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Christmas Party 2023*

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

Dolly Parton



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

Jan Kisiel
Joseph & Darla Carroll
Douglas & Mary Smith
David & Teresa Ochsenbauer
Michael & Crystal McNamer
Steve & Mandy Brown

Welcome!

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 Lake City Moose Lodge 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

NEED A PERFECT GIFT IDEA ?

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 & Research Center alone, how can you go wrong?!

An AACA membership is a unique gift that gives all year long!

Call us today at 717-534-1910!

Cover: Most of the members who attended our fun and successful 2023 Christmas party at Michelle & Jimmy Huntsman's home on Thursday evening, December 7th.

Upper left corner: Chuck Partington posing with the Grinch. Members could pose for photos with the Grinch on the front porch as they arrived.



Shirley McManus

A Message from Our President

Happy New Year Everyone!

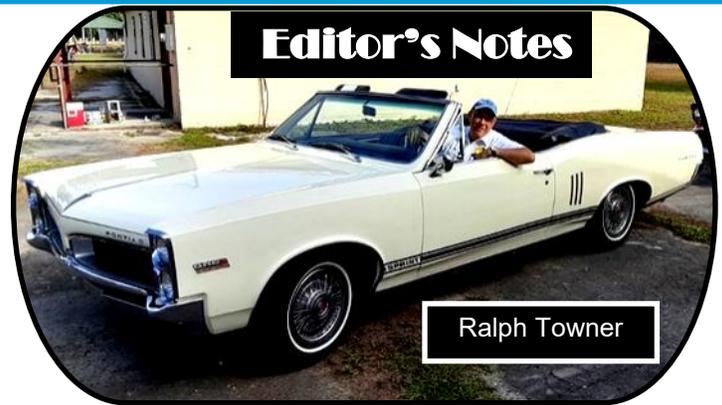
Let's all pray that 2024 will be a good year for us all. Last year ended with the passing away of our dear member Butch Franks. Please remember Doris Franks and their family. It's always hard losing a love one but especially hard at Christmas. But as hard as it is to lose a member, we gained 6 new members in the last month and a half. Welcome Michael & Crystal McNamer, David & Teressa Ochsenbauer, Steve & Mandy Brown, Jan Kisiel, Joseph & Dana Carroll, and Douglas & Mary Smith. We want to welcome our new members with open arms, and hope you will enjoy and be a part of all the good times we will plan for this year.

As I look back on 2023 we ended the year with a great event at the Gateway Lake City Airport for Toys for Tots. Dec. 9th Santa made an early stop and this time flew in to the airport in Jack Well's old "Jacks Be Wild" red airplane. Mrs. Claus joined him on the ground and they set up shop to give all the children who attended a visit with Santa and a special gift. The gifts were a dog house kit to build and the kids were thrilled. The event itself was to bring in toys for the Marine Corp "Toys for Tots" program. Inga Dwyer Columbia County Coordinator and Annita Leonard Suwannee County Coordinator were both on hand collecting all the toys. The Cannon Creek Airpark EAA Chapter 977 hosted this event and also flew their planes in. SRRAACA was asked to join in with having an Antique and Classic car Display. I was so proud we had 27 cars come out all with toys in hand. Thank you Club members it meant so much to have so many there. They collected so many toys which all stay in Columbia County for the children. A hot dog lunch was supplied by the EAA Chapter to every pilot and driver who brought a toy. A very successful event and I was very glad we were asked to help.

I do want to say that one of our members who is so generous and wants to remain anonymous sends me on a shopping trip every year to buy toys and this year I was able to split the toys 3 ways. First I took a third of the toys to the Airport event for Columbia County kids, next the Wellborn Community had their annual Kids Christmas party and they got the second third of toys, and the last third went to Toys for Tots in Suwannee County. The families in Suwannee were hit really hard this year with the storm Idalia and lost so many of their things not to mention many homes. In looking and shopping for all those toys and seeing how much it meant to everyone really blessed me. So thank you to our family who donated all the money.

Our Christmas Party at the Huntsman's was great. Jimmy and Michelle are the best Host and Hostess. We had 32 there and everyone seemed to enjoy every minute of it. The Grinch met us all at the door for a photo opportunity. I've got to say he was a very convincing Grinch. We headed indoors for my Ice cream coffee punch and then got ready for a great feast.

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Hello Gang,

Here we are, in January, 2024, so it's a good time to review where we stand.

First, we will be meeting at the Community Center in Wellborn for our meetings in 2024. The January 4th meeting (first Thursday) will begin with a covered dish meal, so remember to bring something to share for the 6:30 PM meal.

Second, there are still several of you who have not paid your local and national dues. As of now, they are past due. I will be getting the unpaid list this week and will call those who are on it. **If you are reading this before the meeting, please bring your dues to the meeting. If you are bringing checks, the dues are \$20 for local written to SRRAACA and \$45 for national written to AACA. Thank you.**

Third, in order for our club to continue through the coming years, some of our members must step up to become officers. I know some of you are beyond being able to perform these duties... I get it - I'm getting there myself. However, I know many of you have been successful leaders and would become great club officers. Also, please volunteer when possible to help with our activities. **Thanks to all who have.**

I still would very much like to have a member work with me on the newsletter this year and learn how you could tone it down yet still cover the basics needs of our members. You do not have to get as intricate with it as Don or I have, yet do a good newsletter. That was our choice. If you have any notion to give the newsletter a try, please don't be intimidated. It takes some work, yes, but you may find it to be a fun and rewarding experience as well. Contact me to discuss it.

I have been notified that I am a recipient of a **2023 AACA Master Editor award for "The Oil Can"**. I will be attending the AACA Convention in Chantilly, VA, (Near DC) in early February, 2024, to accept it at the awards banquet.

I do put a lot of time and effort into the newsletter, no doubt, but it would not be possible for me to win this award without our member's support. They include articles and photos you submit, cooperation with the interviews I do for the feature articles, as well as the prompt sending of the minutes and presidents message each month. Without these features, I could not receive a high enough score to achieve this award. So, I am glad to state **the award belongs to the entire SRRAACA Region club members.**

Contact me if you need more information or want to discuss any of this further. Happy Motoring,

Ralph



Alex Fardales,
Secretary/Correspondent

November 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Our monthly board meeting was held Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, Fla. At 7:03pm.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Shirley McManus. Shirley mentioned that tonight, we need to make a decision on where our next meeting

was going to be, being that in December, we will have our annual Christmas party instead of our meeting.

New member's application was presented and approved, new members Doug Smith with a '53 Ford, and Jan Kisiel with a '61 Chevy. Welcome new members !

There were some bills to review from our recent club picnic, which the board needed to approve. Approved by the board. Sherman also brought out a tray of beans to the event, but insisted he did not need to be reimbursed. Thank you Sherm.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Submitted by Alex Fardales, Secretary/ Correspondent, 2023

November, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was held at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, FL, Thursday November 2nd, 2023 by our club President, Shirley McManus at 7:20pm. Following a brief prayer, and pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order. Shirley introduced a guest at our meeting tonight, Mike Ziegler of the American Legion. Mike was present to thank all those who participated in the October 7th event at the American Legion, and presented a "certificate of appreciation" to the members that participated. Mike informed us of the success of the "Toys for Tots" program, with also receiving over \$3500 worth of quality toys. Mike called each participant up to receive his / her award certificate from the show.

Vicki Shanks informed us of the upcoming Christmas Party, Cannon Creek and Friends, being held at The American Legion, which will be on Saturday, Dec. 16th. This is not to be confused with our annual Christmas party which will be on December 7th. Vicki will be at our Club's party with tickets. Tickets are \$40 each. Shirley spoke of this event, a very nice event with good food and music. A very good time.

A new member was voted in tonight, Doug Smith. Doug has a beautiful red '53 Ford convertible. Also waiting on paperwork for proposed new member Jan Kisiel. Shirley gave us the Sunshine report and welcomed back Marie Towner. Shirley also mentioned member's family members that recently passed away and asked that we keep them in our prayers.

Shirley discussed our past October events, and expressed that we did have a good time at the American Legion October 7th. It was a beautiful day.

We had a very nice club picnic in Wellborn. We had a good turnout at Sal's, and the Pumpkin Patch was fun. Last Saturday, October 28th was the car show event in High Springs. This was a very good event, approximately 100 cars were on display. Congratulations to 3 of our members which picked up a top 25 award for their cars. Ken Barton, with his '69 Camaro, Ralph Towner, with his '67 LeMans convertible, and Dewey Burton, with his '63 Corvette. Congratulations members ! Shirley reminded everyone that membership renewals are now due. She asked that members to renew this same night, we will not be collecting dues at the Christmas party. If you have not renewed, as well as National dues, please renew as soon as possible. You must be a member of AACA National in order to belong to the regional.

Ralph Towner gave his Oil Can report. As you know, the Oil Can will only be coming out bi-monthly. Ralph spoke of the upcoming National Elections of officers, and gave his recommendations. These cards need to be mailed prior to November 15th.

Don Downs presented his website report. Over 300 hits per month. Ralph also mentioned, if you take pictures, to also please send them to Don. Try to also get the owner's name along with the description of the car.

Shirley spoke of Channel 4 news insider, and Bill McManus being one of the candidates to receive an award . Please go on the Channel 4 website and vote for Bill McManus. November events are the Cornbread Festival at the Wellborn Community Center this Saturday. This is not a car show, but we will have a club display. Friday the 10th of November, is the Willow Creek Nursing Home event, and asked that we all consider attending.

There are two events planned for the 11th. Norman Silver informed us of the "Cornhole Tournament", and Car Show event at the Suwannee County Coliseum. Norman passed out a flyer which was also a registration form to bring a car. Norm spoke of this event benefiting law enforcement veterans, etc. Also on the 11th, is the Sugar Cane event in White Springs. Ken Barton spoke of his event being a "cruise in", with people's choice awards. No registration fees involved. He asked that we arrive at 10AM. Awards are at 2pm. We will have a cruise-in gathering at the McAlpin Country Diner in McAlpin on Sunday, November 12th from 11AM – 2PM. Saturday, November 18th is a car show at Branford High School, with a \$20 registration fee.

December 2nd, Christmas on the Square, in Live Oak, for a car show. Thursday, December 7th is our annual Christmas Party, once again at Michelle and Jimmy Huntsman's home. We will meet at County Line Bar on West 90 to Wellborn, Koonsdale Road. at approximately 5:30pm, and drive to the Huntsman's home. Members are asked to bring a side dish, or dessert. We will have a gift exchange for those who would like to participate. Please indicate on your gift, male or female's gift. The gift should be a \$20 value.

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SRRAACA Car Club Christmas Party 2023

Text by Ralph Towner
Photos by Shirley McManus, Don
Downs & Ralph Towner

Around 32 of our core Club members had a successful and fun Christmas party on the evening of December 7th at Michelle and Jimmy Huntsman's home. The weather was chilly enough to seem Christmasy and Michelle had the house decorated nicely. Jimmy lit up a few logs in the fireplace which added to the Christmas feel.

President Shirley made her special holiday ice cream and coffee punch for us to enjoy before our meal. Don Downs used his enhanced chef skills to roast a turkey and a pork roast and gravy to perfection. Ralph and Mary Owens furnished a big pot of mashed potatoes. Our members brought their special dishes, which were a good assortment to enhance the main courses as well as some delicious deserts. Nobody went home hungry.

After our meal, Shirley set up the same amount of cups as there were attendees on a table in the kitchen dining nook with a gift under the cup. The gifts were trinkets, food items and cash... three were \$20 bills. Also a 10, two 5's and four 1's. The least



was a pack of 4 peanut butter crackers. We all drew numbers and whatever cup's number matched your number, that was your prize.

We then all gathered in the Huntsman's family room and had our gift exchange. Marie Towner had previously made up the numbers to draw; one set each for men or women who had brought a gift. When each person's turn came up, they could either select a gift to open or "steal" a gift previously unwrapped from whomever had received it. The "victim" could then select another gift. A gift could be "stolen" a maximum of three times. We have been doing this at our Christmas parties for years.

Shirley then persuaded twelve of us to volunteer to sing through "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Shirley even has props for each of the twelve characters. We have also been doing this skit for several years.

Our members had pleasant conversations all evening. Eventually, everyone began heading home. What a great club activity to end our 2023 activities.

Below: Shirley begging for volunteers for "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song we do each year.

Right: Shirley adding scoops of vanilla ice cream to her holiday coffee/ice cream punch.

Bottom, right: Proof that the turkey and pork roast did not come from Bob Evans or Publix Deli, but freshly prepared from scratch.



Lake Mirror Classic Concours d'Elegance

Text & photos by Alex Fardales

October 21st, 2023 was the annual Lake Mirror Classic Concours d'Elegance event held in downtown Lakeland, FL. It's been a few years since I've attended, but due to Hurricane Idalia, and some of the clean-ups I had to deal with, I did not register a car in time for this event, so I decided to go as a spectator.

This is a pre-registration event only, and about a thousand classics, antiques, and street rods transcends downtown Lakeland into a classic car haven. Besides downtown Lakeland, which is by Lake Mirror park, the actual Concours d'Elegance event is being held along the Lake Mirror shore. This is where you will see the most impeccable, showroom museum quality cars of all makes and models, of any year imaginable. Porsches, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Rolls-Royces, as well as domestic cars such as GM, Fords and Chryslers.

But throughout Downtown Lakeland, its beyond impeccable too. Can you imagine a street lineup of only 1980s DeLoreans?



There was also "Pontiac Row" where showroom quality of Pontiacs from the '50s and '60s are found. Each car had a display sign in front of it, so you can read the history of such cars along with the owners name and home town. Several cars around downtown Lakeland caught my eye, such as a yellow 1951 Nash Rambler Country Club, and a beautiful 1929 Chevrolet convertible. I will not forget the classic Corvettes from each year, just streets of many year Vettes, but another quality car that caught my eye was a beautiful 1956 Oldsmobile Super 88. When was the last time you saw a 1949 Packard Sedan?

In the park, was the Concourse d'Elegance event, and an actual stage show that was being presented. It was there that I came across many of my South Florida AACA friends, such as Guy Lewis with his 1950 Rolls Royce convertible, which won



"Best Of Show". Another South Florida member had his gorgeous 1955 Buick Century Convertible on display. How about this? When was the last time you saw a 1954 Kaiser Darrin, with it's sliding doors?

While Guy Lewis received Best Of Show for his Rolls Royce, a gorgeous black 1956 Cadillac Convertible received Best Of Show '50s domestic open. Open class refers to convertibles, while closed refers to coupes or sedans. I don't know who won best of show in the '50s domestic closed class, but my choice would have been a beautiful pearl dusk '57 Chevy Bel Air coupe that was on display.



Another treat was the Amplicars, a vehicle that is half car, and half boat. Not only were there a collection of Amplicars on display, but it was neat to see them in the water.



Lake Mirror Classic Concours d'Elegance

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In addition to the cars was one of the original 1953 GM Futurliner buses from the 1953 Motorama event,



"Parade of Progress", that was on display. People actually stood in line just to be able to climb onto the bus and sit behind the steering wheel for a picture.

Well, maybe next year, I'll display a car in Lakeland. I just hope we won't have to deal with any hurricanes.

Below: 1935 Rolls Royce Phantom painted purple.

Bottom: A gorgeous 1961 Chevrolet Impala, which had been through the AACA Preservation system.



Top: 1924 Ford Model T Pickup truck owned by Dan Shields of Upper Shields, Ohio.

Center: 1951 Nash Rambler Country Club owned by Glen & Claudette Schioneger of Parish, FL. No matter what the make or model, it is someone's favorite car.

Above: 1929 Chevrolet Phaeton owned by Daniel Ruttenburgh Jr., Winter Haven, Fla.



The Glidden Tour in Cairo, Georgia

Text & photos by Ralph Towner

One of the most prestigious tours in America, is the Glidden Tour. It is held annually with the combined effort and cooperation of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) and the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). Each National club hosts the event every other year. All vehicles in this tour are 1942 or older.

The VMCCA hosted the 2023 Glidden Tour, held in South Georgia from October 23rd through the 27th. Thomasville was the host city and starting point for each day's tour. There are many entrants from both clubs no matter who hosts the event.

On Wednesday, October 25th, the tour route took the tourists to Cairo, Georgia, where there were several locations arranged for the tourists to visit. One of them was the private auto and memorabilia museum, owned by Wayne and Marcia Hadden. When I learned the tour was going to visit the museum, I decided I had to go. I have visited this museum twice before, but not in about 25 years.

Since I was not registered, I contacted Wayne to be sure it was okay to drop by during the tour. His answer was "Sure, but be prepared to help out if I need you". He wasn't kidding as when I got there, he handed me a large finger pointer which I used to direct the incoming cars to the parking area. At least, I got to see all the vintage cars as they came in. Continued on page 9



Wayne Hadden



Top: Some of the varied types of memorabilia in the museum. Above: A 1915 brass era Model T.



Far right: Wayne Hadden's first collector car, a 1940 Chevrolet Special Deluxe.

Right: Marcia Hadden with a rare 1912 EMF 30. EMFs were made from 1909 -1912. Studebaker bought the company in 1912.



Some of the 1942 and older vehicles entered in the 2023 Glidden Tour.



The Glidden Tour in Cairo, Georgia

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The museum consists of three buildings plus some shed areas where parts, a few tractors and some parts vehicles are kept. Before the Glidden tourists arrived, Wayne's wife, Marcia gave me a private tour of the first building which contained several antique cars as well as a huge amount of memorabilia. I also looked at some vehicles which were parked outside as well as the garage building where the museum cars are maintained.

The arriving tourists were arranged in two groups to accommodate the parking space available as well as less crowding in the museum. The first group started

arriving around 10:30. I didn't know too many of that group as most of them were VMCCA members, but most were friendly and talkative. Most of them were gone by 12:30 pm which gave me time to have lunch at Mr. Chick, the restaurant that Wayne has owned and operated for 50 years. I also had time for a private tour of the other buildings with one of Wayne's employees.

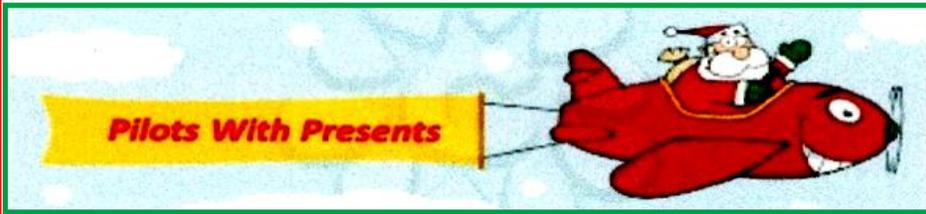
The second group began coming in at 2pm. There were several familiar faces among this group that I have met at other AACA events. The most prominent was Fred Trusty, my good friend and current AACA National President. He was riding in a 1937 Buick, owned by Ashby Armistead, the current President of the North Carolina Region. I walked through the buildings with Fred and Ashby, pointing out special features on vehicles that I had learned from my private tours. I am so glad I was able to go and be a part of this museum tour. Please take time to review the pictures, each of which are worth a thousand words.

Below: National AACA President, Fred Trusty, with a late 20's Studebaker in showroom condition.

Bottom: 1928 Pierce Arrow Series 81, one of the most revered and prestigious motorcars ever made.



Top: A collection of Cushman motor scooters on display.
Above: 1928 1/2 Studebaker President Roadster. In July, 1928, four President models were taken to the Atlantic City, NJ speedway where they broke all existing speed and distance records.



Text by Ralph Towner Photos by Dewey Burton & Don Downs

It was a spectacular weather day on December 9th, 2023, for our combined SRRAACA/EAA cars and planes event for The Toys For Tots program. There was a good turnout of both cars and aircraft.

Most of the pilots and drivers brought toys, donations were made and money was raised from the lunch that was provided by grill master, Dale Condy, and several EAA volunteers.

EAA show chair, Mark Wiencek, stated, "The event was a success in just about any measure." Thank you to all our members who participated. A picture is worth a thousand words, so please take a look at them.

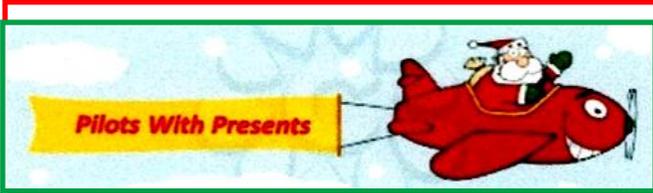
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Right: Annita Leonard, chairperson for Suwannee County "Toys For Tots", dressed as "Raggedy Ann", with Jennifer Karns as Mrs. Clause. Left: Santa Clause, John Karns, arrived by airplane.



Two photos of our member's & friend's cars on display at the Pilots With Presents event.



Below: Same year cars & planes parked together.

Bottom: Two T24 trainers parked together—one Navy, # 20, owned by Gary Donovan, a SRRAACA member, and the other, 03, was an Air force trainer.

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Website Corner



Webmaster: Don Downs

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Tech/Safety

You Never Know Who You May Be Recruiting

By Ralph Towner



This is a one in sixty thousand, true story, about a recruitment experience which occurred over twenty years ago with a remarkable ending. However, this same type of ending could happen to any of us. Read on to learn about an interesting journey.

It seems there was this country fellow out in mid America, let's call him Lester, who lived on a small farm near a medium size city. He had been interested in old vehicles of most any type all his life and had collected several. Lester was an AACA member .

One day Lester noticed the new owner of the adjoining farm repairing fences near the road, so he came over and introduced himself. He found the new owner, let's call him Ted, to be a friendly, outgoing person with a unique sense of humor. They talked for a while and the subject of the old car hobby came up. Ted told him he had an interest in old cars, but did not own any true antique vehicles.

Lester tried recruiting Ted to join AACA and the local Region, as one does not have to own and antique vehicle to be a member. Ted had never heard of the organization, but immediately turned him down, using the excuse we often hear, " I don't have time for a club. I have a full time job, a small business, a farm, and three kids playing soccer. I barely have time to sleep." A few years passed and Lester was persistent, inviting Ted to join AACA on several occasions. He got the same answer each time - too busy with life.

One Saturday afternoon, Ted was on his John Deere tractor doing some work near the road that led to Lester's home. Suddenly he saw a caravan of antique cars coming down the road towards Lester's home. Being an old car lover, Ted had to go over to look at the cars and find out what was going on. Lester greeted him and explained they were having a car club picnic. The people, who had driven their antique vehicles, were members of the local AACA Region.

Ted found the members to be friendly and with the same passion as he had for the old cars. Well, this was the turning point for Ted. He filled out applications and became an AACA member. It turns out that Ted had apparent leadership qualities and soon, the membership elected him to be on the Region Board and later he was elected by the membership as Region President. He also was appointed to be in charge of the swap

meet space mark off team for a large annual automotive swap meet. Much of the proceeds from this swap meet are donated to AACA National each year. In 2015, Ted was the chairman for the AACA 80th Anniversary National Meet.

Although still busy with life, Ted excelled at these positions. After Lester urged Ted several times to attend the annual AACA convention, which at the time, was held in Philadelphia, PA, Ted decided to go. He was amazed at the comradery, the quality of the seminars, dinners and the awards banquet... he was hooked. Ted has been attending them each year since.

After attending judging school, Ted joined the judging team and since his preference of cars was original, unrestored vehicles, he joined the HPOF (Historical Preservation of Original Features) program. After a couple of years, he was chosen as the HPOF chairman.

With all these accomplishments in AACA, it wasn't long until Ted was nominated to be on the ballot as a National Director. Ted had become well known by many people and was elected the first time on the ballot. He excelled as a Board member and after four years, came to the top and was elected by his fellow Board members as Executive Vice President.

By now, you have likely figured out that "Ted" is Fred Trusty, our 2023 National AACA President. "Lester", who recruited him, is Chester Robertson a retired AACA National Board member. Fred's hometown is Louisville, Kentucky, which borders the Ohio river and is also the Indiana border. The local Region is the Kyana Region, a very active AACA Region.



Fred Trusty

The moral of the story is "**you never know who you may be recruiting.**" Fred went from having never heard of AACA, initially deciding he didn't have time for it, then in his middle age, realizing what a great organization AACA is, and joined. The rest is history.

Fred wrote an article about recruiting, entitled "Generations" in the online "Rummage Box" newsletter. He emphasized that the most likely generation of potential members are in the 45 - 65 age bracket. So be patient. If you know a car enthusiast who would not join at a previous time, try again. Point out the many AACA National and Regional benefits. **You never know who you may be recruiting** or how that member may benefit your Region or even AACA National.

Ralph

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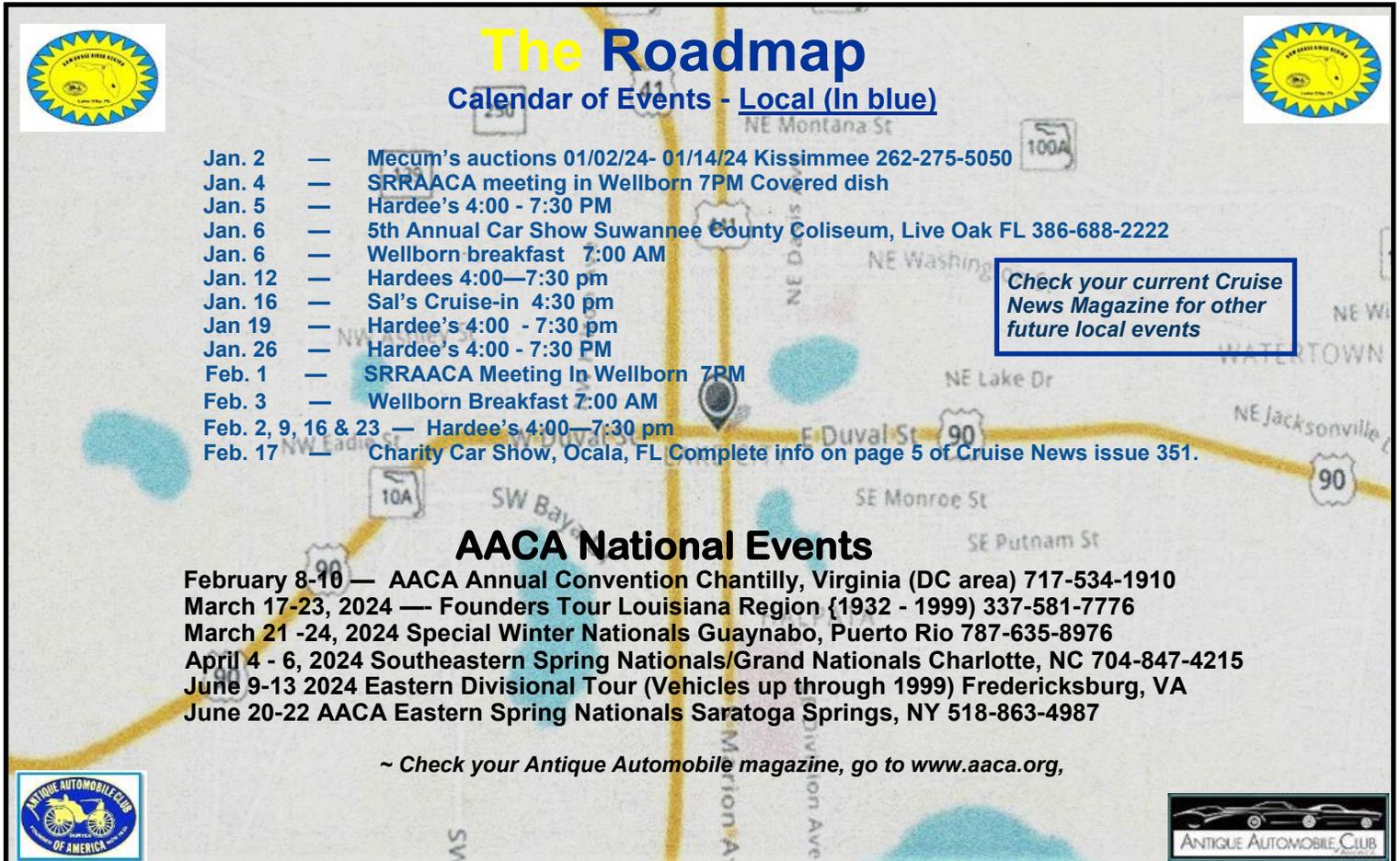
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Suwannee County Coliseum
386-688-2222
SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Mecum Auctions starts until the 14 in Kissimmee	3	4 SRRAACA 7:00 Wellborn Assoc. covered dish	5 Hardee's	6 Wellborn Breakfast Phyllis Glenn Happy Birthday
7	8	9	10	11	12 Hardee's	13
14	15	16 Sal's Cruise In	17 Gary & Peggy Doty Happy Anniversary	18	19 Hardee's	20
21 Rhonda Stanley Happy Birthday	22	23 Shirley McManus Happy Birthday	24	25	26 Hardee's Chet Gray happy Birthday	27 Bob Kopp & Melvin Lane Happy Birthday's
28	29	30 Ken Barton Happy Birthday	31 Bruce Hill Happy Birthday	Feb 1 SRRAACA Meeting 7pm	2	3- Wellborn Breakfast 14- Olustee Festival



The Roadmap

Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)




Jan. 2 — Mecum's auctions 01/02/24- 01/14/24 Kissimmee 262-275-5050

Jan. 4 — SRRAACA meeting in Wellborn 7PM Covered dish

Jan. 5 — Hardee's 4:00 - 7:30 PM

Jan. 6 — 5th Annual Car Show Suwannee County Coliseum, Live Oak FL 386-688-2222

Jan. 6 — Wellborn breakfast 7:00 AM

Jan. 12 — Hardees 4:00—7:30 pm

Jan. 16 — Sal's Cruise-in 4:30 pm

Jan. 19 — Hardee's 4:00 - 7:30 pm

Jan. 26 — Hardee's 4:00 - 7:30 PM

Feb. 1 — SRRAACA Meeting In Wellborn 7PM

Feb. 3 — Wellborn Breakfast 7:00 AM

Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23 — Hardee's 4:00—7:30 pm

Feb. 17 — Charity Car Show, Ocala, FL Complete info on page 5 of Cruise News issue 351.

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

AACA National Events

February 8-10 — AACA Annual Convention Chantilly, Virginia (DC area) 717-534-1910

March 17-23, 2024 — Founders Tour Louisiana Region {1932 - 1999} 337-581-7776

March 21 -24, 2024 Special Winter Nationals Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 787-635-8976

April 4 - 6, 2024 Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals Charlotte, NC 704-847-4215

June 9-13 2024 Eastern Divisional Tour (Vehicles up through 1999) Fredericksburg, VA

June 20-22 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals Saratoga Springs, NY 518-863-4987

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Don Downs served up turkey and pork, which were both delicious. Everyone brought a side or dessert and it was quite the variety of dishes. We had games, won prizes and of course did our traditional 12 days of Christmas and exchange gifts. Thank you to all who came out. We all had a great time, and again thank you Michelle & Jimmy.

The only other event in December was the Christmas on the Square in Live Oak, which was pretty much rained out. Sal's cruise-in had a good turn out and we celebrated Bill McManus 94th Birthday.

Congratulations to Ralph Towner for winning the Master Editor Award for the 2023 "The Oil Can". He does a great newsletter.

Looking into 2024 we have some great events to look forward to such as Mecum Auctions in Jan. Feb. brings the Olustee Festival and in March at the Santa Fe College the Gainesville Street Rodders big Show. As we hear of the local shows I will send out emails and put on Facebook.

I would like to say **thank you** for voting me your president again for 2024. This will be my 8th year. I never take this responsibility lightly. I realize my life has gotten a little more involved in taking care of my husband and my brother, but I will do my best to keep you busy for 2024. Thank you for giving me the opportunity once again and you will never know how much I enjoy leading the way for our club. Thank you to our new Board for 2024. I know you will all do a great job.

Happy New Year, *Shirley*

THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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Shirley described a "Toys for Tots" event in Lake City at the Gateway Airport, cars and planes show on Dec. 9th. A \$10 gift for a toy is appreciated. Free lunch for anyone flying in, or bringing a classic car that brings a toy. One toy per person, which would equal a free lunch. Two people in a plane or car would equal 2 toys for lunch. She asked for volunteers to park cars at this event. Many, including myself, volunteered. Shirley asked to let her know if you're going, and also, which car you will bring. They would like to match the year airplane with the year of your car for a display. Don mentioned this event is being highly advertised, appearing on TV, etc.

A ballot vote to continue here at the Moose Lodge was taken. The counts were locked, tied even once again, so it was decided by a coin toss. Wellborn won the coin toss.

Our Club Officer elections were then held. The results are as follows: President: Shirley McManus, Vice President: Kelly Jordan, Secretary: MaryBeth Downs, Treasurer: Roy Spurling. Newly elected Board Members to replace the expired positions of Bob Hoffman and Leo Hart were Harry McGinnis and Jerry Howd.

Suwannee Hardware in High Springs will be hosting a "Spring Festival" sometime this Spring and have asked if we would like to organize and judge this event, etc. They will provide everything. Members present expressed interest, more information about this event as time approaches.

Shirley told us about a campgrounds RV Station in Madison Cars & Coffee gathering in Madison. After some discussion, the membership decided to decline this event. Shirley passed around a sheet concerning the upcoming Christmas party on December 7th to get an idea on who, and how many people are coming. If you did not sign this sheet, please contact Shirley.

Kelly then drew the 50/50 winning ticket, \$98 in the pot, \$45 to the winner. Congratulations to Ken Barton.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Submitted by Alex Fardales, Secretary/ Correspondent, 2023

Ken's Korner

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



Trivia: We all know the meaning of "Trying to make ends meet" or do we? It's commonly used as a budgetary phrase, but its origin goes back several hundred years as a nautical term when large sailing ships were the only means of intercontinental transportation. Those ships raised and lowered their sailing ropes which would sometimes break. When that happened, the sailors would try to make the broken ends meet so they could be spliced until the rope could be replaced.

Quote: "According to some doctors, the only way to keep healthy is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not." Humorist, Mark Twain

A Sweet Ending: Legend has it that Alexander the Great was buried in a vat of honey.

Until next time...

Ken

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Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner



Dave Staples slipped on an oily spot on his garage floor last month that resulted in a broken hip. He was transported by ambulance to Lake City Medical center where they confirmed the hip was fractured. He was transported to Gainesville Regional, where he had a painful night in ER. He did not have surgery until late in the following day due to an overload of other patients. Dave had a hip replacement. He had a follow up visit a week ago and is doing well. He still must be careful for quite a while. We all wish Dave a complete recovery.

I am sad to report the passing of our former member **Butch Franks** a few days before Christmas. He had been suffering with dementia issues for over a year. Rest in peace, Brother.

Rhonda Stanley had respiratory issues during December. I am happy to report she has recovered back to normal as of this writing.

The Safety/tech article on page 12 is a "safety of our club" article. We all need to continue to recruit new members. The article is about the recruitment of a special member and is entitled, **You never know who you may be recruiting. Please take time to read it,** It is a

fast read true story.

Bill McManus celebrated his 94th birthday on Christmas day. He is still spry and in good condition. Shirley made him a special cake which is pictured on the right. Happy birthday Bill, and many more!



Our next **meeting** will be this Thursday evening, January 4th, starting around 7:15PM at the Wellborn Community Center. Please bring a covered dish for a meal at 6:30 PM prior to our 7:15 meeting.

The best way to get a printed Oil Can newsletter is to attend the meeting. Remember to inform me of anything you would like published. *Ralph*

Heads up! Due to the post office being removed from the mall, we had to get a new PO box at the main Lake City post office. After six months, we noticed we get very little mail there plus the rate had doubled. Our SRRAACA Board unanimously decided to drop the PO Box and Shirley agreed to use her home address as our club address. AACA approved the change. The new club address is: **190 SW Lockheed Lane, Lake City, FL 32025**



CELEBRATIONS January Birthdays !



Phyllis Glenn - 01/06; Rhonda Stanley - 01/21 Shirley
McManus - 01/23;

Chet Gray - 01/26; Robert Kopp - 01/27; Melvin Lane - 01/27;
Arthur (Hutch) Hutchison - 01/28; Kenneth Barton - 01/30; Bruce Hill - 01/31

January Anniversaries!

Peggy & Gary Doty - 01/17

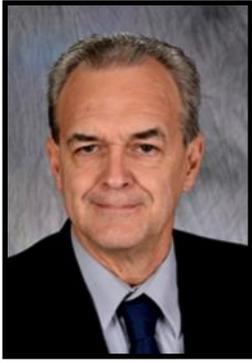
February Birthdays!

Don Downs - 02/02; Louis Barton - 02/04; Harry McGinnis - 02/06;
Barbara Richards - 02/07; Norman Silver - 02/12; Sherman Stanley - 02/13;
Dewey Burton - 02/25; Richard Hanney - 02/26

February Anniversaries !

Diane & Bruce Hill - 02/14





What's it Going to Take?

By Dave Anspach 2023 AACA Secretary/Treasurer

What's it going to take to get things to change? The membership of the greatest Antique Automobile Club on the planet has been steadily declining for years and nothing that has been tried has changed it. Now don't

get me wrong... we aren't in great danger, but if the declining membership doesn't turn around, before long there will be a big problem.

There is an answer... it is YOU! It has probably been stated a thousand times that if every member just got one new member, our membership would double. It's a simple concept. **JUST GET ONE NEW MEMBER!** Surely every person out there has a family member who isn't an AACA member. Get them a membership for Christmas! Any person with even a little interest in cars will appreciate the fine issues of Antique Automobile with its excellent pictures and articles.

How about a friend or neighbor? There is a car person in your life who would love such a gift! If you don't want to give a membership, how about using a free one from your local region? Every region would love an opportunity to sign up a new member. And let's not forget those free military memberships. Here is an opportunity not only to give something to those folks who have protected our freedom, but to add to the club membership at the same time.

In both of the above cases, you are giving someone something for free! I will tell you that in both cases, do yourself a favor and fill out the form with the person present and send it in for them. I have lost a lot of prospective members due to forgetfulness.

Finally, don't forget those people you meet at car shows, cruises and on the road! Always have membership materials, promotional items and spare magazines with you. You meet prospective members everywhere! People will see how much you enjoy the hobby and they just might want to join you!

So what's it going to take to get YOU to get a new member? It's YOUR club, it's up to you to make it grow and prosper! It is the responsibility of every member. Got any other ideas on how to grow the club? Contact me or any board member! We all would love to hear what YOU think!



Tour Guide

By Fred Trusty 2023 AACA National President

This year I've had the opportunity to participate in all but one AACA tour and talked with quite a few "freshman tourists" who said they wish they had discovered the touring side of the hobby long ago. Not knowing the guidelines for each

type of tour can create some apprehension to registering for your first tour so let's look at the various tours.

1. Reliability Tour--The Reliability Tour is sponsored during even-numbered years for brass era cars, i.e., those manufactured in 1915 or earlier. This includes all recognized vehicles of that vintage.
2. Revival AAA Glidden Tour®--The AACA sponsors the Revival AAA Glidden Tour® during even-numbered years (2022, 2024, etc.) in cooperation with the Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA). The VMCCA sponsors the tour during the odd-numbered years. The Revival AAA Glidden Tours® are for the older vehicles and eligibility for AACA sponsored tours is limited to those manufactured in 1942 or earlier. Generally, this tour is held during the 2nd or 3rd week of September.
3. Founders Tour--The Founders Tour is sponsored annually for all vehicles, except race vehicles, manufactured from 1932 through a production year 25 years prior to the year of the tour.
4. Vintage Tour--The Vintage Tour is sponsored during odd-numbered years for vehicles manufactured in 1931 or earlier.
5. Sentimental Tour -- The Sentimental Tour is sponsored during even-numbered years, beginning in 2004, and is for vehicles manufactured from 1928 through 1958, except race vehicles.
6. Divisional Tours --- The AACA sponsors two Divisional Tours annually – during even-numbered years, one in the Central and one in the Eastern geographical regions, and during odd-numbered years, one in the Southeastern Region and one in the Western Region. These tours are designed to be shorter in duration (minimum three days) than the traditional five-day tours.

The host Region or Chapter is free to decide which vehicles are eligible to participate in any Divisional Tour, except race vehicles will not be included. However, all vehicles must be of a production year at least 25 years prior to the year of the tour.

If you would like more information on touring you can go to aaca.org, click on the "Publications" tab and then "Policy & Procedures Manual." Section 4 has everything you ever wanted to know about touring.



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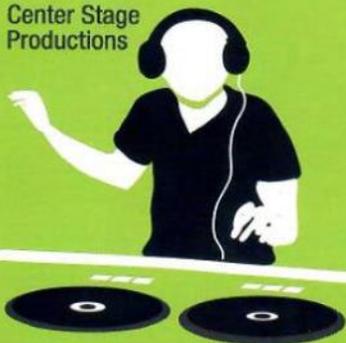
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Cornbread & Chili Cook-off Festival

Text & photos by Ralph Towner

Although not a car event, our Suwannee river Region is a sponsor of this November 4th Wellborn event. Shirley was our DJ for the event. Her buddy, "Elvis" had an afternoon appearance which the locals enjoyed.

It was a nice bright day with just enough chill in the air that the hot chili samples from the contest went well. Several of our members attended the event and we had a good day of recruiting. There were many booths where people could learn about the many businesses and services in the area. Besides the cornbread and chili, pancake breakfast was available in the morning.

Sherman Stanley was also a sponsor of the event. Ralph Towner displayed his 1957 Pontiac at

the event with three other cars from Sherm's business. He also setup a recruiting booth for our club, with some success.

Bellow, left: The scarecrow would sit motionless until someone came near him. **Below:** "Elvis" performing. **Bottom:** Shirley playing the tunes and making announcements throughout the day. **Bottom Left:** Sherm's car display with Ralph's '57 Pontiac on display.



Car Display at Willow Creek

On Friday, November 10th, some of our members displayed their vehicles at the Willow Creek Assisted Living Facility in Lake City. The residents enjoy seeing the cars and talking with us about them.

The weather was nice; a warm, sunny Fall day. The Willow Creek management furnished a light lunch for us at noon. There was a good DJ there playing tunes as well as singing many songs. Shirley and Bill danced to several of the tunes.



I want to encourage our members to attend this type of event when possible. It is a great community event for displaying our cars.



Our members enjoyed the weather, lunch and talking with each other as well as the Willow Creek residents. **Below:** Some of our member's vehicles on display at the event.

