2020

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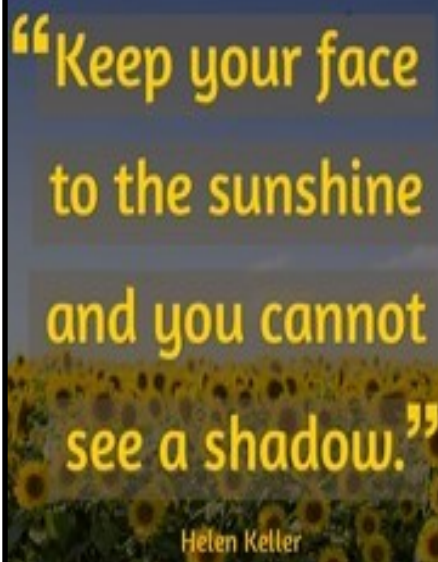
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

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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 Community Association 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 Don Downs, Editor at 904.483.0367



A Message from Our President

Shirley McManus

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Edited by Don Downs

I am so glad to see the New Year ramping up with lots of things to do in this area. We have pretty much every weekend lined up to be busy. It is refreshing that we have had great turnouts for the recent events. We started off the month with our club trip to Tallahassee Auto



Museum. See my story on page 8. The Wellborn breakfast was bustling with

people. At our Sal's Italian Deli cruise-in we had 26 come out which is a great turn out for that with folks that we have not seen in a while too. Hardee's even had over 20 cars! Maybe everyone is tired of this cold (unlike Florida) weather and just want to get out. Whatever it is we are so glad to see you all.

This month we are going to try the Moose Lodge for our meeting. Please remember February 2nd to go to the Moose Lodge instead of Wellborn. They are cooking up wings and fries that night for \$7. Come early (around 6) if you want to eat there. If not, the meeting will start at 7. Along with the Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast on February 4th, Moose Lodge is having a breakfast as from 8-10:30. So take your pick that day! , February 11th, the Moose will hold a Valentine Car Show. The registration starts at 9 and the cost is \$15.00 that includes a free lunch. Like I said... a busy month

The next outing is February 17th and 18th with the Olustee Festival Car Display. We will be out there both days, so please if you have not already contacted me about

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Don Downs

Editor's Notes

SRRAACAites,



I find it interesting how this little forum here (Editor's Notes) can stir things up.

Last month I mentioned declining attendance at our meetings. I am certainly not always right, but I do have thoughts and opinions and may sometimes share them. Back in the pre COVID times, we met at El Potro. That setting maxed out at 50 and we routinely had 40+ and a few times neared the 50 limit. COVID hit and all shut down.

My column last month about the dark and remote Wellborn location has prompted some attention. We will meet at the Moose this month. Ah oh, here comes another thought or opinion. Also, let me say the Wellborn facility is nice and was a Godsend in a time of need.

I would not base this coming month's attendance



Dessert Night in Wellborn

(although it may be higher) as a true indication of if Wellborn or a "Lake City" location makes the difference. El Potro is in the center of Lake City... well lighted... right off the main drag... They have hamburgers for folks that do not like Mexican food, chips and salsa, and whatever drinks you may want. People in 50-year-old cars that do not have great headlights seemed to actually drive them to El Potro. Interestingly, we get similar attendance at Sal's and lot's of classic cars show up there... Very few in Wellborn... The Moose is in a dark remote Lake City location and quite frankly not where I'd want car trouble after dark... and has "whatever is on the menu that night" to offer. I will go to the Moose. So will the 17 or 18 people that always show up regardless. Then, we have (as of late) the floating half dozen or so people that

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Alex Fardales
Secretary/Correspondent

SRRAACA Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Edited by Don Downs



Our first monthly Board Meeting was held at the Wellborn Community Center on Thursday, January 5th, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Shirley at 7PM. This was a brief meeting prior to our monthly general meeting.

Shirley reviewed some bills from our Christmas party and other things. Bills were presented and approved by the board. Shirley talked about the upcoming trip to the Tallahassee Museum. The museum does offer a group rate if 20 people show up and the club has agreed to pay the admission. Shirley also mentioned that she would like to see more participation from members during the year of 2023.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

JANUARY 2023 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Edited by Don Downs

Our General Meeting was held January 5th, 2023 at The Wellborn Community Center. Shirley called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.. Following a prayer session and the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting began with the Treasurer's Report presented by Roy Spurling. The Treasurer's report was received and accepted by the general membership.

Shirley asked me to elaborate of the Christmas Party held last month at The Huntsman's home. Great food, good times, great music and of course, we missed Shirley.

Shirley then gave the Sunshine Report. Shirley then discussed the situation with her brother Joe. We wish Joe good health and God's blessings. Birthdays and anniversaries were mentioned. Happy Birthday, and Happy Anniversary to all of our members.

Local and National dues are due. Roy was taking dues at the meeting. If you have not renewed, please contact Roy.

Don then gave us his "Oil Can" report. We will probably be needing a new printer shortly. As many of us know, Don won a Master Editors Award for our "Oil Can" newsletter. Good job Don, and thank you for all you do.

Shirley spoke of upcoming events. The Mecum Classic Car Auction in Kissimmee is taking place through the 15th. This Saturday will be our club's trip to the Tallahassee Auto Museum. This is a very worthwhile trip, and the club's picking up the tab. This Saturday is also a Car Show in Live Oak at the Coliseum. Norman Silver spoke of this event. Not a big show, but nice. Norman will have a display there. He also reiterated about the Tallahassee Museum. If you've never been there, it is most definitely a worthwhile experience. Not only an automotive museum, but all kinds of stuff including a large collection of pianos.

January 17th is Sal's night. The 26th-28th will be the annual AACA Winter Nationals being held in Miami. The 2nd annual Moose Lodge Car Show Event will be held on Saturday, February 11th in Lake City. Last year, the event brought out 80 cars. February 17-18th is the Olustee Festival. We have been asked to display our cars along with Southern Knights. There will be no parade. We were asked to provide a history of the club.



Shirley also discussed participation. We would like to see more participation from our club members. February 25th will be the "Chili Cook Off" at the American Legion in Lake City. Kelly brought up that the AACA National Meeting is being held in Williamsburg, Virginia February 8th, through the 11th. Some of our members are attending.

Don mentioned a possible future outing at the Koch Museum. This is an excellent museum... not as elaborate

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IT HAS BEEN A GREAT RIDE

Story & Pics by Don Downs

About 3 and a half or almost 4 years ago, Ralph began doing like I have been doing (lately) with respect to the Oil Can. I had only been a member for a year or so, and I was hearing this plea for someone to takeover the Oil Can. My near 30-year career with one corporation had me exposed to all kinds of challenges along the way. One of them was a simple



First Issue

New Logo

newsletter that I did for a TEAM I was over as a District Manager early on in my career. I had used Publisher and was familiar with it. I knew I could do The Oil Can... but I did not really have the time or real inclination to want to. I remained quiet for a number of months.

Ralph was becoming more emphatic about wanting to move on and was suggesting he would help anyone to become familiar... or that he might begin to reduce how many pages and cut the content. Ralph had done a tremendous job with it and after figuring out the ropes, he was winning the Master Editor for his efforts as I have.

Toward the end of 2019, I raised my hand and suggested that I could do it temporarily until someone else took it over. I mentioned that I am busy and that I would likely create a reduced size and content newsletter just to keep it alive. Ralph asked me if I knew Publisher. Funny but true story... I said ah yeah... just send me one and I'll adjust a few things and send it back to you and then you let me know. I took one of his and turned things sideways and upside down and tossed in some of my humor and sent it back and asked him to let me know if he thinks I can handle Publisher. His simple response was "you passed the test".

I really did initially intend to just keep it alive. I really am a busy guy. The reduced content Oil Can never happened. For over 3 years I have been putting out typically 20 pages, never under 18, and occasionally 22... Folks, you may



New TECH/SAFETY Feature Each Month Began February 2020



not believe this, but quite a bit of thought and groundwork go into it. I am always taking pictures... I interview members for features... making this stuff fit with the text and the pics is not always a snap... little changes requested by Shirley and Ralph after proofreading sometimes make a nightmare out of addressing the

requests... I am not complaining... just sayin... I have it figured at a solid 10 to 12 hours, and sometimes more, to create each issue.

I have truly enjoyed it. I have had the chance to meet in more detail many of our members. For those that have read the Oil Can, you know my style was to give background and history on each featured member so you too could feel that you know them. I added the TECH/SAFETY feature early on. I get comments on it, so I feel like you enjoy it. I have taken the entire publication and made each article to have its own color so as to make it easy to know where they start and stop. I enhanced the calendar to be the "ROADMAP". I changed to whole logo to be a real Oil Can with our name on it.

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IT HAS BEEN A GREAT RIDE

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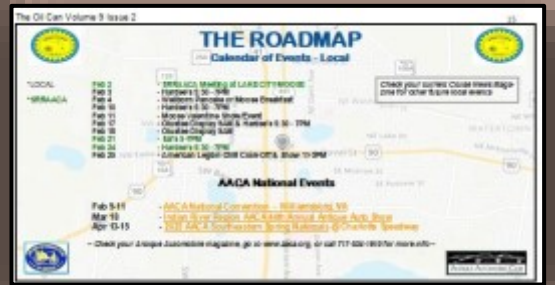
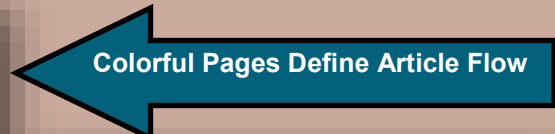
I have won Master Editor every year, and am going to the National Convention in a few weeks to accept another. As many of you know, last year I won the Master Editor, but also won the "Best of the Best" Ann Eady Award setting the Oil Can and SRRAACA above all other Newsletter publications in the country. I am glad to have had the chance to be a part of all that. I have been somewhat of an over-achiever all my life and as a result a reduced quality and content Oil Can was never in the cards.

BUT...

I really have to put it down. I have been asking... almost begging for the better part of the past 6 months for someone to step up. No takers...

Someone... anyone... I would help. I'd write articles. I'd offer support. It is your turn!

I want to thank everyone for all of your help. All the members that agreed to be featured. I think most if not all of you enjoyed that! I want to thank contributors... and please forgive me if I forget to mention someone that contributed. But frequently Ralph has offered up articles, in

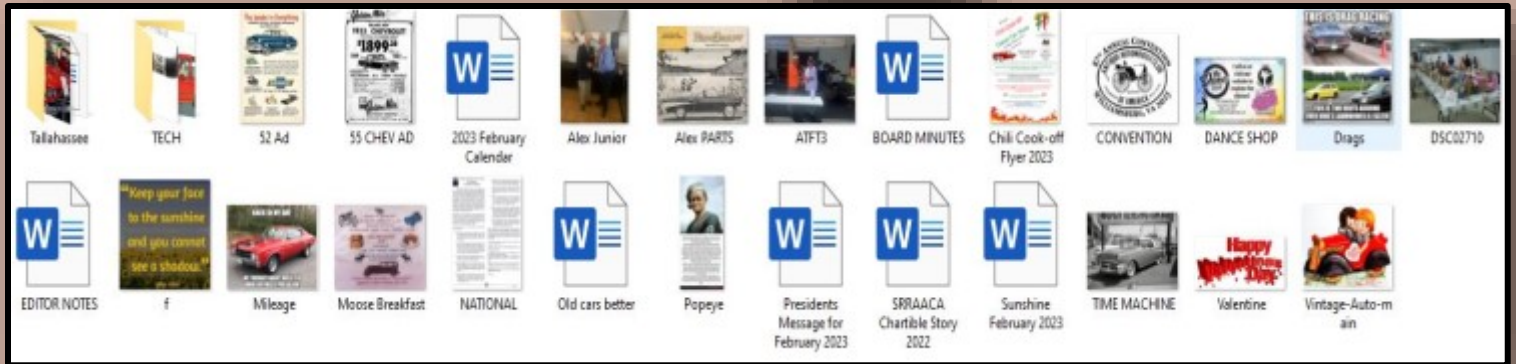


Roadmap Leads The Way For The Month

fact look at this issue. Shirley writes stories... Alex... Graham... Earl Beauchamp (God rest his soul) ... and others. Pictures have come from many of you. Thank you for all of that.

I want you to know, I have taken pride in trying to have little to no mistakes in my Oil Cans. I want to thank Ralph and Marie Towner as well as Shirley for proofreading each issue before you all get it. I have

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Above is how I would organize most of the planned stuff for the month... Below is how it gets when nearing complete. In fact, below is this issue right now as I finish up THIS story. The BU is a backup as once I lost a near finished Oil Can and had to do it ALL over again... NEVER AGAIN! Backup, backup...



8th Annual Chili Cook-off & Classic Car Show

Saturday, February 25, 2023
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Trophies for Chili Cook-off will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Other awards will be given for best decorated tent/space, most unusual chili, and craziest dressed team. Also a trophy will be awarded for the People's Choice Award. Trophies for the Classic Car Show will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd place and a People's Choice Award.

Admission for the public is \$5.00 for a wristband and a spoon for unlimited sampling of chili. Hot dogs, chips, sodas/water will be available PLUS \$1.00 draft beer and cash bar. Also 50/50 Raffle and Auctions

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Frank 'Rocky' Fiegel, born in Poland on January 27, 1868. He emigrated with his family to America where in 1887 he joined the Navy.

When Popeye's creator met him, he was a retired sailor contracted by Wiebusch's tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois, to clean and maintain order. He had a reputation to be always involved in fighting, so he had a deformed eye ("Pop-eye"). He had demonstrated his strength in so many fights that he became a local legend. He always smoked his pipe, so he spoke only with one side of his mouth.

When he was with children he held the pipe with the corner of his mouth and told them the antics of his youth, often boasting of his physical strength and loudly claiming that spinach is the food that makes him invincible.

Popeye's character creator Elzie Crisler Segar was born in Chester and was one of the children who had the privilege of hearing 'live' the stories of the former sailor.



TALLAHASSEE AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Story & Pics by Shirley McManus - Edited by Don Downs

Just about an hour and 20 minutes West of Lake City is one of the most unique Museum's in Florida. The Tallahassee Antique Auto Museum is just off I-10 and is an easy drive from our area. Their brochure says, "It's more than a museum... it's a journey".

Our club outing was January 7th. We could not have picked a better weather day to go. Fourteen of us headed west after having breakfast at the Wellborn Community Center. We were excited to see over 160 classic and antique vehicles. Actually they have so much more than cars including anything you could think of that has wheels and a motor. Around every corner there were collections of dolls, jukeboxes, cash registers, guns, knives and so on. So many car models you couldn't possibly count them all. It always amazes me no matter how many times we have gone there we never see a speck of dust on anything. How do they do that???

The owner (DeVoe Moore) sure knew what he was doing when he opened this museum in 1996. It has two floors, 3 banquet rooms, and 100,000 sq. ft. of just about anything



PEDAL CARS GALORE

that you could imagine. I had set up a Scavenger Hunt (ahead of time) that all of us could work on while we were there. You can actually learn quite a bit looking for the items listed. We all went in separate directions to find our favorite cars. My eye caught a beautiful 1959 Caddy Convertible... and of course it was **RED**. What a beauty. I just wanted to take it home with me! Up on the second floor a racetrack of pedal cars. They are one of my favorites.

Nina and Jerry Howd took their young grandson, and he found a car just his size. I watched as this little wide-eyed boy was so excited to see the vehicles and to have his grandparents tell him something about each of them. He was just full of questions and kept Nina and Jerry busy. But you know our grandchildren won't know about our car

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59 RED CADDY...Should be in Shirley's garage...!

TALLAHASSEE AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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hobby unless we tell them. Just watching little Daniel you just knew he would grow up loving cars. They also had one of those funhouse mirrors upstairs (which kind of distorts your body when you look into it). He spent quite a bit of time in front of that mirror.

There was also a big section of Batman cars and memorabilia. Way too much to list in this story. You just need to go see for yourself.

Of course a major person we missed was Alex Fardales. He couldn't make this outing but the last time we were there he stunned us all by asking to play the famous piano's they have. He was incredible. Jerry Lee Lewis would have been proud. Don renamed him "The Piano Man" and actually featured it in a future Oil Can.

All in all, it was a great day. It does not matter how many times we go... we always find something new to see.

Thanks to all that went. It was a great time for everyone!



Piano Man Can...



Beautiful Cars



Beautiful Trucks



Such a beautiful, clean, place with great stuff in it!

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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being there, please do so. The times are 9-6 both days, but you just need to let me know when you can be there and for how many hours. The vendors are right across the street from the parking lot we will be in. You will be right in the heart of everything. I can't stress enough please only enter in off NE Leon Street. Roads will be closed off all around that area. The Southern Knights and SRRAACA will join together for this one. It will be great to meet some new friends and see their cars as well. We have a special invitation from the city, so let's help our community out and show off our cars.

On February 25th, there will be the American Legion Chili Cook-Off from 11-3. There is no registration fee on this event and there are People's Choice Awards with 3 trophies. This is always a great time. On the same date there is also a car show in Williston if you would rather go to it.

As always... Hardee's and Sal's too! So... get set for a busy month and please come on out to these events.

Hope to see you and Happy Valentine's Day.

Shirley



THE GENERAL MINUTES

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as the Tallahassee Museum, but worth the drive. Don and Ralph attended there last year and a story was featured in the Oil Can. It is located in Palm Coast. We would need to contact them to arrange an appointment. Shirley highlighted a garage/condo facility out of Detroit, Michigan, and one in Thermo, California. She put together a picture poster from both locations. The poster was passed around. This is an interesting concept.

At the beginning of the meeting, 50/50 tickets were sold. Kelly drew the winning ticket. Congratulations to Jack Wells. He won \$35.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

EDITOR'S NOTES

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are not always the same but tend to make up to low to mid 20s that have been attending meetings the past year or two. We have more members than ever but have less folks at meetings. At El Potro, we routinely had over 40 people and many times almost 50. In fact, at that time there was discussion that we may outgrow it. I dunno, but that would be a great new problem to have.

I am not sure, but I think we should reach out to the entire membership... especially making sure to tap into the members that we rarely see at meetings... which is over 50%... and ask them. There may be some insight to glom from it. There may be an easy fix!

I am transitioning to a spot where I will not be involved with decision making or have a place to share my thoughts with the SRRAACA. So, please consider this my last mention of such things and thanks for listening (or reading!!).

Have a Happy Valentines Day and may The Force be with you!



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TECH/SAFETY

Coolant Hoses

Story by Don Downs - Pics are file photos

It is Winter right now, but our cars, including the classics, can get real hot if we develop leaks in the cooling system. It is something that you will want to consider.

Our classics will generally have 2 radiator hoses, and then 2 heater hoses. Many will have a bypass hose near the water pump. If any of these fail, you will wind up like the guy in the picture to the right! Not a great sight, and something that always happens at a bad time.

For our classics, especially if we intend to show them, you should have original type molded to fit hoses. These will look like original and for the sake of judging are acceptable. They may be quite more expensive than a flex hose that we see here and there at times. Be careful to use the period correct hose clamps! Just ask Ralph about that!!

Heater hoses are simple and inexpensive. If you change your own, be careful not to yank and pull on the connec-

tions at the firewall. If you do you risk damaging your actual heater core. They can be both expensive and not much fun to install... so be careful.

If you have a bypass hose, it is generally near the water pump and easy to spot.

It is suggested that you inspect your hoses at least annually and replace them if suspect for age and wear. It is easier to keep up on them than to have them burst at the worst moment!



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Were Cars Better in the Old Days?

Story by Ralph Towner—Pics are File Photos

Most of us have heard and/or stated the phrase, “They don’t make ’em like they used to” many times as we talk with friends, other owners, and spectators at old car events. Whether the old vehicles are better is up for debate. My answer is a firm yes – and no; it depends on how the comparisons are made. Let’s examine some of the facts.

There is no doubt the frames, sheet metal, bumpers etc. on cars from 40 or more years ago were made from much heavier steel than the modern cars, not to mention all the plastic used in modern cars. Depending on the model, most cars from that era were roomier with larger trunk space. The older cars were much easier for the average owner to do their own vehicle maintenance. As an example, a fuel pump could be changed in a few minutes by removing two bolts. Some cars today have the fuel pump located in the gas tank, a much more complicated feat to achieve.

An important part of our old car hobby is that we enjoy

driving. Cars from that era required more attention as they were being driven. There were no driver aids such as power brakes and steering, stability and traction control, abs brakes, warning buzzers and bells, cruise control, GPS, among others. These gadgets contribute to a modern cars “safety” but also make the driver more complacent about speed, driving too close to the vehicle in front, hard braking of the vehicle when stopping, rather than a gradual slowdown among others. Having control of these driving features is part of the fun of the old car hobby.

Virtually everyone agrees the styling of our classics is far superior to what is available today. 40 or more years ago, every brand, even among the vehicles from the same company, had its own styling and evolved with each model year. In the last 25 years, most of the brands, foreign and domestic, look so similar that it is impossible to tell the brand. Don’t forget, the rumble of a tuned V-8 engine was a pleasant sound for most of us.

Now let’s consider our modern vehicles; By using computers, fuel injection and efficient transmissions, fuel mileage has improved significantly. It is amazing the combined power and mileage of the efficient four and V-6 engines

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Were Cars Better in the Old Days?

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used today. Reliability has improved as well. Our older cars were considered shot or required an engine and transmission rebuild around 100,000 miles. Now, you can expect to get 200,000 or even many more miles from most brands. Much of this comes from improved lubricants, as well as advanced engineering, stronger materials and more precise tolerances used in the manufacturing process.

As mentioned before, modern cars have driver aids, which actually do assist less experienced or distracted drivers. Today's radial tires, with proper maintenance, are safer and last longer than the bias type tire construction of yesterday. Research has proven that shoulder belts, air bags, side air bags, built in crumple zones, warning lights/buzzers, as well as backup cameras, help save serious injury or death from accidents.

Other areas of improvement through the years, are rust protection, better paints and finishes, as well as optional creature comforts. These include, cruise control, power windows, power door locks, XM radio, Bluetooth, heated and cooled seats, individual AC control and others.

So, which is better? It all boils down to personal preference. Most of us realize that the reliability and creature comforts are a necessity for our daily drivers or grocery getters as many of us call them. But the main thing about

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SRRAACA GIVES BACK

Story by Shirley McManus - Pics by Don Downs

I am so proud of leading an organization that is so charitable. This is my seventh year as club President for the Suwannee River Region and every year I try to have us help others. This past year was no exception. As a result of our fantastic News Letter, we have many sponsors who have paid ads in The Oil Can. With that funding added to our local dues... we are able to do so much. It's also our members who contribute personally to many of the different outreaches. Each of you can be proud of taking a part in helping so many especially the children. That seems to be where our hearts are.

Speaking of the children, the Toys for Tots event at the American Legion was early due to the flood they had at their warehouse. Our club stepped up and not only supported the car show, but also bought and collected toys to the tune of about \$1,800.00. The Pregnancy Care Center was another charity we sponsored by buying 7 Pack-N-Plays for the babies along with diapers and clothing. The Wellborn Community Association we helped with the Back to School Bash. We bought about \$450.00 worth of School Supplies for the kids. We also helped with their Children's Christmas Program and bought about \$1,300.00 worth of toys. The Go-Bags for the Columbia County Homeless School Children we helped by buying sleeping bags, hygiene products, pillows, and more... filling the many bags they handed out last year. That came to \$1,250.00.

It is not always about buying or collecting things for




these agencies. It is also about service and supporting the community. We look forward to again helping the AACA, American Legion, the Moose Lodge, the Wellborn Blueberry Festival, The Wellborn Cornbread Festival, Sal's Italian Deli, and Hardee's by bringing out our cars so it brings the community to these events and restaurants and this year to the Olustee Festival Feb. 17th and 18th.

Thank you, members, for making all this happen. You can be proud of what you are giving back to this community.



Toys for Tots Baskets



THE ROADMAP

Calendar of Events - Local

*LOCAL

*SRRAACA



- Feb 2 - SRRAACA Meeting at LAKE CITY MOOSE
- Feb 3 - Hardee's 5:30 - 7PM
- Feb 4 - Wellborn Pancake or Moose Breakfast
- Feb 10 - Hardee's 5:30 - 7PM
- Feb 11 - Moose Valentine Show/Event
- Feb 17 - Olustee Display 9AM & Hardee's 5:30 - 7PM
- Feb 18 - Olustee Display 9AM
- Feb 21 - Sal's 5-7PM
- Feb 24 - Hardee's 5:30 - 7PM
- Feb 25 - American Legion Chili Cook-Off & Show 11-3PM

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

AACA National Events

- Feb 9-11 - [AACA National Convention - Williamsburg, VA](#)
- Mar 18 - [Indian River Region AACA 44th Annual Antique Auto Show](#)
- Apr 13-15 - [2023 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals @ Charlotte Speedway](#)

~ Check your Antique Automobile magazine, go to www.aaca.org, or call 717-534-1910 for more info ~



Sunshine Report

Written by Ralph Towner / Edited by Don Downs

A few of our members have endured colds during January. To the best of my knowledge, all have recovered or are feeling much better. Also, Brenda Degler had shoulder surgery in early January and George reports it went well and she is on the way to full recovery. Prayers are welcome.

Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, February 2nd, starting around 7:15PM at a different location. The Moose Lodge is located on the east side at 624 NE Williams Street, LC, 32055. Please make plans to attend. The best way to get a printed Oil Can newsletter is to attend the meeting. More than that, our comradery is above average, and you can catch up with your friends and learn what is in store for 2023. One of the major advantages of a club is member helping member. Kelly and I helping Alex, as described below, is a good example of this.

Kelly Jordan and I helped Alex Fardales by hauling his 1955 Chevy Belaire to Miami for the AACA Southeastern Winter Nationals. I am happy to report that all went well, and we had an outstanding weekend. Alex's Chevy stood out on the field. He won a second place Junior award. Both Kelly and I enjoyed being able to help Alex show his car to his friends and many others in his former region area. Kelly and I attended several events that the South Florida Region AACA arranged for us. They



were simply outstanding! Kelly and I also helped judge during the Saturday show. Look for a full article with photos and details in the March issue of The Oil Can.

The annual report to AACA has been sent in and includes the roster of all the members who have paid their local & National dues for 2023. **If you have not renewed, please know you are welcome back** and you will then be included on the roster and enjoy our club's benefits, both locally and nationally.

Remember to let me know of anything you would like published in the Sunshine Report.

Ralph



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February Anniversaries !

Diane & Bruce Hill



10 Tips for Buying a Car at Auction

By Jeff Broadus
Vice President - Marketing

Sold! Sold! Sold! It's easy to get carried away when bidding at an auction and wind-up spending thousands more than you budgeted or possibly exceeding the cars value. An auction is a fast paced, busy, and an exciting room, and the most basic principle here is to "know your limits" and not get carried away in the moment. Sometimes this is easier said than done. It also helps to be flexible and pick out several cars that interest you. Don't pin all your hopes on one vehicle and most importantly, be ready to walk away if the bidding becomes too frantic. Take time to inspect your chosen vehicle as the auctions open well before bidding commences to allow for this, so make the most of it.

Remember, do your homework, or invest in hiring an appraiser if you're not sure how to properly inspect the vehicle you wish to purchase. This may be the best money you ever spent. Don't be concerned about the one that got away, it's better than being upside down in a purchase or worse, winding up with a clunker.

Are you ready? Here's 10 Tips to remember when bidding for a collector car:

1. Rule number one, take time to inspect your chosen car. Remember that all bids are Final. If you are the highest bid when the gavel drops, then there's no chance to change your mind later, "You Own It".
2. Take your time and watch the action closely on all the cars up for auction. Look for suspicious actions such as bidders who seem to be active on every lot; they may just be trying to pump up the prices. Go to a few auctions before participating in one yourself. Get to know the players.
3. If you're not sure about the providence of the car, I suggest you hire an appraiser, this could save you from making a very costly mistake.
4. Most importantly, stick to a budget. In the excitement of bidding, it's easy to get carried away. While you might pick up a bargain, you also could end up paying well over the market value of the vehicle.
5. Listen to what the auctioneer has to say when they introduce the car. It could be that you'll hear something that will make you change your mind or make the car even more attractive. Caution – "As Is" Means "As Is"

6. Attendance not mandatory to bid. Most classic car auction houses accept telephone bidding, online bids or by leaving a commission bid beforehand.
7. To bid you need to register prior to the event. Most auctions houses require a "Bank Letter of Guarantee" proving your ability to pay for your purchase.
8. Keep in mind, auctioneers are tasked with selling up to 30 vehicles an hour, so if you've chosen a Lot, come to the stage area an hour before your car is schedule to cross the block, follow the action and be ready or you might miss out!
9. Many auction houses charge a buyers' premium which is added on to the hammer price. Be sure to verify what percentage is charged so that you can add it to the total cost of the car. Ask if there are any other charges that might be added to the final settlement in order to complete the sale.
10. Successful bidders need to arrange Insurance, your new purchase is covered up to \$50K and for 15 days allowing you time to add the car to your policy during normal business hours.

Know the Bidder rules and regulations. These differ from one auction house to another. Most auction houses post these rules online or present them to the bidder during the registration process. General Bidder Terms; the following terms are defined as standard terms throughout the industry:

"Lot" means any item identified and made available for sale at an auction event

"Bidder" means a person or entity bidding upon any Lot at any auction event

"Consignor" means a person or entity consigning a Lot for auction presentation and sale.

The terms "Bidder" and "Consignor" are understood as including his/her/its respective heirs, successors and assigns.

"Reserve" means the car has a minimum dollar bid the consignor set on the lot prior to the car being auctioned.

"No Reserve" means the car sells to the highest bidder regardless of price bid.

Good Luck.






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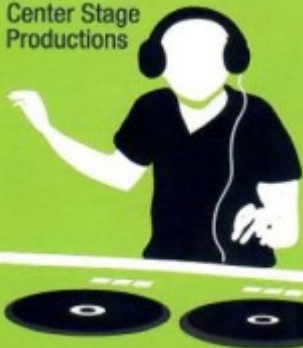
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never had a perfect one. The best was one little thing... and we all laugh about it. But mostly what you have received is pretty much spelling and punctuation correct. I am going to say that they are all good at finding boo boos, but Marie is like a machine... LOL.

As a special thanks, I want to tell you that Alex has been a plethora of nifty little fill in pics, humor, and old ads. I love that stuff. Brand new cars for 2 grand...

Folks, I may one day be willing to take it back. I enjoy it and I am boosted by the comments and all meaning that you have enjoyed it. Really, at the end of the day the Oil Can is for you. But for now, I need to set it down. This has been a tough decision for me, trust me.

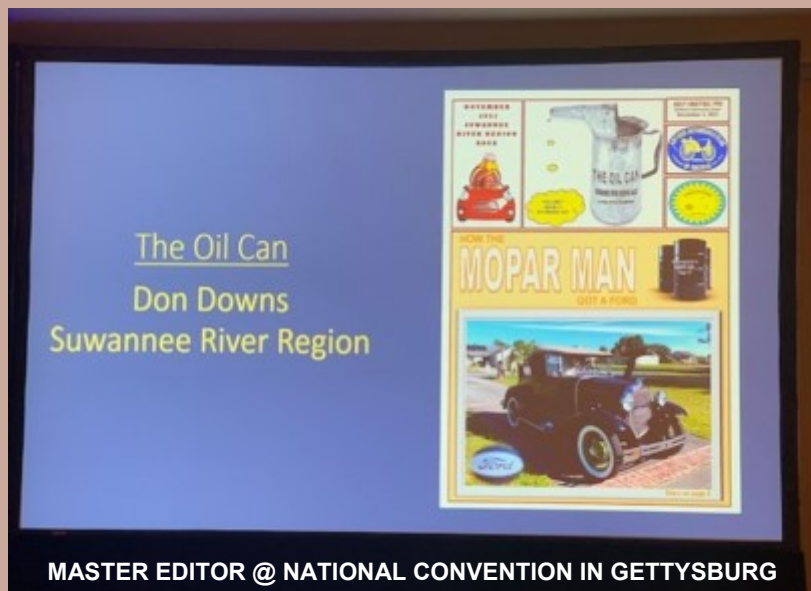
Thanks for all of your support and comments regarding my efforts with the Oil Can. I hope that someone will step up. I will help you. The club needs it.

I will do the March Oil Can next month and then that will be my last. March through October is the time where they evaluate them for awards. If one of you will step up and take this, I will let YOU take full credit for March at the National level and then run with it from there.

Come on... step up to the plate. You know you want to!



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