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It Just Needed Painting



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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The best tool for restoration is made out of paper...
 AACA Library & Research Center



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

Ron Mana & Alice
 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.

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

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

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Cover:
Louis Barton with his 1987 Chevrolet Custom Deluxe C-10 pickup.
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Shirley McManus

A Message from Our President

Looks like we are skipping Spring and going right into Summer. That's ok by me; I love the warmer weather.

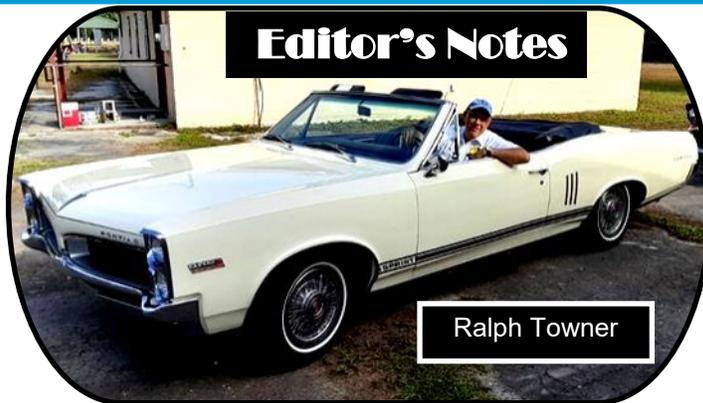
There seems to be lots of car shows around, just not much close enough to our area. But I do want you to all look forward to the Wellborn Blueberry Festival on June 1st. Remember I will need help. Please call me and let me know you can help.

I guess our biggest event this month was our club Drive- In Movie night and Cook-out April 20th. Sherm and Rhonda certainly are the perfect hosts for this event. A lot of good food and fellowship. Their home is the perfect spot for a cook-out. So a big thank you goes out to them and to Ken Barton



who played the music and to Kelly Jordan who did all the grilling for us. The movie on the big screen outdoors was Bullet with Steve McQueen, always a classic.

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Hello Gang,

So, May is upon us and our Florida Summer is about to set in... happens every year about this time. Although May tends to be mostly dry, by June, the main problem with being able to attend our events is the more than 50/50 chance of showers in the afternoon and/or evenings.

There are some interesting events in our area for May and June. Besides the usual cruise-ins, there is an event on May 4th in St Augustine as well as an event on May 25th in White Springs. Then on June 1st is the Wellborn Blueberry Festival. On June 8th, there is an event in Lake Butler. On June 29th, is an event at the Live Oak Coliseum. See the "Roadmap" on page 13 for others.

I am highlighting our AACA National Library in this issue. This is a benefit of your AACA membership that is not used or understood by many of us. The "thought of the month" on page 2, has an important suggestion when considering a restoration. Also, Steve Rossi, who is an authority on auto history, has a great article on the library's collection of the oldest automotive artifacts. Steve writes articles each month in our AACA magazine, "Antique Automobile". He is also a current AACA Director.

Please read the article on page 14 which is a brief synopsis of the Library benefits. I urge you to go to aaca.org and visit the library section. The instructions on how to get into and use the Library are in the second paragraph of this article. Please note that as a member, you are entitled to two free hours of research in the library each year. Nominal fees apply after that.

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

March, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The March 2024 Board Meeting was brought to order on Thursday March 7th at the Wellborn Community Center in Wellborn, FL at 7:10 pm. The board approved Dennis Daudelin as a new member. Dennis is a Veteran, and he is looking for a Mustang. With no other business, the meeting was closed at 7:14.

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary

March, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at Wellborn Community Center in Wellborn, FL at 7:20 pm by our President Shirley McManus. Shirley started by letting us know the 8th Annual Antique Engine and Tractor Show was Saturday from 9:00 am-12:00pm.

Shirley informed us the Mystery Breakfast will be on the 23rd of March rain or shine. Shirley stated that we would meet at 8:00 AM at Parkview Baptist Church for the Mystery Breakfast tour. She also informed us the Shamrock Fly-In is on Saturday, March 16th.

Roy gave a Report on our finances. He reported the balance of our checking account and what bills he paid.

Sunshine Report: Ralph let us know that Dave Staples was healing quickly and he may renew his membership. Shirley talked about Ronda's knee getting better. Shirley informed us she is going to have cataract surgery.

Shirley announced the birthdays and anniversaries of the club members.

Shirley talked about the Olustee Festival. She said there was only parking for 6 cars. She mentioned that the cars could not be seen because they were parked behind the Fire Trucks. She said that it was difficult to get out. She was not sure about doing this next year.

Shirley went over the Chili Cookoff at the American Legion. She said the weather was good, and there were 19 cars there. Alex won 3rd place as well as the Veterans Award. Congratulations Alex. She also mentioned the Strawberry Festival. The festival had car shows on the 24th and 25th. The weather was great both days.

Ralph gave the Oil Can report. He pointed out the Safety Tech article and the insurance tips. He also handed out some information on J.C. Taylor which lists their benefits and how our members are covered.

Kelly and Ralph gave an account of the AACA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. While at the convention they visited the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. They had a wonderful time.

Don spoke about the website and said our website won a Merit of Excellence Award. He also mentioned the judging was not done the same way as in previous years.

Shirley let us know that Ken will be playing his tunes at Hardee's on Friday, March 29th.

Shirley also thanked Doreen Hoffman and Michelle Huntsman for stepping up to help with the renewal of the ads for the Oil Can.

Shirley also announced that June 1st is the Blueberry Festival and that they would have a car display with seven awards. Winners will be chosen by a people's choice vote. Don will get the plates for the trophies. Shirley will organize the parade this year. Michelle and Roy will park cars. The Smiths will be leading the cars. The Rock Bluff Band will be performing there this year as well

Kelly handled the 50/50 drawing which Diane Partington won. Congratulations, Diane!

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary

April, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order by our President Shirley McManus at the Wellborn Community Center at 6:55pm. The board approved new members Ron and Alice Mana. Ron is a veteran and owns a Model A. Also approved was a bill for paper.

The board discussed changing the date for the drive-in movie night. The board also approved new trophies for people's choice awards for the Blueberry Festival. There will be seven trophies altogether. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place, Best of Show, Best Truck, Most Original restoration, and Best Street Rod.

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary

April, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

The general meeting was called to order by our President Shirley McManus at the Wellborn Community Center at 7:10pm. We welcomed new member Ron and Alice Mana. They are from Gilchrest County. Ron owns a Model A. Ron and Alice have lived in Florida for 48 years. Ron has known Ralph for 36 years.

Roy gave a treasurer's report. He let us know the checks and deposits that were made to our account.

Shirley let us know that she will be having cataract surgery on the 14th of April. Her brother Joe and Bill are having therapy. Pontiac Pete is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Shirley announced birthdays and anniversaries and talked about the March events.

Shirley welcomed Carson and Wesley to the meeting. They were guests invited to the meeting and friends of Dave Homes.

Ralph spoke about the Antique Engine



and Tractor Show which took place on March 8th and 9th. Ralph said it was a rainy day, but he went anyway. He had a good time. Nina went to the Street Rodders event in Gainesville which took place on March 16th. She had a good time and won a gift basket. Yeah Nina.

Don talked about the Shamrock Fly In. The weather was not perfect but good enough for people to fly in. There were 12 cars from the Car Club and Jack Wells brought his motorcycle. There were 130 meals sold. All and all it was a nice day.

Shirley talked about Sal's. There was a good turnout. She said she has not had music because she had hurt her back and can't set up everything.

Shirley talked about the Mystery Breakfast which was on March 23rd which I took part in. We took an unsuspecting route that Shirley mapped out and none of us knew where we were going. We ended up at the Huddle House. It was a mystery to me. We had fun.

Ralph gave an Oil Can Report. He reported that there were 3 spaces left for Ad's. He wasn't sure if Napa was renewing.

Don gave a website update. He said he would like some pictures to put on the website. Maybe some members cars.

Shirley also mentioned the Moultrie Swap Meet. Also, Wellborn Saturday Pancake Breakfast. She talked about the Blueberry Festival and where we would park our cars. Also mentioned was the price \$15.00 for breakfast with a wristband. Shirley asked us to think about new places to go.

Kelly did the 50/50 drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Marybeth Downs, Secretary

It Just Needed Painting

Text by Louis Barton
Photos by Ralph Towner

Although originally from Warsaw, NY, I have spent the major part of my life in Florida. My parents brought me to the Sarasota area in the 50's.

After high school, I served three years in the Us Army. I worked several jobs for a few years before landing a job with Ringling Brothers Circus. My duties were in transportation and I was the Assistant Chief of Security.

Through the years, I was a part of many adventures with the Circus across the USA and Canada. One of the most interesting assignments was working on the theme park known as Circus World. The project was located near Haines City on the SE corner of I-4 and US Highway 27, about 12 miles from the Disney theme parks. The park was patterned after the Circus World location in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Circus World continued into the 80's, sometimes profitable, but with the opening of Disney's Epcot Center, it was not possible to compete with them and the park was shut down. Other companies such as Boardwalk & Baseball rethemed the park but none lasted. The land was eventually sold to an investor and is now a mixed purpose retail center called Posner Park.

In 2005, after fifteen years with Ringling Brothers, I retired. Tired of the hustle and bustle of my years with the circus and the Sarasota area, I moved to the peace and quiet of southern Columbia county.

I have always been interested in nice cars. I owned a Plymouth Super Bird for a few years, long before it became such a valuable model. About ten years ago, I bought a low mileage 1987 Chevrolet Custom Deluxe pick-up truck from a widow. I used it as a regular driver for a few years. The truck was always well cared for



Louis Barton

and I continued to take care of it.

About three years ago, I realized the 1987 model had become an antique. Although still running good, I decided to rebuild the 305 V-8 engine. After that, I examined it and decided, "it just needs painting". I few dings were repaired as well and I was able to match the original light green paint. Since it's a driver, I added the conveniences

of steps, bedliner, tool box and a step bumper. Otherwise, the truck is authentic. It still has only 58,000 original miles.

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Above: At the Hardee's cruise-in.

Left & below: The Chevrolet Custom Deluxe looks good at any angle.



March Events

By Ralph Towner

The March events all had a common theme - RAIN. The attendance for our monthly cruise-ins at Hardee's and at Sal's Italian Deli had fair turnouts. Most of the Saturday events all had rain at some point during the day, which limited participation.

There were two events on March 9th. The first was the show at Sante Fe college. Harry McGinnis drove his Olds 442 to the event and wrote an article with photos which is on page 10 of this issue. The other March 9th event was the Antique Engine & Tractor show at the Circle R Ranch. Rain was definitely a factor there.

I attended this event with my '57 Pontiac. Soon after arriving, it poured for a while. Then it would clear up and the sun come out - then it would rain again. There were only four cars on display and I did not take any photos of them. The **two photos at the right** were taken at this event. I was able to walk the display field during the



sunny stages, but because of the reoccurring rain, most participants did not have their displays set up.

The EAA at the Cannon Creek Airpark held their annual Shamrock Fly-in on March 16th. Several of our SRRAACA members belong to EAA. Sure enough, the day started out rainy as well. It cleared up soon enough and although not as good as some years, enough pilots flew in, the local Cannon Creek residents and other guests came to enjoy the dinner with "decadent" desserts. There were a few old cars on display as well.

Then there was the Mystery Breakfast on March 13th. Lots of rain for this one. Read all about it in President, Shirly McManus' article at the bottom of this page.

Despite the rain, those that attended these events had a pretty good time.

Above: Something unusual - a 1939 "Economy" brand tractor sold through Sears. The engines used in this tractor were salvaged Ford Model A engines, rebuilt & installed in the tractor & sold as new. **Left:** An action shot at the Sheriff Department canine training program. The deputy with the least amount of seniority had to endure the attack dog.

Mystery Breakfast Tour

By Shirley McManus

Thank you to all of you who came out for the Mystery Breakfast. We said Rain or Shine and guess what we got - the rain. But sure enough the sun came out while we were in the restaurant.

Our Mystery Breakfast ended up being at the Huddle House on North 441. However we took a round about way to get there. I don't think anyone knew where we were going until we actually pulled into the parking lot. Breakfast was great. The service could not have been better. They went out of their way to take care of us.

which were combo's. I personally had a Waffle with Strawberry and whip cream topping and scrambled eggs and coffee for 5.99. I was very happy. Of course they have a full menu to choose from also.

I'm thinking we may all go back again on a regular basis, maybe spur of the moment when nothing else is going on.

Those who came out were Ralph, Marie, Chuck, Diane, Kelly, Roy, Leo, Barbara, George, Steve, Phyliss, Marybeth, Bill and I.

Bravo to Leo the only one who braved the rain with his classic car, but also the only one who had to clean his car when he got home.

There were about 10 items on their \$5.99 menu

Thanks to all.



TRAACA'S
Tallahassee Spring
Car and Bike Show

Text by Ralph Towner
Photos by Kelly Jordan & Ralph Towner

With about a week's notice, I heard about a car show that sounded interesting in Tallahassee, with a date set for Saturday, April 13th. The location was great and easy to get to; the Tallahassee Auto Museum grounds. Kelly was interested and had the time to go. My '57 Pontiac (Poncho) was running well and the weather looked great, so at 8AM, Saturday morning, we headed for Tallahassee.

The 100 mile journey went well. We arrived at 9:45, fifteen minutes before the advertised opening, but found the field was filling fast. We had to idle in line for at least fifteen minutes to get on the show-field and parked.

Once settled in and registered, we cleaned the car a bit and then started looking around at the other vehicles and talked with some of the owners. One thing that was apparent was there were a lot of cars entered on the field that were much younger than 25 years old... and they were all mixed in. Some were brand new such as a 2024 Tesla truck parked just behind a 1929 Model A Ford.

I soon walked up to a car which looked very much like my 1967 Lemans Sprint ... a 1966 yellow LeMans convertible, but this one was a GTO. Turns out, this was the Tallahassee AACA Region's president, John Lester's car. We talked a while, exchanged cards and promised to keep in touch.

As I continued, I also noticed many street rods, resto-mods and a few motorcycles. Soon a car stood out and I was thinking, "I didn't know Alex Fardales was plan-

ning on attending this show". As I got closer, I realized it was not Alex's car but belonged to Mr. Harper from Tallahassee, who has owned and cared for the '55 Chevy for 16 years. Except for the fender skirts, it is an absolute twin to Alex's car.



Something unusual at this show was the identity placards, which show the owner's name listed the last name only, so that is how I had to identify the owner in most of the picture captions.

Above: A twin to Alex's '55 Chevy down to every detail except this one has skirts. Same model, engine transmission, color scheme... every detail. Owner: Mr. Harper
Below, left: A 2024 Tesla truck. Owner: Mr. Fuqua
Below: 1929 Model A Ford. Owner: Mr. Harp



TRAACA'S
Tallahassee Spring
Car and Bike Show

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One of the more interesting conversations I had was with a young man, Tyler, from Valdosta who had driven his 1931 Model A to the show, about 80 miles each way. He loves working on them and wants to keep the cars authentic. He loves other antiques; for example he was wearing an 1890's pocket watch in his pocket, which he had restored to working order. There is still some hope for our younger generation.

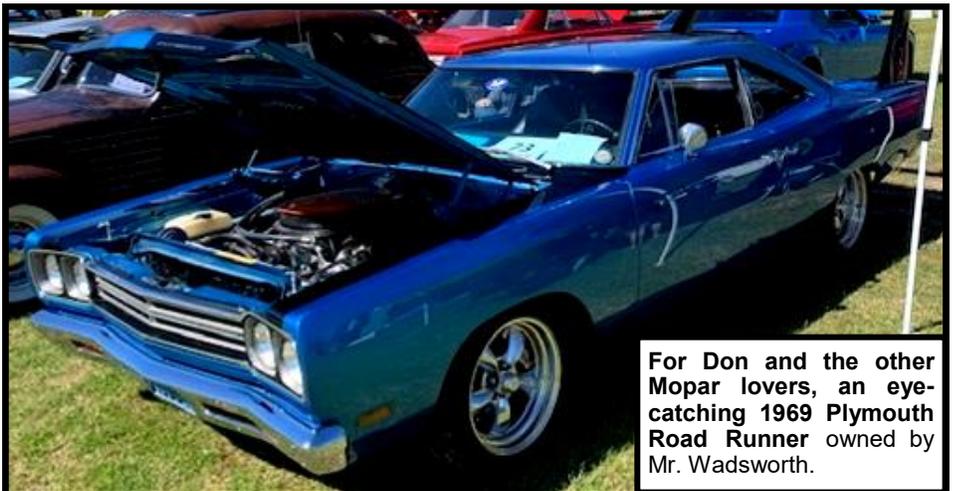


Above, left: Tyler's '31 Model A
Above: Kelly standing by Mr. Grimes' beautifully restored 1951 Pontiac
Left: Mr. Hart's 1954 Buick Riviera
Below: Roger Crawford dressed in period clothing with his 1948 Jaguar

Another interesting car was a 1948 Jaguar Mark IV Drophead Coupe. The Owner, Roger S. Crawford bought the car a few years ago from an owner who had restored it from a basket case. The car certainly stood out, winning first place in its category. I got a few other photos of some fine cars that are featured on this page. Please check them out.



My car was in a large judging category which included 1950 through 1972 models. Each class had a first, second and third place award. Mine was not chosen. Poncho was parked in an area that was close to an exit, so after my judging class had been announced, we left ahead of the crowd.



For Don and the other Mopar lovers, an eye-catching 1969 Plymouth Road Runner owned by Mr. Wadsworth.

We chose to stay on highway 90 all the way back to Lake City. This is really a pretty drive, especially from Tallahassee to Lee. It was an interesting day, the weather was delightful and Poncho ran great.

Text & photos
by Harry McGinnis
Edited by Ralph Towner



I recently attended the 42nd Annual Gainesville Street Rods Car Show at Santa Fe Community College on Saturday, March 16th. There were over 200 cars at this event, not counting Gainesville Street Rods Car Club vehicles, that were brought to the show for display.

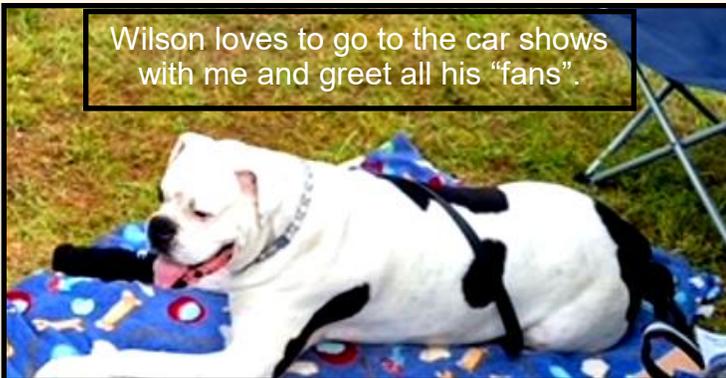
The weather was good although it seemed, at times, like it was going to rain. Luckily, the clouds moved on and it stayed dry all day!

Awards were based on people's choice and the event was well attended by the community! Plaques were awarded to the top 28 vote getters. There were two very big trophies for the Best of Show as well as the runner-up. There were also several vendors at the show including local political candidates looking for votes in the upcoming elections.

For those interested, no, my Olds 442 was not one of the top 28 cars selected. However, I enjoyed the great day meeting new people and talking about my car and Wilson!



LeMans, similar to Ralph's car.



Wilson loves to go to the car shows with me and greet all his "fans".



The photos in this column & left, show some of the many & varied type of vehicles that entered the show. I did not get the owners name or make & model of these photos.



SRRAACA Picnic & Movie

Text by Shirley McManus
Photos by Ralph Towner

Thank you all for coming out to the Club Cook-out and Movie night. A very special thank you to Sherm and Rhonda for first, suggesting it and having it at their beautiful home.

I know it was a warm night but everyone seemed comfortable even Bella and Wilson. Woof !Woof! Ken Barton brought his tunes and had us all singing and dancing. The food was great and Kelly did a great job cooking all the sausage, hot dogs and hamburgers. You all brought the rest.

It is such a perfect place to have a picnic and I know the children there really enjoyed it too; zip line, trampoline; he's got it all.

Sherm has this new man cave that he showed us. Wow, very incredible. Turned out his power went out during a storm for six days and they had this as a back up with generator.



The movie was "Bullet" and such a classic with Steve McQueen. Can't get any better.

A great time was had by all. Thanks again.

Shirley



Top: Members waiting for the dinner bell.
Right: Shirley & Bill dancing to the tunes, while other members are talking after a great picnic dinner. Great cooks in our club!
Right: Paul Fortner's '53 Chevy pickup with Alex's Cougar & Doug Smith's '53 Ford convertible in the background.
Below: Nina Howd, who fosters dogs, talking to Wilson, with his master, Harry McGinnis by his side.



Right: It was a near full moon after dark at the movie. Look below and to the right of the moon glow in the photo. Did I, perhaps, catch a UFO watching over us? Nope. I took it through the windshield - it was a smashed bug...



Tech/Safety Fuel For Thought

By Ralph Towner

Maintaining your collector car's fuel system is vital for safety as well as avoiding highway breakdowns and costly repairs.

A gasoline leak of any kind is one too many. Over time, fuel lines, connections, the fuel pump and the gasoline tank can develop leaks. If it is leaking at a connection, be sure the connectors are tight. If the end of a rubber hose is frayed, there is usually enough excess hose to cut off the damaged end and re-clamp. Internal rot of fuel lines, fuel pump, or the tank will mean a costly repair of your time or repair shop labor and parts costs... it's not a cheap hobby, but it must be done to keep running.



Should I use ethanol free gas? If your vehicle is pre 1976, and has never had the rubber fuel lines replaced, yes. Even if you have taken precautions, it is best to use ethanol free gasoline when possible. Your antique car engine will likely run better as well as get better mileage, offsetting some of the higher price for non-ethanol.



There are a few gasoline stations in Lake City

that sell ethanol free gas. Hunter Fuel, on Hwy 90, one of our ad sponsors for the newsletter and website, is where I get fuel. Also Murphy gas at Walmart has it as well as the Circle K at the junction of Baya and Highway 90. Websites listing availability are, Pure-Gas.org and BUYREAL-GAS.com .

Gas has an expiration date. Aging gasoline rarely becomes a problem over the passage of a month, but much longer than that can cause some bad issues. If the old gas sits long enough, it can leave a gummy residue that will require a professional to remove.



A tank should be filled prior to an extended storage. Both "Stabil" and the Isopropanol (check the label) version of "HEET" brand or equivalent fuel additives should be added to stabilize the fuel and prevent water condensation, particularly if the gasoline contains ethanol.

Should I use lead replacement additives? No. Lead lubes the valves somewhat but the main cause of premature valve failure is lower octane fuel. Rather than spend money on useless additives, use premium gas. If a valve job is needed, use hardened valve seats. Also, look for the words, "Top tier gas" on the pumps. Some of the off brand gasoline stations offer top tier as well. Again, look for the designation on the pump.



Website Corner



Webmaster: Don Downs
Our Website address is:
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Get in the habit of checking our quality website often!

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Meeting 7:15 Wellborn Center Richard Ring Happy Birthday	3 Hardees Doreen Hoffman Happy Birthday	4 Wellborn Breakfast & Bozard Car Show
5	6	7	8	9	10 Hardee's Ralph Towner Happy Birthday The Grays Happy Anniversary	11
12 Bob Hoffman Happy Birthday	13	14 Kelly Jordan Happy Birthday	15	16	17 Hardee's	18
19	20	21 Sal's Cruise In	22	23	24 Hardee's	25 White Springs Festival
26 Jan Kiesel Happy Birthday	27	28	29	30	31 Hardee's SRRAACA Host	June 1 Wellborn Blueberry Festival



The Roadmap

Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)



- May 2 — SRRAACA meeting in Wellborn 7PM. Bring a salad to share
- May 3 — Hardees 4-7 PM
- May 4 — Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast 7:30 - 10 AM
- May 4 — "May the 4th be with you" Cruise-In 9 - 2PM
- May 10 — Hardee's SRRAACA Host with Ken Barton DJ 4:30 - 7 PM
- May 17 — Hardee's 5 - 7PM
- May 21 — Sal's Italian Deli Cruise-in 5-7:30 PM
- May 21 — Spring Turkey Run, Daytona international Speedway
- May 24 — Hardee's 4-7 PM
- May 25 — White Springs Festival & Car Show \$10 fee
- May 31 — Hardee's SRRAACA Host with Ken Barton DJ 4:30 - 7 PM
- June 6 — SRRAACA meeting, Wellborn Community Center 7 PM
- June 7 — Hardee's 4 - 7 PM
- June 8 — Lake Butler Car Show 12-4 PM Christian Victory Center
- June 14 — Hardee's SRRAACA Host with Ken Barton DJ 4:30 - 7 PM
- June 18 — Sal's Italian Deli Cruise-In 5-7:30 PM
- June 21 — Hardee's 5 - 7 PM
- June 28 — Hardee's SRRAACA Host with Ken Barton DJ 4:30 - 7 PM
- June 29 — "Smile Like Lainy Benefit" Live Oak Coliseum \$20 registration from 7 - 9 AM

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

AACA National Events

- 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
- 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




THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I know some of our members went to the Tallahassee Show and the Williston Show. With me down with the cataract surgery, two weeks back to back, I couldn't do much. Thank you for all the cards and phone calls. A big thank you to Marie Towner who escorted me to my surgery and home, she was my special angel. And yes, why did I wait? I can really see now! Never realized my Camaro was so **RED**.

A few things coming up for May and June; see the schedule. Those wanting to travel to St. Augustine, Bozard Ford Lincoln is having a Cruise In the 4th of May. May 25th is the Festival in White Springs with a car show. Ken Barton will be DJing. The event at the Live Oak Coliseum, scheduled for June 29th is a must. Also in June, is a different cruise - in at Lake Butler; check it out. This one is not at the Lake.

Have a great summer and keep those cars rolling.
Shirley

Ken's Korner

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

Some of us collected baseball cards and comic books as kids. They were usually well handled and worn by the time we outgrew them. As we moved out of our parent's home, many mothers discarded them. If by chance you still have some, especially the ones in good condition, you could become wealthy. For example: Mickey mantle rookie cards have brought millions at auction, as well as Superman comic books. Thanks, Mom!

Many of us have enjoyed fast food burgers from the "Golden Arches". What was the first state to have a McDonald's restaurant?

A, Michigan B, Ohio C, Illinois, D, Indiana or E, Wisconsin?
Answer on page 15

A young man who fancied himself as an entertainer, took a job with the circus. He was assigned to follow the animals and clean up after them. One day he was complaining to a friend that the job was very hard and didn't pay very much. "Why don't you quit and get a better job?" the friend asked.

"What! Quit and get out of show business?"

Until next time...

Ken



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Edited by Ralph Towner

The Chris & Kathleen Koch AACAA Library & Research Center is free and open to the public during our regular hours of operation. While visiting the library you can view any of our books or look at specific information regarding one of your cars or maybe just an automobile topic that you are interested in. For those of you that can't make it out to the library in person, we offer off-site research available to anyone who is interested to be completed by library staff.

If you are interested in off-site research, please fill in the Research Request Form as completely as possible. The form can be found by going to aaca.org. Then click on "Library" at the top. When the Library site comes up, click "Use the Library". A scroll down will appear. Then click "Research". Then scroll down to the form which can be filled in and emailed.

We will search our collection and then contact you with a list of available information and the applicable fees. We aim to reply to each request within 1 business week, but during busy times of the year it can take 2-4 weeks or longer to complete your request - we appreciate your patience! Shipping is fulfilled via the US Postal Service only.

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If you ever find yourself near Hershey, PA, I sincerely suggest you visit the new AACAA Headquarters Building, located at, 800 W. Hersheypark Dr, Hershey, PA 17033. The library is on the 2nd floor. You will be glad you did.

Right: Our VP, Kelly Jordan, is visiting with AACAA Library Director, Jennifer Wolfe, at the 2024 AACAA convention. This booth was set up at the trade show to answer questions as well as offer books and other items for sale. AACA CEO, Steve Moskowitz is in the background.





Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner



Rhonda Stanley has recovered well from a torn Meniscus cartilage in her knee. She continues to be careful, but is able to walk well and do most things now.

Pete Mazzocchi had shoulder surgery in March. He has recovered well and although he must be careful, he is back to his usual work responsibilities.

Jimmy Huntsman has also had shoulder surgery recently. He is healing well and back to work.

Shirley McManus had cataract surgery on both eyes, one week apart, in mid April. I am happy to report the surgery went well and her eyesight is 20-20 or better. However, on April 27th, she woke up with a cold. It has put her down hard. Keep her in your prayers. More info by email on how she is doing.

Mary Owens had hip surgery on February 12th. I talked with Ralph on April 27th. She was walking

around well soon after the surgery and I am happy to report she continues to improve. However, both Mary and Ralph had a bad case of flu which kept them down for a while. They have both recovered from that. Ralph added, " We're beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel and it's not a train!" As of this writing, they plan on attending our May 2nd meeting.

The Safety/tech article on page 12 contains information and suggestions concerning the different types of gasoline. There is likely some info in the article that many of you may not have known or have not thought about lately. **Please take time to read it**, and pass it on to others to read.

Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, May 2nd, starting around 7:15PM at the Wellborn Community Center. There will be a Board meeting at 6:30 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.

Answer: Ray Kroc, McDonald's founder, opened the first Restaurant in Chicago, Ill in 1955



CELEBRATIONS



May Birthdays

Richard Ring - 05/02; Doreen Hoffman; 05/3; Ralph Towner - 05/10; Bob Hoffman - 05/12
 Kelly Jordan - 05/14; Jan Kisiel - 05/26

May Anniversaries

Rosina & Chet Gray - 05/10

June Birthdays

Robert Landry - 06/15; Kimberlie McIntyre - 06/18
 Gary Porter - 06/18; Joe Hagey - 06/22; Rosina Gray - 06/30

June Anniversaries

Anne & Richard Hanney - 06/15; Denise & Kelly Jordan - 06/18
 Marie & Ralph Towner - 06/19; Pamela & Richard Ring - 06/24
 Joanne & Richard Medeiros - 06/26; Carole & Bob McGraw - 06/30





“America’s Automotive Library” Identifies its Oldest Artifacts

By Steve Rossi
VP - Public Relations
& Event Planning



The Library is free and open to the public. Research requests are included with AACAA membership (for the first two hours at no charge, per year), while additional photocopies, scans and reproductions are further available for a fee. Donations such as literature, books, artwork, manuals, periodicals, toys/models, etc. are welcomed and encouraged. Upon receipt of materials, the Library will provide the donor with a letter acknowledging the gift.

Visit www.aacalibrary.org for more information.

The Chris & Kathleen Koch AACAA Library & Research Center has identified its oldest antique automotive artifact. The collection includes A Handbook for Steam Users Being Rules for Engine Drivers and Boiler Attendants by M. Powis Bale, from 1890. In addition, a February 14, 1891, issue of Scientific American features an analysis of the 3- wheeled Butler Petrol-Cycle from Great Britain.

According to Library Director Jen Wolfe, “Since automotive history is an inexact science, trying to pinpoint the first piece of automotive material ever published is impossible...though Duryea is credited with producing the first American automobile in series by 1896.”

Some believe that Panhard began producing promotional literature...in color...during 1892 (from Panhard & Levassor: Pioneers in Automobile Excellence, by David Beare, which the AACAA artifacts predate. The Smithsonian’s Smith Hempstone Oliver contended that the first automotive catalog appeared in 1888/1889, from Philadelphia’s Moto-Cycle Manufacturing Company which featured Lucius D. Copeland-designed steam cycles and steam carriages, along with typewriters. (The Bulb Horn, May-June 1966)

Either way, as a function of the publication timeline above, “America’s Automotive Library” is at the forefront. The AACAA Library & Research Center was established in 1977 and houses some 3+ million individual automotive artifacts at its Hershey, PA headquarters, and is the largest and most comprehensive institution of its kind.

In addition, the Library also oversees nine single-marque collections within its climate controlled, secure and professionally managed facility which includes a state of the art fire suppression system.

2024 AACAA National Activities

- Founders Tour - March 17-23, 2024 - Lafayette, Louisiana
- Special Winter National - March 17-23, 2024 - Puerto Rico •
- Grand Nationals - April 5, 2024 - Charlotte, North Carolina
- Southeastern Spring Nationals - April 4-6, 2024 - Charlotte, North Carolina
- Eastern Divisional Tour - June 9-13, 2024 - Fredericksburg, Virginia
- Eastern Spring Nationals - June 20-22, 2024 - Saratoga Springs, New York
- Western Divisional Tour - July 10-13, 2024 - Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming
- Special Eastern Fall Nationals - August 22-24, 2024 - Hampton, Virginia
- Western Fall Nationals - September 12-14, 2024 - Loveland, Colorado
- Revival AAA Glidden Tour® - September 22-27, 2024 - Fairfield, Pennsylvania
- Eastern Fall - October 8-11, 2024 - Hershey, Pennsylvania
- Southeastern Fall Nationals - October 23-26, 2024 - Huntsville, Alabama

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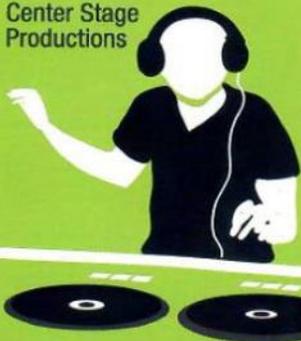
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My brother is Ken Barton, the DJ who plays music at our Hardee's events and some other events. Ken has been a club member for years. He was aware of the membership program for a free year's membership in AACA and our region and encouraged me to join. I did and have renewed yearly since then.

I do enjoy the Antique Automobile magazine, as well as the local Cruise News and the newsletter, The Oil Can. However, I am not a social person and rarely, if ever attend meetings and functions. I

do occasionally go to Hardee's and while there, I enjoy talking with others about my truck and their vehicles. I drove the pick-up to Hardee's on April 12th so our editor, Ralph Towner, could get these photos. Other interests I have are target shooting and hunting.

I will continue to care for the truck and plan on continuing as an AACA and Region member.



Top: Driver's eye view.
Top, left: Original type wheel covers.
Above, left: The 305 CI V-8 engine.
Above: The original interior, still in fine condition.
Left: A view of the passenger side of the Chevrolet Custom Deluxe C-10 pick-up.