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Doug Smith with his
beautiful custom 1953
Ford Crestline convertible

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*True friends are
those who really
know you but love
you anyway.*



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

John & Debra Stallings

Ralph Falco

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 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.

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A Message from Our President



Shirley McManus

June started out with the best weather ever and I want to highlight June 1 and the Blueberry Festival. People have no idea how much work goes into planning and putting the Festival together. You can have all the plans in the world but on a daily basis things change, right up to the last minute.

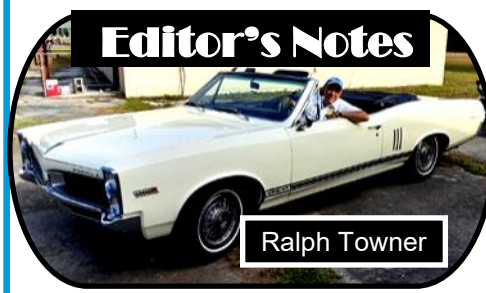
As most of you know I work very closely with the Wellborn Community Center on a monthly basis. This was my fourth year organizing the parade, so I know firsthand how much time and work go into just my small portion of this festival. From all the weeks of ground work, the cleaning, organizing the vendors, the food trucks, the music, the Volunteers for the cooking, the safety issues, and the Sheriff department all working together to provide one of the best festivals each year. This year was no exception and we had the best weather you could ask for. I heard we even ran out of blueberry pancakes breakfasts, and Blueberry Cheesecake Ice Cream. Believe me we planned ahead for the crowds. But this year exceeded our expectations with 13,000 coming out.

For those of you who volunteered or brought your cars out for the car show, Thank You. It meant everything to me for you to support our club. A special thanks to Pontiac Pete and his wife Yvonne for providing the trailer and his 1928 Pontiac for our float which by the way won First Place. Yvonne and Marybeth Downs decorated the float and a winner it was. Thank you both.

This year was Wellborn's 30th Anniversary and all of the floats had to represent the theme "30 Years & Growing". For those who are not familiar with the WCA, they provide for the Wellborn Community all year long.

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Editor's Notes



Ralph Towner

Hello Gang,

The first week of June was mild, but Summer has certainly settled in since. There are some events in

July & August, but some of us can no longer stand the heat, not to mention the 50/50 chance of showers every day. The main one, in my opinion, is the National Collector Car night event at Sal's on Tuesday, July 16th.

Speaking of Summer, this is Marie's and my 55th summer as Florida residents. We entered Florida as permanent residents, just as Summer was beginning on June 19, 1970. In mid July, it will be 30 years since we made the offer to buy our current home, NW of Lake City - best decision we ever made.

Within a few months, we joined our SRRAACA region. At that time, we had a 1941 Chevrolet two door Town Sedan and soon after bought a 1964 Chevrolet Impala SS, which we kept for 12 years. I have served one, two year term as our Vice President and two, two year terms as our President, as well as several terms as a Board member. Since re-starting "The Oil Can" in January, 2015, I have been the Editor for 6 years and 9 months. (75 issues) It's time for a new editor.

Please contact me to talk about it, even if you are just remotely interested. It really is a rewarding "hobby" to be the editor of the newsletter in so many ways. The "Publisher" program makes it relatively easy to produce a quality newsletter. I have learned so much and gained so many friends by interviewing our members, as well as attending many local and national events..

Please take time to read our feature stories from Doug and Kathy Smith, about their many life adventures as well as their collections they have gathered through the years. The cover shows Doug and his beautiful 1953 Ford convertible. The articles begin on page 6.

Lastly, each of you should try to recruit new members. If you happen to meet someone who is interested in antique or collectable vehicles, tell them about AACA and our Region. Contact me for recruiting materials. Happy Motoring!

Ralph



Mary Beth Downs, Secretary

May, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

There was no Board meeting in May.

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary

May, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

The general meeting was called to order by our Vice President Kelly Jordon at the Wellborn Community Center in Wellborn FL at 7:00 pm. Kelly welcomed everyone and let us know Shirley was sick and was unable to be here tonight. He then went over the birthdays and anniversaries. Kelly also asked the members if they would approve a bill for printer ink. All approved. Kelly also reminded us that the Blue Berry Festival was June 1st.

Ralph talked a little about Louis Barton article on the cover of the Oil Can. He also let us know this issue features information about the AACA National Library. He told us that we have two free hours of Library time each year and encouraged us to use it if we need to. It is a great resource available to members. He said it is 30.00 an hour for any additional time.

Don reported on the website. He let us know he has tried to apply to be judged and that the applications are usually done in March but that they weren't available. He got in touch with AACA National VP of Web Development and they said they were behind, but it would be sent out soon.

Ralph talked about the Tallahassee Car Show. He dove his '57 Pontiac on the hundred mile + journey to the show and back and it ran very well. VP, Kelly Jordan was Ralph's co-pilot.

There were around 220 vehicles with all different brands and types of car such as hot rods, rat rods, resto- mods, original authentically restored vehicles - even a 2024 Tesla truck. Both had a great day.

Treasurer, Roy Spurling reported the balance of the checking account as well as the checks written and deposits made during April.

Kelly talked about the July meeting date being on July 4th. Kelly mentioned we could have the meeting on July 2nd if everyone agreed. Kelly also mentioned the June Meeting will be on the 6th. He went over the upcoming events.

Kelly then went over the Blueberry Festival and the car show. The tickets will be 20.00 for the wrist band and ticket. This includes a free breakfast and the car show. The 20.00 fee also applies to people that don't want to be just in the parade. He let us know the parade starts at 9:30 AM.

Kelly then let us know who was volunteering for the festival and the car show. Nina will be collecting money, and she will have wristbands and tickets. The cost will be 20.00. Doug Smith and Gerry Howd are organizing cars in line. At 8:45 AM, cars will follow Doug to 4th Street. The parade will begin at 9:30 AM. Michelle will collect money at the show field and Roy will park the cars. Ralph is getting the trophies and paperwork ready. There will be a meeting scheduled for all the volunteers.

There were a few more things that need volunteers: 50/50 which since this meeting, I volunteered to do. Also, collecting the door prizes and the bank reenactment. So please let Shirely know if you can help with any of these things.

Don handled the 50/50 and three guesses who won. The first two guesses don't count. Congratulations Don.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary

June, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board Meeting was brought to order on June 6th at the Wellborn Community Center in Wellborn, FL at 7:00 PM by our President Shirley McManus.

The Board approved John Stalling as a new member. The Board approved Shirley's receipts for reimbursement. They also approved the receipts for the parade for reimbursement. We discussed having a car display at Denny's. The board also talked about a car display at the Elks Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary

June, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order on June 6th at Wellborn Community Center at Wellborn, FL at 7:10 pm by our President Shirley McManus. Shirley started by welcoming a guest Ralph Falco to our meeting this month. Welcome Ralph.

Shirley let us know that Ken Barton hurt his knee and that he cannot walk right now. She also mentioned that Melvin Lane is now living in the VA Domiciliary and that Joe Hagey's brother, Jim, has a brain tumor. Shirley then went over the birthdays and anniversaries.

Shirley talked about not being at very many events in May because she had cataract surgery, as well as an upper respiratory infection and had been very sick for several weeks.

Shirley mentioned the White Springs Festival. There were several members of our club that won trophies at the event. Pete Mazzocchi won a trophy at Live Oak Coliseum. The Suwannee Valley Builders held the car show. Congratulations to all.

Shirley told us that on Thursday June 13th we are going to have a car display at the VA Domiciliary. We would display our cars and have lunch with the veterans. Come out and support our veterans. Sounds like an enjoyable time.

Ralph gave an Oil Can Report. He mentioned there are many great articles in the Oil Can. "It Just

needed Painting" was on the cover. Ralph does a wonderful job on the Oil Can. Hope you all enjoy our newsletter. Ralph also told us that if anyone would like to join the club, after June 1st, the membership would be half off.

Don gave an update on the website. Don has sent in the application for our website so it can be judged at the National Conference. Don does an excellent job, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year and getting an award at Nationals. Good luck Don!

Shirley discussed the upcoming events, giving time and location.

Shirley let us know how the Blueberry Festival was a successful and fun event. The parade was great, and our float won 1st Place. Several of our members won trophies for the people's choice awards (Virgil Wilson II, Donny Pepper, Jimmy Huntsman, Don Downs and Harry McGinnis). Congratulations to everyone.

We raised \$823.00 including the 50/50. Our Suwannee River Region club donated the money to the Wellborn Community Center.

Shirley asked if we could think of events for our club to do together. A couple of suggestions were a progressive dinner and an ice cream social. So, we should all keep thinking about ideas.

Shirley reminded us that the July meeting is on Tuesday July 2nd, as our normal date would be on July 4th.

Kelly announced the 50/50 winner which was Ron Mana. Congratulations Ron!

President Shirley adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary



If It's Something I want, I get it!

Text by Doug Smith
Photos by Ralph Towner



Doug & Kathy Smith

Forward: During June, I had one of my most interesting interviews since I started doing these member feature articles, with Doug and Mary (Kathy) Smith. They have been married since the early 80's. Both had previous marriages. Kathy has one son and one daughter. Doug has two sons and a daughter.

The Smiths moved here 7 years ago from near San Antonio Texas. They found a nice one acre lot in Lake City, and they have developed it to suit their needs. They have a nice home with a special "Car Room" which displays many model vehicles of all types as well as several other pieces of interesting and rare memorabilia. Doug has an air conditioned garage for his 1953 Ford convertible, which has a lift to put the car on. When the car is lifted, a car cover that Doug hung just right, completely covers the car.

Through the years, Doug has searched Craigs List and other sites regularly looking for good buys on vehicles and Real Estate. They both remain vibrant and young at heart. Doug still does all his landscaping and property maintenance which helps to keep him strong and healthy.

Doug has written a superb article about their adventures in life - the kind of story you can't put down. Please read on...

Once upon a time a very young lad aged 17, joined the US Air Force in February 1955. After completing basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas and tech school at Gunter AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, he was sent to Turner AFB in Albany, Georgia. Yep, you guessed it, that would be me, ole Doug Smith. Anyway, one evening I realized that I needed a car, so I hopped on a bus and went into Albany to see what was out there that I could afford. I happened up on a used car lot that was still open and THERE sat the car that was right for me. I wanted a red convertible but knew I had to buy a cheaper ride so the 1953 Ford dark green 2 door sedan was a possibility. After all the nonsense you go through in buying a car I decided I needed to put more YENOM down (money spelled backwards) so I left with the idea of taking some more YENOM out of my footlocker at the Air Base and returning the next day to buy myself a set of WHEELS!

After returning to the base I stopped at the squadron bulletin board (bulletin boards were a long time before computers) and to my surprise, there was my name, Airman Third Class Douglas John Wayne Smith report to the 1st Sgt for reassignment to England. Uncle Sam needs you, Boy! So long 1953 Ford, I'll be back in 1959 if you are still for sale! After a few months of being stationed in the middle of England I took a train down to see old London town. Remember, this was in

1955 just 10 years after WWII ended. Here I was, a 17 year old lad walking around one of the greatest cities in the world and STILL seeing some damaged streets and buildings. That reminded me of how great it was to be an American and how thankful I was for America's involvement in WWII Europe. I still

thought about the 1953 Ford now and then.

When my first enlistment was up in 1959 I decided to go for 16 more years and re-enlisted.

I married an English lass in 1957 and we had a daughter and two sons and after returning to America, I asked to be stationed at MacDill AFB in Tampa FL, but they got me as close as they could I guess; I was stationed in Great Falls Montana for four years. I went out looking for the 1953 Ford again and instead found a 1956 Turquoise and White Chevrolet Nomad with a 265 CI power pack V-8 and overdrive transmission. I was told the difference between the power pack V-8 and the standard V-8 was high compression heads, 4 barrel carburetor and dual exhaust. In 1962 I was sent back to England for 4 more years. I still thought about the little '53 Ford.

After getting my family and my Nomad all safely to England we enjoyed another 4 years and by then England was really turning around in most families and some had two cars. When it was time to return to the USA, I requested MacDill in Tampa again; this time I got much closer; Dover AFB in Dover, Delaware!

In 1968 while stationed in Delaware during the Vietnam war, I was transferred to Air Intelligence. (WOW) Wonder what that is? It was flying around the jungles in a Cessna O-1 Bird Dog, noting enemy coordinates. The Cessnas flew so low to the ground that we could get knocked out of the air with a large rock! You know how happy I was about that assignment. After being sent to the Air Intel school in Denver for training, I discovered that to qualify for this duty you had to have PERFECT eyesight. Having one eye just barely good enough to be in the military, I very happily ran down to personnel and was reassigned to my former career field and again I asked for MacDill in Tampa and almost made it; this time I got Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX.

In 1971, I was reassigned again, and this time I was given the grand opportunity to live near the North Pole for a year at Thule AFB, Greenland (talk about fun times)! Didn't need air conditioning up there! Again, I asked for MacDill AFB on return, and this time got even closer - right back to Lackland AFB, San Antonio. The little '53 Ford didn't show up in my mind much anymore.

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If It's Something I Want, I get it!

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We settled in, the years flew by, and as the kiddos grew up, we all liked Texas so we just stayed there when I retired in 1975. In 1976 we bought a piece of property on Medina Lake, about 50 miles north of San Antonio so we wouldn't have to haul our boat back and forth. In 1979 my wife and I divorced so I moved to the lake property.

In 1980 I met my forever wife, Kathy, and we kept improving and buying lake front property until we had six joined lots and lived there until 2002. Over the years keeping up with a seawall and getting older and not spending much time on the water, we decided to move to another town closer to San Antonio and build a new home. After living there until 2016 my Kathy, having been born in Texas, had never spent any time on the east coast, mentioned that she would like to move there... maybe Florida. So we moved in 2017. Still never made it to MacDill nor did I buy the little '53 Ford.

Back in 1980 when I first met my Kathy, we went on a 30 day motorcycle trip that started in San Antonio. We traveled through Missouri and Tennessee to see Graceland, Alabama to see Elvis's birthplace, on to Georgia to visit some of my relatives, then down to Tampa where I was born, to visit my mother, to Lake Okeechobee, on down to Key West and then returned to Texas via Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. When Kathy and I moved here from Texas in 2017, we brought 25 motorcycles with us, all of which I have since sold.

Never did I know as a small boy the love affair with cars that would go through life with me (and later in life with my Kathy), as can be seen in my "car room." Some of the toy cars were owned by us in their full size. New ones were a 1964 Austin Mini Cooper that I bought while stationed in England with the USAF, a red 1967 Mustang Convertible while stationed in Dover, Delaware, the first 2007 Miata Retractable Hard Top to reach San Antonio Texas and used first and second generation Miata's, (the Miata Retractable Hard Top is the only one of the eight or ten retractables out there that does not sacrifice ANY trunk space), a new 30 year anniversary Honda Gold Wing motorcycle, which I later had converted into a Trike with matching trailer. (I had always been a bike guy).

We also owned some other really nice used cars including a 1956 Turquoise and White Chevrolet Nomad, a 1966 Mustang Convertible & 1966 Mustang Hardtop, a 1961 Ford Ranchero, a 2004 Cadillac XLR, plus many more.

Over the years Kathy and I have bought cars we couldn't afford when they were new and when we came to look at Lake City we had a Miata, but after deciding to move there, we sold it. After getting settled in, we missed not having a cruise car so I found a 2006 Miata with only 16,000 miles and bought it. Being so low to the ground, the Miata was getting hard to get in and out of. While one of my sons was visiting us from Texas he just went crazy over the Miata so we gave it to him.

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Above: The 2007 Miata retractable hardtop, mentioned in the paragraph on the left.

Left: The 30 year anniversary Honda Goldwing with matching trailer, after it was converted into a trike.

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After not having a cruise car, we found a Red 2004 Cadillac XLR Retractable with only 28,000 miles and bought it. After owning it for about a year we found out that the XLR's top, front and rear lights were very troublesome and even though our tail lights and head lights were OK, the top went south! I bought a set of shop manuals and for a week, I was in the trunk replacing all seven of the hydraulic pumps and hoses and believe me they are not easy to replace. Then it was time to say bye-bye to Mr. XLR. I put it on Craigs List and a gentleman from South Florida wanted it for his private car collection. So sight unseen, he bought it and a flat bed truck came and picked it up two days later. Now, I'm thinking about the '53 Ford again!



"If it's something I want, I get it, so its time to find that '53 Ford I always wanted. I bet if I check out the Internet classic car ads, I'll find it... maybe?"

I found one exactly like the one I now own at Gateway Classics in Illinois, in the fall of 2022, but the weather was forecasted to be terrible, so I kept looking in the south and found one at Burnyzz Classics in Ocala and bought it. The only problem was the top was black and the interior was red and black but I wanted a white top with red and white interior. They have their own upholstery and engine work shops so I contracted with them to do the interior and engine/transmission work.

A week or so later someone told me about the magic that could happen at "da SHERM'S" Dreams Come True Place. So even though the upholstery work had started, I could still have the mechanical work done here in Lake City. After talking to Sherm, we decided on a crate roller motor around 300-350 HP, 12 volt wiring, power disc on front, 4 speed automatic transmission, a Holly Sniper Carb, new tilt steering, steering wheel, and all new gauges. We wrote a check and asked our friend Sherm to "make us happy" and he DID !! Thanks, Sherm and all your crew !

WOW! Did I mention that we finally bought a '53 Ford after all these years and it is a convertible ?

More '53 Ford photos on page 22



My '35 Ford Model Car Story

Text by Doug Smith
Photos by Ralph Towner

When I was a little boy (a LONG time ago), when I would visit my Aunt Hope at her house, she would let me play for a short time with a small green rubber toy car she had... IF I was really careful with it. This went on for years until I was

too old to play with toy cars. Do you



My '35 Ford toy car from the Fair.

EVER get too old to play with cars?

Many years later, in the mid 80's, as I was visiting her in Florida from Texas where I lived, she said that I was the only



Left: The Ford book showing the lady handing out the 1935 toy cars.

Below, left: A blowup of the lady handing out the toy cars.

nephew who ever treasured the little toy so she gave it to me. I asked her how she acquired the toy and she said that when she was about 30, it was given to her as a gift at the 1935 San Diego, California World's Fair by a Ford Motor Company booth attendant.

When Aunt Hope gave me the car, she was in her early 80's – all my aunts and uncles on both sides of my family lived to be 100 or more and my Mom went all the way to 109 after having worked for the State of Florida taking care of people no longer capable of living on their own in her home. My two brothers and I tricked her into quitting her job with Florida at age 100 but that's another story. Ask me sometime.



Our Car Room

We have a special room called, "Our Car Room", where there are some unique auto related items. Some of the



Two photos of some of the model cars & other memorabilia on display in the Car Room.



very rare items are a Mustang, a Jim Beam Decanter with the seal intact, 16" 1966 Poppy Red Mustang Coupe and a 16" 1967 Aqua Mustang Fast Back. They were only made in 1966 & 1967, a 4 track tape player (remember them, they only lasted about 6 months before 8 track came out and no one bought 4 track any longer).

More about our Car Room on Page 13

Suwannee Hardware Memorial Weekend Festival

Text & photos by Ralph Towner

Several of our SRRAACA members attended the Memorial Weekend Festival on Saturday morning, May 25th. There was a good turnout of cars from several counties as well as some from Georgia lining both sides of the long street.



The 1890's Adams Store building

There were many vendors selling arts and crafts, specialty items, food and drinks, as well as some politicians stumping for votes along the street past our display cars. As we reached Bridge Street, there were other vendors all the way up to the old Adams Country Store building presently used as a hardware and feed store. It was open for business and it is interesting to walk through the old building dating back to the 1800's.

Trophy winners were announced at two PM at the music tent area, manned by our member, Ken Barton who played the familiar oldies we all love to hear at car shows. Two of our members won two trophies: Alex Fardales won first place in both best original and best antique, with his beautiful 1955 Chevrolet Belair. Joe Hagey also took two trophies: Third place, Antique and First place in best Hot Rod. Congrats to both!



Left: Joe Hagey accepting his trophy for best Hot Rod.

Below: Alex Fardales with his '55 Chevy which one two trophies.



Top two photos: Harry McGinnis and Wilson keeping cool, near his 1969 Oldsmobile 442, next to my '57 Pontiac Starchief

Center: Ken Barton playing his tunes. He brings his equipment in the 1977 Buick Estate Wagon.

Above: Vendors of all types lined the streets.

ANNUAL BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Text by Alex Fardales
Photos by Don Downs & Alex Fardales



The 30th annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival was held Saturday, June 1st, in Wellborn, Florida along with a parade and car show event. We were blessed with beautiful warm weather, and a gorgeous day for those classic and antique vehicles to be displayed. For those of us wishing to participate in the parade, we assembled in the parking area by Wellborn Baptist Church to register and to enjoy a blueberry pancake breakfast. Jerry and Nina Howd were there to get us registered. By 8:30AM, we were lead by police into the parade area, as we followed Doug Smith in his

This year, we had set categories for the car show - 33 of the best classic, antique and street rod cars you would ever see. Congratulations to the following winners:

People's Choice, 3rd place: Harry McGinnis, with a 1969 Oldsmobile 442.

2nd place, Sherman Stanley, with a 1947 Chevrolet Master Delivery.

1st place, Jimmy Huntsman with a 1971 Plymouth Barracuda 440 convertible.



Best Hot Rod, Donnie Pepper, with a 1947 Ford 5 window coupe.

Best Truck, Virgil Wilson II, with a 1956 Ford Pick-up Short Bed.

Best Original, Don Downs, with a 1965 Plymouth Belvedere convertible.

Best of Show, Gary Walker, with a 1966 Chevy C-10 Styleside pickup.



beautiful red 1953 Ford convertible.

More photos on page 9

We then joined along with those on a parade float including "Pontiac Pete", with his 1928 Pontiac loaded on our parade float. We paraded throughout the Community Center area to a waving, enthusiastic and excited crowd as we drove our prized possessions by. We then assembled in front of the Community Center, along with other show cars that had already been there for a "People's Choice" Car Show.



Food, entertainment, and a large crowd, enjoyed what had to have been, one of the best Blueberry Festival we have ever had.

Above Left: Rhonda Stanley at the registration area.

Above Center: President, Shirley and Bill McManus, keeping everyone in check and giving rides as well.

Left: Alex Fardales, having a bite in the shade.

Below: L to R: "Pontiac Pete" Mazzocchi, Bruce Pepper and Kelly Jordan, catching up on the latest happenings.





Blueberry Festival Photos

Above, left: Don Downs & Kelly Jordan checking out the parade.

Top 3 photos: some of the vehicles in the show.

Above: "Pontiac Pete" Mazzocchi's 1928 Pontiac sedan, parked on the parade trailer which is our SRRAACA float. It won first prize as best float.

Far left: Michelle Huntsman taking entries for the show. **Left:** Marybeth Downs chilling out after helping decorate the float.

Our Car Room

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Also, we have an adapter that you could insert into an 8 track player that will play cassettes, an adapter that you could put into a 8 track player that would add FM to your AM radio, an adapter you could set in a cassette player to play an 8 track. Below, is an air hose that could be screwed into a removed spark plug hole, start the car, and then air up a flat tire.



We also have in the car room a Russian hat from when they tore down the Berlin wall. At that time the Russian soldiers were selling their clothing to tourists, so a military friend bought two hats for 10 bucks each and sent me one.



I hope this has not dragged out too long but "it's my story and I'm sticking to it."

Doug

On the right, is a circa 1940's mini traffic light that hung in the rear window of cars - when you released the gas pedal the yellow light was on, pressed on the gas and the green light was on, and when the brakes were applied the red light came on.



Lunch with the Veterans

Text by Shirley McManus
Photos by Ralph Towner

The VA Domiciliary display for Father's Day was another perfect weather day. We went inside for lunch with the Vets. I gave Ed daSilva all of the 141 Father's Day cards that Vicki Shanks had provided for the Vets to be put in all their mailboxes for Father's Day.

We had about nine cars come out. It sure does bring back memories for them. They are just excited to tell us their stories. Coming out were Alex, Ralph and Marie, Chuck & Diane, Dave & Ronda Holmes with two cars, Don Downs, Leo, Doug & Kathy, and Richard. Thanks to all of you for coming out and making them smile.

I always have a good time going around the tables and visiting the Vets. They are always anxious to visit with us.

Shirley



Left: Bill & President, Shirley, enjoying the day.

Corners: Four different views of our member's cars parked at the VA Domiciliary.



Tech/Safety Necessities to Carry in Your Car

By Ralph Towner

You never know what may need attention or repairing while on the road. This article provides how to be prepared when a breakdown occurs.

Let's talk safety first. Carry a fire extinguisher in every vehicle. Keep it in the cabin for quick accessibility - not in the trunk. Check it annually to be certain it is fully charged. The "Element" brand is recommended for easy storage and less damage of your car if it needs to be used. This brand was covered in an earlier "Oil Can" article about fire extinguishers. A reflective triangle or flares should be carried as well, to warn oncoming traffic of your breakdown.



Carry a couple quarts of the same brand and viscosity oil that is currently in your engine. Check your oil at each gasoline refill. Other fluids to carry are a gallon of coolant, brake fluid, automatic transmission fluid and power steering fluid.

A basic tool kit, with the type of boltheads in your vehicle, English or Metric or some of both. Other items are jumper cables, a tire lug nut wrench, flashlight, fuses, a small hammer, duct and electrical tape, rags, paper towels, tire pressure gauge, wheel chocks and waterless hand cleaner.



Check your spare tire for condition and proper inflation monthly. Be sure you know how to use that vehicle's jack properly.

Consider carrying a fully charged car starting battery pack as well as a portable air compressor which runs off your battery for airing up tires. Finally, It's a good idea to take a cooler with some water and snacks, especially in the hot months. You will be thankful if you happen to break down on a country road, miles from a store.



Consider all these items as insurance... you hope you never need them but they are there if you do.

Happy Motoring!



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JULY 2024

** Ken Barton will not be DJing July & August

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 SRRAACA Meeting Wellborn 7pm | 3 | 4 4 th of July | 5 Hardee's | 6 WCA Breakfast Lake Butler Car Show 9-1pm \$20.00 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Hardee's Al Buie Happy Birthday | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Sal's National Car Collector Appreciation Night | 17 Peggy Doty Happy Birthday | 18 | 19 Hardees | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Will Hayes Happy Birthday | 26 Hardees Pam Ring Happy Birthday | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Gail Stivers & David Ochsenbauer Happy Birthday's | 30 Joe & Nancy Hagey Happy Anniversary | Aug 1 | 2 SRRAACA Meeting WCA 7pm | 3 Hardees | 4 Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast |



The Roadmap Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)



- July 2 — SRRAACA meeting instead of July 4th. Wellborn 7PM
- July 5 — Hardee's 4-7 PM
- July 6 — Wellborn Breakfast 7:30 - 10:30 AM
- July 6 — Car Show at Lake Butler, FL
- July 12 — Hardee's 4-7 PM Ken Barton will not be DJing in July & August
- July 16 — Tuesday Sal's Deli National Collector Car Appreciation night 4:30—7:30 PM
- July 19 — Hardee's 4-7:30 PM 30
- July 26 — Hardee's 4-7:30 PM
- August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 — Friday evening Cruise-In at Hardee's Ken Barton will not be DJing in July & August
- August 20 — Tuesday Cruise-In at Sal's Deli 4:30—7:30 PM

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future local events

AACA National Events

- July 10-13 - Western Divisional Tour, Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming
- August 22-24 - Special Fall Nationals Hampton, Virginia 757-871-6701
- 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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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Over the years with the help of great Presidents and amazing Volunteers the center has done a fine job with all kinds of events. Food Boxes, Easter Egg Hunts, Back to School Bash, Halloween Parties, Thanksgiving Dinners, and Christmas Toys are just the main events. With of course the Blueberry Festival and the Cornbread Festival in November being the main fundraisers. They are a beacon of light to those in need. You can talk all you want about small town charm but this one really has it. They are some of the nicest folks I have ever met. A small town with a big heart.

The Vendors, food trucks, Churches, Crafters, Children's activities, and the current local Candidates lined the midway. Even a camel to ride delighted the young and the old. All in all it was a very special day and all of the proceeds will continue their mission.

The People's Choice Awards brought us the following winners: Best of Show Gary Walker 1966 C-10 Pick-up, 1st. Place, Jimmy Huntsman '71 - Cuda 440, 2nd. Place, Sherm Stanley - '47 Chevy Master, 3rd. Place Harry McGuinness '69 - Olds, Best Truck, Virgil Wilson II - '56 Ford P/U, Best Hot Rod, Donny Pepper - '47 Ford, Best Original/Restored, Don Downs - '65 Plymouth Belvedere convertible. The People have spoken. But you know what? Every vehicle there was a winner.

I also want to thank Ralph Towner for putting together all the trophies and all the paperwork we needed for the show. Plus all the proceeds from the car show went to the Wellborn Community Center. I know we have a great club and when we all work together we are fantastic.

The VA Domiciliary display for Father's Day was another perfect weather day. Please see article on page 13 for full details.

The summer heat is now upon us but we still have June and July events to look forward to. Smile for Laney Show, Lake Butler Show, and Sal's National Collector Car Appreciation Day, so try and make all that you can. **REMEMBER: THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY JULY 2ND NOT 4TH OF JULY**

Stay Cool!

Shirley

Cruisin' to Denny's

Text by Shirley McManus

Photos by Shirley McManus & Ralph Towner

We may have finally found the secret combination to getting our members to come out; make it a Saturday, local, sunny weather 73 degrees, 8-10 AM, and good food.

When Denny's invited the club for a car display they originally wanted us during the week. But for June the only time I could come up with was Saturday June 22nd. So our trial run was well attended with 21 cars and 40 people and we filled Denny's side room.

They had 20% off coupons for us and a chance to win a dinner date night for two. Steve and Phyllis Glenn were the lucky winners. Congratulations and enjoy your special night out on Denny's. The staff could not have taken better care of us. I'm sure it was overwhelming to have 40 of us descend on them all at once. But they did a great job. So a special Thank you to Sherry and Eric and all their staff for a great breakfast and a great outing. A special thank you to all that came out you made me proud. I'm sure it won't be long until we are asked back again. *Shirley*



Above: Some of our member's cars.



Right: Friends talking after a good breakfast.



Top & Below: Members & friends enjoying conversation & breakfast.



Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner



Ken Barton Twisted his knee in Early June and was not able to attend our meeting. He iced it and it is considerably better, but still plans on going to an orthopedist this week to check it out and perhaps have some injections. He felt well enough to come to the June 28th Hardee's. It rained, so he did not play his tunes.

Melvin Lane has become a permanent resident of the VA Domiciliary in Lake City. Some of our members visited with him in mid June when we had lunch with the Veterans. (See story on page 13). Melvin says he likes it there and we are glad for him.

I talked with **Ralph Owens** on June 27th. **Mary** has recovered well from her hip surgery earlier in the year. They both had some issues with lingering symptoms from the flu they both had about six weeks ago. I am happy to report, both are feeling much better and hope to get ack to our meetings and other events.

On the bright side, **Jack Wells** and his friend, **Jim-**



Above: The sidecar rally.

Right: Jimmy in front and Jack in back on their side-car rigs.



my Allen, have ridden their motorcycles, both equipped with side cars, first to a side car rally in luka, MS, then all the way to Oregon and back! They returned home safely on Sunday evening, June 23rd. Look for a story about this adventure in the next "Oil Can" issue.

Our next meeting will be this Tuesday evening, July 2nd, starting around 7:00PM at the Wellborn Community Center. There will be a Board

meeting at 6:45 PM.

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



CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays

Al Buie – 07/12; Peggy Doty – 07/17; Willet Hays – 07/25; Pamela Ring – 07/26;
Gail Stivers – 07/29; David Ochsenbauer – 07/29

July Anniversaries

Nancy & Joe Hagey – 07/30



August Birthdays

Michael McNamer – 08/01 Jean Norton- 08/04; George Richards – 08/11; Jack Wells – 08/13; Dave Holmes – 08/15; Beverly (Terri) Quintana – 08/16; Karen Smith – 08/17; Tony Richards – 08/18; Gerald Howd – 08/21; Teresa Ochsenbauer – 08/21; Dorsie (Ben) Stivers - 08/25; Gary Sparks - 08/28; Gary Marquis - 08/28; Joanne Medeiros – 08/28; Ralph Owens – 08/28

August Anniversaries

Maria & Joe Calvet – 08/01; Vicki & Gary Porter – 08/01; Ronda & Dave Holmes – 08/02;
Arden & Robert Kopp - 08/05; Phyllis & Stephen Glenn – 08/07;
Kathy & Douglas Smith – 08/08; Marybeth & Don Downs - 08/26





It's time to visit the AACA Website —aaca.org

By Vicki Bolton

VP Judging Administration

When was the last time you went to the AACA website? It is a great tool for members and prospective members! The website is now full of helpful information and links. Members can quickly find many useful things including printable applications for members as well as one for military applications under membership.

Members can now join and renew online simply by selecting the Join/Renew Today Button. The area for Regions is where you can find information about the closest region or chapter. The webmaster and editors can also find logos here for their websites and articles.

There is a link to the various forms that a region may need from time to time. The Publications drop down displays the list of publications that can be viewed. You will find the AACA Policy & Procedures Manual and the AACA Bylaws in this list. You are talking to a prospective member and don't have your magazine with you? No problem, just open the website on your phone and open the magazine from Publications. Or maybe you have a question about judging? You can review the judging guidelines in Publications.

You will also find a very concise vehicle classification document. Two very important publications in this section are the Speedster and the Rummage Box. **If you are not getting the Speedster in your email, you should update your email with Headquarters.** The speedster is a great way to stay in touch and get the very latest news. The Rummage Box is full of articles that the newsletter editors love to use in their newsletters. Choose Events to see the National Show and Tour Calendar. You can also see the local event calendar.

You were not able to go to the Annual Convention? Did you know that you can see the National

Award winners including the Master Editor and Master Webmaster awards? Just go to Events and select the National Awards, then click the first paragraph and it will take you to the presentation of all the National Awards. Maybe you want to see who won in the last Nationals; just select Nationals Results and you can see the winners for the last 10 years!

Contact is also a great repository of information. Here you can look up your current directors and just click on their name to send them an email. Committee Assignments are listed here as well. You can review the committees so that you will know who to contact if you have a question about one of these committee areas.

Please take some time to get to know your website. It is full of interesting tidbits and helpful information!



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Ken's Korner

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

Music Trivia: The first TV show theme to appear on the top 40 music charts was "The Theme from Dragnet", a popular police drama of that era. Recorded in 1953, by the Ray Anthony orchestra, it rose to the number three position. Spoiler alert! Nowhere in the song will you hear, "Just the facts, M'am".

Quote: Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died. Humorist Erma Bombeck

In England, cars don't have hoods and trunks. They have bonnets and boots. I wonder what they call head and foot ware?

The Yugo Corporation is bringing out two new vehicles; a motorcycle and a motor home. They are called "I go's and we go's".

Please note: Due to heat and the likelihood of afternoon rain, I will not be playing music at Hardee's during July and August.

Until next time...

Ken



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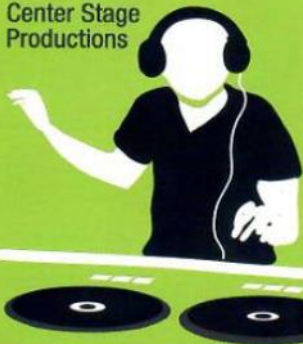
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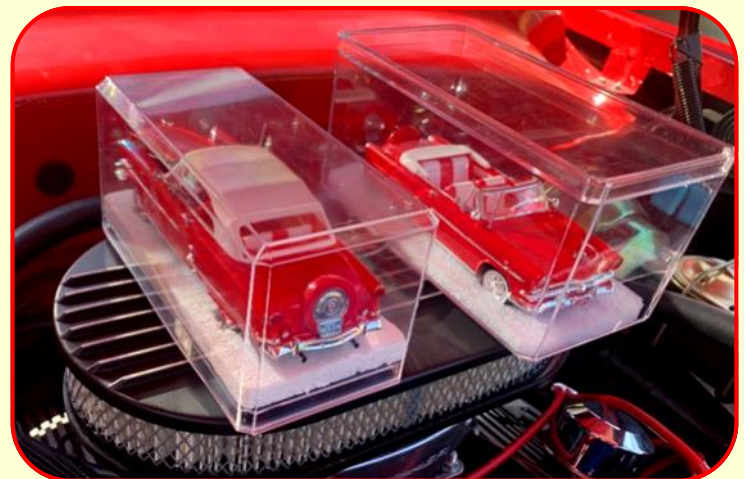
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Top, left: The '53 Ford - coming and going

Left: Driver's eye view

Above, right: The Upgraded 300 - 350 HP Ford V8 engine

Above, middle: The beautiful custom interior

Above: Two models of the "53 Ford convertible; top up on the left & top down on the right. These models were built by Clarence Snyder, a Lake City resident.