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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



If you've made up your mind you can do something, you're absolutely right.

Anonymous



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

Al Buie
 Will Hays
 Joe Calvet

Welcome To our Club!

Please remember to play up and promote our GREAT CLUB to your friends that may share our interests and enjoy what we do!



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.

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Shirley McManus

A Message from Our President

April showers bring May flowers or so the story goes. Even though April didn't bring many showers our weather has been what I call, "the reason we moved to Florida" - sunny days and beautiful nights.

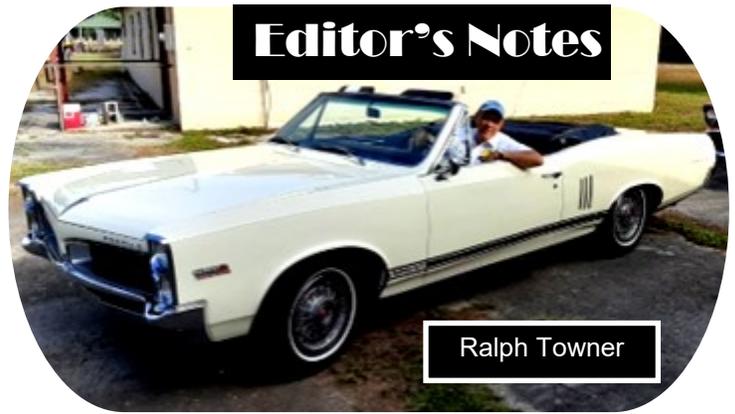
I want to start out this month by saying thank you to several of our members, Ken Barton and Don Downs and Ralph Towner. Our Fridays nights at Hardee's will now have our DJ Ken Barton playing the 2nd and the last Friday of the month. They have been getting a great crowd and more when they know Ken is there.

I'm so excited about our newly constructed website SRRAACA.com. Make sure you check it out and see what Don Downs has created for us. There are lots of great photos and videos from our recent events and lots of other news too. Ralph has jumped right in and taken over the Oil Can and did a great issue last month. It's all about stepping up and helping.

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Tod Boucher offered to me to sit behind the wheel of his 2021 mid engine Chevrolet Corvette. What a thrill it was!



Editor's Notes

Ralph Towner

It's May already! Most of you who have lived in Florida for a while know that basically it's the beginning of another Florida Summer. It's been an active Spring for our old car hobby with a car event within reasonable distance virtually every weekend. Take a look at the Calendar and Roadmap features on page 13 and you can't help but agree that May is also packed full of events. The two biggies are our **SRRAACA Club picnic on May 13th** and the annual **Blueberry festival in Wellborn, June 3rd**.

We have an excellent feature story this month from our new member, Jamee Dye, showcasing her immaculate 1965 Ford Mustang GT. I remember when Ford and Lee Iacocca introduced the Mustang in April, 1964. That was 59 years ago... I was ready to turn 19 then and well on my way to learning my machining skills which carried my family through a lifetime. Where did the time go?

Mustangs soon became an instant hit as they were seen all over the country! However the greatest testament to their success is their continued sales in 2023 as the Mustang GT.

Some of our members may be not be familiar with an ACAA publication titled "The Rummage Box." Our National Directors are hard working Americans who contribute their time and effort to the betterment and Continuanance of ACAA. Each month I print one or more of their articles. This month they are on page 16.

Please take time to read one of those articles, written by Myron Smith, entitled, "**Think Before You Restore**". If you have recently thought about buying a survivor, consider just cleaning it up, make necessary repairs and enjoy it as a driver, rather than a full restoration or hot rodding it. It is amazing, with a little "elbow grease", how well and old car will clean up. It's your choice, of course, but think about the message it sends.

Enjoy the Summer events coming up, stay cool and as always, Happy Motoring!

Ralph



SRRAACA Meeting Minutes

April 2023

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Marie Towner
for Alex Fardales
Secretary/Correspondent**

Shirley also announced two guests were present, Allan Kauffman, who will do a presentation on a possible antique car gathering as well as Shirley's brother, Joe Springer. She also announced that Secretary, Alex Fardales had gone to a weekend show in Hollywood, FL. His daughter in Miami, became ill while there, so Alex had to delay his return until he knew she was better. Marie Towner is filling in as Secretary for this meeting.

Shirley discussed those who were listed in the Sunshine report as well as announcing Birthdays and celebrations. She mentioned Ken Barton could not make the meeting as he was helping his brother who had Carpal Tunnel surgery. Also, Rhonda Stanley had to go to Gainesville for medical tests, so Sherm and her could not attend the meeting. A sad announcement that our past member and friend, Virgil Wilson's wife, Donna passed away this week. A card was sent around for members to sign.

Shirley discussed the events from March. There was an event every week and many of our members attended one or more. Articles and photos from these events are in the April issue.

Shirley announced that Katrina Gibson had new responsibilities at work and was unable to be our newsletter editor. Ralph Towner has volunteered to be the editor for the rest of 2023 at a minimum. She also stated Don Downs has agreed to become our Web master.

Ralph stated during the Oil Can report, he is adding some changes. The calendar will be in each issue as well as a new area coordinating the newsletter and website. Ralph added he would like to have one of our members work with him to learn the process of being "The Oil Can" Editor and take it over full time in 2024.

Don reported he was using a commercial web host to do an enhanced version of our web site. He is just getting it started and the site will be under construction for a while. Check out the new address for the site at www.srraaca.com.

Shirley mentioned some April and early May events, particularly one scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 11th at the Lake City Middle School. The event is called "Fast and Furious". They would like us to display our vehicles. Another location, named "Denmark Acres", a local venue with a western town theme, is having an event April 29th and 30th, as well as May 6th and 7th. They would also like us to bring our vehicles and maybe wear a cowboy hat.

Shirley announced the Wellborn Blueberry Festival will be held on Saturday June 3rd. There will be a car show, with People's Choice awards for first, second and third place as well as a Best of Show award. Entry fee is \$15 which includes lunch. She stated she needed a few volunteers for the parade.

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Our April Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge prior to our General meeting. Four new member applications were presented. They were: Harry McGinnis, Al Buie, Will Hays and Joe Calvet. Each member was discussed and all four were approved. Welcome to our club!

Shirley informed us that Katrina Gibson was not able to be Editor of The Oil Can, since she had additional job responsibilities to her otherwise busy schedule. Ralph Towner has agreed to be our Editor until the end of the 2023 edition.

Shirley presented an invoice for supplies for our pancake breakfast. The Board approved a check for the amount.

Shirley explained about the upcoming Blueberry Festival car show. The price to enter will be \$15 which includes lunch.

Shirley announced Pete Mazzocchi has offered to have our club picnic at his home. The proposed date is Saturday, May 13th. Our club will furnish the meat and our members will furnish a dish to share.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

April 2023 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Our general meeting was called to order by President Shirley McManus at 7:12 p.m. There was an opening Pledge of allegiance and prayer. The Oil Can and Cruise News had been previously passed out and Shirley asked if everyone had received them.

Shirley announced that our Board had approved four new members. (Please see their names in the Board minutes.)



Website Corner

NEW CLUB WEBSITE

Article and Pics by Don Downs
Edited by Ralph Towner

Our club has a new website! Many of you have already taken a look at it. It is still in the construction stages but is nearing being complete. It is done enough that you would think it is done... but new stuff will emerge! Our old website is now simply one page that directs you (with a link) to the new site.



As most of you know, I had been doing "The Oil Can" and it seemed that you all liked it. Ralph has taken it over and is/will be doing a GREAT JOB with it. BTW, a full year of Oil Can complete issues can be accessed on the new site... even on your phone! Besides the newsletters, the new website host, allows for so many different features such as individual recent event info, photos and videos as well as information about AACA National. Our newsletter sponsors are given internet exposure, our leaders are highlighted explaining their expertise, as well as complete information on how to join AACA and our Region.

I had my eyes set on a new goal which was to create a website that would be interesting as well as possibly attracting

new members to our club. Our new site has been used! **Our previous website had 169 visitors in the past year. Our new site has only been active for just over a month. It has had 770 "unique" visitors since it was created.** For clarification, a unique visit does not include multiple daily visits. If you go to the site 20 times in one day it counts as one. If you log in the next day, it will count again.

I think 770 is a pretty good number. I will keep you up on it as time goes on. It will count regardless of if you log in on your smart phone or on a computer. Bottom line, we hope that you will use and enjoy it! I will be out of town for our meeting this month, however, I intend to do a quick workshop at our next meeting to show you the site and how easy it is to access from your phones.

For example, we all like the calendar. Anywhere... you can quickly log in on your phone and look at the calendar. No need to have one or wonder! Just a quick click and you can see when "Sal's" is... or anything else on the schedule.

There will be fun stuff, interesting stuff, informative stuff... NO !!!... wait... it is there already! Please make suggestions for improvement.

The new Website address is:

www.srraaca.com

Time For a New Printer

I had to make a decision. Our old HP printer, which has printed over 60,000 pages, began hiccupping while printing the last issue. The print head needed replacing. This particular model has a print head that is almost impossible to clean. I considered buying a new print head, which would have cost about a hundred bucks with shipping and tax. But I also reasoned that all the other parts in the printer were well used and may also fail soon.

I have been studying all the various brands and styles of printers. Although the HP Instant ink program had worked well for several years with great savings over buying cartridges at retail, I learned that the best value is the ink tank printer. The catch is, the tank printers cost more than cartridge printers. Tank printers do, however, come with a large supply of ink, which I estimate would last through eight issues. That would be 6800 pages or \$288 (8 x \$36) worth of the HP Instant ink.



Top: The new Epson ET-5150 printer
Above: The supplied ink

Tank printers were introduced about five years ago by Epson. Most of the other brands now offer tank printers, but I decided with all of Epson's experience, Epson would be the best choice. I decided on their model ET-5150, which is a small business model with large capacity entry and exit paper trays plus an easy to use scanner.

The printer cost was \$558, including tax, shipping and 3 years of warranty. So subtracting the ink value of \$288, the net cost of the printer is \$270. Then the future cost of the ink should be about half of what the Instant Ink charge was.

Each color ink has its own entry form, so filling is mistake free. It is printing well and I will inform you how well it performs at our

May meeting. I will also discuss with the Board and during my newsletter report about the best way for the club to pay for the printer and the copies. If you are reading this, it was printed on the new printer. Here's hoping I made the right decision.

Mustang Girl Jamee

Text by Jamee Dye
Photos & editing by Ralph Towner



Hi! I'm Jamee Dye. I grew up with Mustangs in our garage. I went to many car shows with my dad, who owned a 1970 Mach 1 and a '70 Boss 302. Being involved with these Mustangs while growing up definitely started my love for them.

I had that Mustang until I graduated from college; then traded it in for a truck. I always knew I would own another Mustang. When Ford came out with competition orange color again in 2015, I knew it was time to buy myself a Mustang. I bought my orange Mustang on Halloween so I find it very fitting to call her "Pumpkin".

My dad has since had many other Mustangs but those two always stuck with me. There was no question what car I wanted when I started to drive, so of course, I told my dad I want a Mustang. I had my eye on an '04 competition orange convertible at a local dealership for months while my dad kept telling me the dealer wanted too much for it. Eventually, my dad told me the car had been sold. I was devastated! But the rest of the story is it was sold to him... Dad had bought my dream car for me!

So how did I wind up in Lake City, Florida? First, 12 years ago, I earned a degree in Mining Engineering from Virginia Tech, (Go Hokies!), located in Blacksburg, Virginia. Upon graduation, I accepted a job with a phosphate mining company in Bartow Florida.



After 11 years in Bartow, I had an opportunity to join the Nutrien Phosphate company near Jasper, Florida. After moving to North Florida and checking out the area, I decided to buy a home in Lake City.

Above: My current 2015 Mustang Eco-boost Premium, in the same Competition Orange, as my 2004 Mustang Convertible.

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My 1965 Mustang GT Coupe, gleaming in the sun in front of my Lake City home. My Dad bought it over 20 years ago in its present restored condition and got it running. It was always garaged and well taken care of. Three tears ago, he said it was mine! I continue to care for it. I often take it to shows & special events.

Mustang Girl Jamee

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Three years ago, I talked my dad into giving me his '65 GT coupe in Brittany Blue. My dad had owned the car for over 20 years and I have always loved it. I remember when he brought her home when I was still in elementary school. I named the Mustang "Brittany" after her color.



In November 2022, I decided to attend a chili cook-off and cornbread event in Wellborn. While checking out the vendors, I came across a booth, where I met Ralph Towner of the Suwannee River Region, recruiting new members. I had already heard about the club and wanted to join. After talking with Ralph for a few minutes, I decided I wanted to join the Region. He gave me the National and local applications, which I took with me.



The following Saturday, I attended an event in White Springs, where I met our President, Shirley McManus and VP, Kelly Jordan. I filled out the applications there and gave them to Ralph who handles membership. I have been as active as possible since. I noticed our Facebook page needed some work, so I volunteered to handle that task. I have found our club members to be friendly and helpful.



An interesting trip my Dad and I took in 2018 was to drive a large amount of the famous Route 66. The car we used for the trip was Dad's 2008 Bullitt Mustang. That was an awesome experience and I am glad we were able to cruise on parts of the old Route 66.



Some of my other interests besides my love for Mustangs: I have five pet rabbits, most of which are rescues. The rabbit's names are Sammy, Cadmium (Caddy), Brownie, Charlie Bear and Lola. I take my 15 pound rabbit, Sammy, with me to some of the car events. People enjoying seeing him and

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Dream Car Classic

Text & photos by Alex Fardales

Whenever I travel to Miami to visit my daughter, I always check up on any classic car activities that may be going on in my area. Such is the case of the "Dream Car Classics Car Show" which was held on Sunday, April 2nd, in downtown Hollywood, Florida, on Hollywood Blvd. I usually stay in Cutler Ridge, which is South of Kendall, but on a clear Sunday morning, driving to Hollywood by way of the Florida Turnpike, and onward to I-95, you're there in a hop, skip and a jump.



"Cobra Joe", Joe Bevelacqua and DJ, "Rock'n Claude", Claude Luciani. It's been over three years since I've attended this event, so both Joe and Claude welcomed me back to South Florida, and as always, a great event.

Unlike many other shows, the Hollywood Blvd. "Dream Car Classics" is a judged open car show for all originals, modifieds, hot rods, etc., and also, a spot for all year Camaros, Corvettes, Mustangs, and yes, Dodge Challengers !! With over 77 cars on display, my Dodge Challenger was well detailed, and ready for this judged event.

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At the entrance to the event, I am greeted by



Left: The event organizers, Cobra Joe (Joe Bevelacqua) & D.J, Rock'n Claude (Claude Luciani)

Above, Hollywood Blvd, the site of the Dream Car Classic in downtown Hollywood, Florida

Dream Car Classic

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Rock'n Claude was not only playing those "oldies but goodies", but at 12pm, we were entertained by an international singer, Miss Larissa Garbois of New Jersey. Larissa sings in 8 different languages, and had much of the people dancing on Hollywood Blvd.



Finally came award time, and what a surprise to hear my name mentioned for "Modern Mopar, Challenger 2008-2022". The awards ceremony included award winners being photographed with a '50s dressed model.

I hope to return again in less than 3 years, and hope that the weather will be as perfect, warm, and crystal clear as this past event.



Getting my award from a 50's style model.



My Challenger on display on Hollywood Blvd



Cars at the show



1962 Pontiac CV



1967 Pontiac GTO



Top: 1962 Cadillac convertible shinning in the sun.

Above: 1969 Dodge Charger— an iconic late 60's style.

Top: 1956 Ford Thunderbird in immaculate condition.
Above: 1949 James Dean Merc. Hard to find one of these that has not been chopped & channeled.



John Pfau, of Hollywood also received an award for this beautiful '57 Chevrolet Nomad. His son bought this car for his 75th birthday.

Fast & Furious Event

Text & pics by Ralph Towner

The Lake City Middle School Activities Director contacted Shirley and asked if we would display some cars for a special afternoon event at the school grounds to promote the "FAST" tests. Shirley got the word out and twelve of our members brought their cars. The weather was iffy; right on the edge of raining, but it never did. This kept a few of our members from attending.

Many of the children looked at our vehicles, asking questions and seemed fascinated with them. They had a little less than an hour to check us out before being

called in to the cafeteria for a lunch and meeting. Our members were invited to the lunch as well. There were door prizes as well and some of us won one. Thank you Lake City Middle school for inviting us.



Top Right: Several of us enjoyed the meal.

Above: A view of our varied club vehicles.

The "Tune Hauler"

Text by Ken Barton Pics by Ralph Towner

Most of our members know me as I have been the DJ at Hardee's on the last Friday of the month for a while. I have also been a SRRAACA member since 2018. I own a totally restored 1969 Camaro which I have had many years.

I have loved music since childhood. I sang in church as a boy and was part of a rock band for a few years as a teenager. I moved to Florida at age 19. I started as a DJ around 1990 and it developed into a good side business. I played for many car shows and other events in the Punta Gorda area. After retiring as a police officer for many years in that area, I moved to Southern Columbia County.



"Tune Hauler" Buick Estate Wagon parked at Hardee's.



It occurred to me one day that it would be neat to have a mid 70's station wagon to take my music equipment to car shows and events. I was fortunate to find a low mileage 1977 Buick Estate Wagon. It required some work and a paint job. I decided not to have it restored in show quality, but as a good looking driver. Well mission accomplished "Tune Hauler" is a good looking and reliable car. I have entered it a few car shows and displays in the area.

I appreciate the friendships at our events as well as the newsletter, website and national magazine as a member of a great club. Check out "Ken's Korner" on page 12.

Ken



My 1977 Buick Estate Wagon with me DJing in the background.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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To recap this last month, on April 11, Lake City Middle School had an event we were invited to "Fast and Furious". Our cars were on display for the students, staff and parents to see and to promote "FAST" testing coming up. They served dinner and door prizes too.

Sal's had a terrific crowd and we had them as Don says, "Dancing in the Streets". I counted 27 and great cars too. All our favorites were there the Rolls Royce and the Packard and even a Model T. Some we haven't seen in a while. Great night with perfect weather.

Several events I didn't get to go to in April were the Alachua show, Cross City Expo and the Madison Car show. But we are heading to Denmark Acres for the Spring Festival on the 29th for some Western fun. Imagine that a western town right in the heart of Lake City, right off 47.

May 13th we are looking forward to our club picnic at Pontiac Pete's home in Live Oak. Bring a covered dish and we will provide the meat and drinks to this one. Round up some auction items for our picnic auction. Ladies you gather up things as well. It should be a great time. We want everyone to bring their vehicles so we can get some great videos for the website. I will send out all the details in an Email. Put it on your calendar.

Don't forget we are preparing for our Car show at Wellborn Blueberry Festival. I need Volunteers to help and also your cars for the parade. The date is June 3rd and the parade is at 9:30am. We also need people to help decorate the SRRAACA float too.

We are in for lots of good times and great shows. Looking forward to them all. Happy Mother's Day!

Shirley



THE GENERAL MINUTES

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Shirley announced that Sherman Stanley had special cards made up and urged members to take some and give them to prospective members as a recruiting aid.

Shirley announced a date of May 13th has been set for our Club picnic, to be held at Pete Mazzocchi's home, south of Live Oak. The club will furnish the meat; members bring a side dish or desert to share.

Allen Kaufman suggested a possible 1903 - 1931 antique car gathering to be held in the gazebo area of Cannon Creek Airpark in February or March, 2024. He asked our club to do a pancake breakfast during the event. Our club would get \$10 from each breakfast.

Our 50/50 ticket was drawn and the winner of \$42 was Don Downs. Don returned \$40 to the club.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by
Marie Towner for Alex Fardales
SRRAACA Correspondent.



Ken's Korner

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



Humor: "How was your blind date?" a college girl asked her roommate. "Terrible" the roommate replied. "He picked me up in his 1963 Corvette".

"Wow. That's an expensive car. What was so bad about that?" "He was the original owner," she sighed.

Memorabilia: I graduated from High School in **1968**, a year many of you remember. Compare these prices from then to today's. Remember, the minimum wage was \$1.60 while the median income was \$8632 per year. Median cost of a new home - \$24,700; New Car - \$2822, but a "beetle" was only \$1700; a gallon of gas was 34 cents or lower; postage stamp - six cents; an ounce of gold was \$38.69; Big Mac burger was 49 cents; milk, \$1.07 per gallon; sliced bread - 29 cents per loaf; eggs - 59 cents a dozen; potatoes - 59 cents for 10 lbs.; Coke - 15 cents per bottle.

Most popular song - "Hey Jude" by the Beatles, who also started their own Label, "Apple", in May, 1968.

Most popular TV show - "Hawaii Five-O, which aired from 1968 to 1980. "Mr. Rodgers Neighborhood" was the most popular on the Education channels. It was aired from 1968 - 2001.

Ken

MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Richard Ring Happy Birthday	3 Doreen Hoffman Happy Birthday	4 SRRAACA Meeting Moose Lodge 6pm	5 Hardee's	6 Wellborn Breakfast Gainesville Show
7	8	9	10 Ralph Towner Happy Birthday & Rosina & Chet Gray Anniversary	11	12 Bob Hoffman Happy Birthday SRRAACA Hardee's	13 SRRAACA Picnic Pontiac Pete's
14 Kelly Jordan Happy Birthday	15	16 Sal's Cruise In 5- 7:30	17	18	19 Hardee's	20 Waldo Show
21	22	23	24	25	26 SRRAACA Hardee's	27 Custom Automotive Car Display 10- 2 Bar-B-Q lunch
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	June 1 SRRAACA Meeting Moose lodge 6pm		June 3 Annual Blue- berry Festival in Wellborn, FL 7 am - 5 pm

The Roadmap

Calendar of Events - Local

- May 4 — SRRAACA Meeting Lake City Moose Lodge 6pm
- May 5 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 pm
- May 6 — Wellborn Breakfast 7:30 - 10:00 am
- May 6 — Great Gainesville Car Show at Bo Diddly Plaza info: 352-275-9639
- May 12 — SRRAACA Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 pm
- May 13 — SRRAACA Club Picnic 11 am—3 pm
- May 16 — Sal's 5-7PMs
- May 19 — Hardee's 5:30 - 7:30PM
- May 20 — Car Show in Waldo, FL
- May 26 — Hardees SRRAACA 5:30 - 7PM
- May 26 — Custom Automotive Car Display BBQ lunch 10 am- 2pm
- June 3 — Annual Blueberry Festival in Wellborn, FL 7 am - 5 pm

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

AACA National Events

- May 18-20 — Eastern Spring Nationals Gettysburg, PA 717-582-3209
- June 25-28 — Eastern Division Tour Denver, PA 717-534-2082
- July 6-8 — Central Spring Nationals Auburn, Indiana 727-415-7679
- July 16-22 — Founders Tour (1932-1998) Ontario, Canada 905-305-7747
- July 26-29 — Special Eastern Spring Nationals Norwich, NY 607-334-2907
- Aug. 10-12 — Grand Nationals Bettendorf, Iowa 309-373-2169

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Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner

Ken Barton is doing much better since he had the knee injections. He has offered to do a category called "Ken's Korner" which is on page 12. The story about his "Tune Hauler" is on page 11.

I reported last month that Ken's brother, Louis, who is also one of our members, was scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery. I am happy to report that his surgery was successful and he has regained most of the use of his wrist.

I spoke with Gerald Howd at the Denmark Acres event. He has been enduring painful episodes with kidney stones for the last ten days. He is hopeful that the issue will be cleared up in the first week of May.

Rhonda Stanley has been dealing with a digestive problem that will require surgery in the near future. She has been keeping it under control for now with medication. She has an appointment on May 4th with her doctor to hopefully set the date. She appreciates your concern.

Pete Mazzocchi (Pontiac Pete) says he will be hosting our **club picnic** at his 13 acre lot and shop building on

Hwy 51, a few miles south of Live Oak, May 13th, from 11 am until 3 pm. **Please bring a dish to share.** The club will furnish the meat. He has several beautiful cars to look at while we are there. This will be discussed more at our May meeting.



Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, May 4th, starting around 7:00PM at the Lake City Moose Lodge (located on the east side of Lake City). The address is: 624 NE Williams Street in Lake City. The best way to get a printed Oil Can newsletter is to attend the meeting.

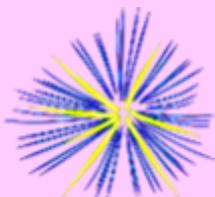
Also, please check out the recently upgraded **AACA National website**. They have plenty of info which members should be aware of. The upgrade has made the site more user friendly. To connect to the **National website**, go to:

www.aaca.org

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

Ralph

CELEBRATIONS



May Birthdays !



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

May Anniversaries !

Chet & Rosina Gray – 05/10



Tech/Safety

Drilling and Tapping Tips

By Ralph Towner

Virtually everyone who works on old cars or even just household maintenance has a need to drill and tap a few holes on a project. Here are a few useful tips.

First the basics. When buying or selecting drill bits, taps or dies for metalwork, it is best to choose "high speed" steel rather than "carbon steel". Carbon steel bits cost less to manufacture, therefore are not as expensive as high speed steel ones. Carbon steel contains only carbon for hardening. High Speed steel contains elements such as chromium, tungsten, molybdenum and other trace elements which makes the bits more able to hold their sharp edge, less chipping of the tips and less likely to break. For stainless steel, consider using 5 % cobalt for light to medium grade stainless or 10 % cobalt for the high nickel grade stainless.

The most important reason that the average handyman ruins drill bits is running the RPM too fast as well as not using a good cutting oil. For drilling low carbon steel, a good rpm rate for a 1/4 inch drill is 900 rpm, and for a half inch bit, 450 rpm. From these numbers, you can proportion the rpm to bit size you are using. Double the rpm speed for **non ferrous metals** and plastics. However, for **stainless steel**, use half the low carbon steel rpm speed.

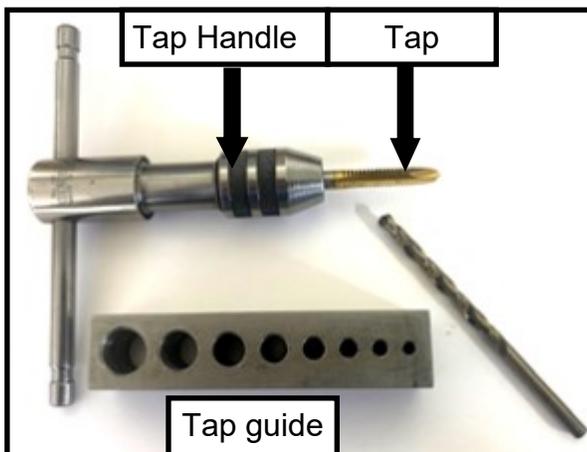
A quick **safety tip:** Do not wear long sleeves, loose clothing or get long hair or beard near a rotating drill bit!

Now let's talk threads. Before a tap or die can be selected, you must know the thread size. The most common threads are English or Metric. **For English**, a thread size of 3/8 -16 signifies the outside diameter is 3/8" diameter while 16 is the number of threads per inch. A 3/8 - 24 size indicates a 3/8 diameter and 24 threads per inch.

In **Metrics**, a designation such as M10 - 1.25, means a diameter of 10 mm and the 1.25 is the travel distance in millimeters per one full turn. Most thread sizes have a coarse and a fine size. Other specialty taps and dies can be found at industrial tool suppliers on the web.

Taps are a tool used for producing internal threads. It is important to drill the correct tap drill size; too small - it is difficult to tap or tap breakage may result. Too large - the thread will be weaker and susceptible to failure.

You can find tap drill charts on the internet. However, use this tip to help in an emergency. For coarse threads, use a drill about 80 % of the thread outside diameter and for fine threads, drill the hole about 85 % of the outside thread diameter. Example: for a 3/8 -16, coarse size, 80% of 3/8 (.375) = .300, which would be a letter "N" or using a 5/16 drill would be fine in most cases.

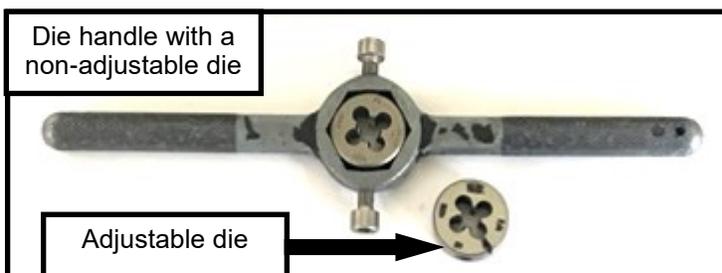


It is important that the tap be kept square and straight with the hole. If the tap is started crooked, the resulting tapped hole would throw the alignment out of square enough that during assembly, the screw could encounter interference or would not enter the

hole at all, depending on how much clearance was in the mounting part hole. Also, if the tap is too crooked, tap breakage could result.

A tap handle, such as the one shown above, should be used to be able to apply equal pressure on both sides of the tap while threading the hole. A tap guide, such as the one shown above, should be used to start the tap squarely. They are both available on line or at industrial tool suppliers.

Dies are cutting tools used to cut external threads on the outside diameter of a rod. They are available in adjustable and non adjustable types. Non adjustable are manufactured to be of the correct size for most applications. If a tighter or looser thread is required, the adjustable dies can accomplish this. As it is with taps, precaution should be taken to be sure the die is square with



the rod when starting to cut the threads.

A final **necessity** is to use a quality cutting oil while drilling or threading, either with a tap or a die. This prevents premature wear of the cutting tool as well as helps to keep the part and cutting tool lubricated and cooler. It also greatly improves the quality of the thread.

I hope this information will help some of you. If there is anything about drilling or threading that you need more detail, contact me at townerralph@gmail.com.



Think Before You Restore

By Myron Smith
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“The car is only original once.”

This has become the mantra of those of us who have a strong attraction to “original cars”. But what about older restorations or semi originals? Many a car has been subject to an overly enthusiastic owner who starts to do a total restoration and then lacks the where with all or finances to finish it. I suggest before you throw yourself into a full-blown project to sit down and do some serious pondering. What do you wish to accomplish? Are you really wanting to put the time and money into a full restoration? You can climb the ladder of trophy seeking. AACA has 4 advancing show rungs followed by maintenance awards in AACA and probably similar awards in the marque clubs. Do you want a car you can put the kids or grandkids in and run down to the local malt shop on Saturday nights, or a car to take to Cars and Coffee? Are you wanting a ‘road car’ that you can do tours and trips over long distances?

After being in the hobby most of my life, I’ve done the show route and have several “trailer queens”. Once they are restored, gotten their trophies they do one thing for sure; they deteriorate. So, if you’re committed to the show circuit, unless you sell which I seldom do, you’re going to have a vehicle subject to the perils of time, just like when the car was new. Maybe not as fast but it happens. My 1959 El Camino has been restored since 1975. It needed some work after being a daily driver in Nebraska with salty winter roads and an encounter with another car that ran a stop sign. However, with today’s technology and masterful body men, much of its originality could have been saved. But at the time I wanted the trophies. Do I regret the restoration? Yes, I guess I do, but we’ve had fun showing it and that is not to be discounted. I am the second-generation custodian of it being purchased new by my family and there is hope the 3rd and 4th generation will appreciate it too.

On the other hand, I have another 1959 which was not ‘restored’ although I collected new old stock pieces for it for years, then decided that with a little touch up it could still be an ‘original’ car. Personally, I like that much better. It’s gone the HPOF route and still we are able to drive it occasionally.

So, this brings me back to my original thought, “what do you really want to accomplish with your car?” If it is having a vehicle that is a work of art, restore it, just realizing that you’re probably never going to be completely done with it as shortly it’ll need freshening. If your idea of fun is to get the thing out in public, realize it’ll deteriorate also, but you can have fun playing with the thing. If you have enough originality to be able to keep it that way; it won’t get scratches, it will just get additional patina. It’s a big hobby, find your niche.



Driving Miss “WHO” ?

By Wayne Tuck
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A few years back as New Jersey Region President, I received quite a few interesting phone inquiries looking for cars to use in a wedding, to display at a party, or to do a photo shoot.

This one got my attention. Looking for a 1950 Oldsmobile to use as a photo opportunity depicting the car used in the movie “Driving Miss Daisy”.

What?!!, I couldn’t let this one go unanswered!

As a dyed in the wool Hudson fan, everyone has to know the car used in that movie was a 1948 Hudson Commodore! It would be sacrilegious to use an Olds to depict a Hudson. I was insulted. Had to get this misguided fellow on the right track. After indignantly informing the gentleman of his sins, he questioned if I knew anyone with a Hudson? Of course, I know many Hudson owners, in fact, I own one myself. How about meeting us for some photos? Well, maybe but where? Drive all the way to the northern part of the state for you to take a couple of photos?

After a bit of conversation back and forth it was evident that we were not going to come to an agreement. I just dropped the conversation and left it up to him to find a car.

Fast forward a few years. I was recently on the internet and saw a photo depicting “Driving Miss Daisy” riding in a Packard! Why not change the name from “Daisy” to “Matilda”? Driving Who? I wonder to this day if that was the same person looking to find the car for the photo opportunity. If it was, I guess he just wasn’t a car guy. If I had to explain it, he just wouldn’t understand.





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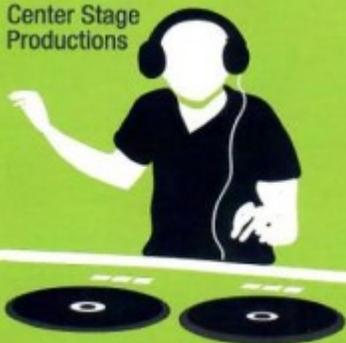
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