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I can't think of a better gift to give someone who loves this hobby than an AACA membership. Do you have friends and family who aren't current members and enjoy antique cars as much as you do? With the benefits of *Antique Automobile* magazine and the Library & Research Center alone, how can you go wrong?!

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

Cover: David Holmes with his 1956 Dodge Custom Royal Lancer

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Being happy does not mean that everything is perfect. It means that you have decided to look beyond the imperfections,

Anonymous



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

None this month

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.

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

A Message from Our President



Shirley McManus

It's that time of year again when the Club picks the new officers for the 2024 term. We held Nominations at the September meeting. Folks that were nominated were as follows: President - Shirley McManus, Vice President Kelly Jordan, Secretary, we have two nominations, Alex Fardales and Marybeth Downs, Treasurer, Roy Spurling is willing to continue for 2024. We have two that were nominated for the Board members coming off their two-year term, Bob Hoffman and Leo Hart. Those nominated were Harry McGuinness and Gerald Howd. Should Alex Fardales not be elected again as Secretary, he will be on a later ballot with the other two members who were nominated. The two members with the most votes will be our new Board members. We want to thank Bob and Leo for their great job serving on the board and pitching in wherever they were needed.

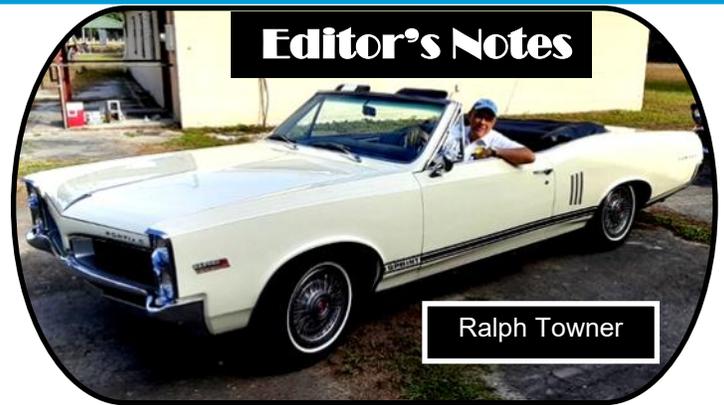
Ralph Towner has agreed to continue the Oil Can for another year with the stipulation that he do it Bi-monthly instead of every month. He is looking for someone to take it over after this year. Don Downs has also agreed to continue the Website for the year 2024.

"Thank you" to everyone for stepping up and keeping this club active. We hold the Elections at the November meeting so it will not interfere with our Christmas Party in December. The message this month will include December news as well. We have quite a bit to look forward to and attending the meetings and the events is so important to this club.

Because we are going into the end of the year National and Local Dues are due. Please either call AACA go online, or use the coupon on your magazine mailing card to renew your National membership. The local dues can be given to Roy Spurling at the next meeting. Or they can be mailed to our PO Box 3809 Lake City FL 32056. Roy will not be at the Christmas Party and since the party is on our regular meeting night we will not be collecting dues that night.

November 4th starts out with the Cornbread Festival and we will have a booth set up there. We are going to Willowcreek Assisted Living Facility on Friday Nov. 10th for their Fall Festival. November 11th is the White Springs Sugar Cane Festival. November 12th we will be heading over to McAlpin Country Diner for a Sunday Cruise-In. On November 18th, it's the Branford High School Car Show.

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Hello Gang,

This issue is a combined November/December edition. As stated at our October meeting, "The Oil Can" will be a bi-monthly publication for this issue and all of 2024.

My phone has not been ringing from any of our members who may be interested in taking over the publication in 2025. If you have any inclination for being our Editor, lady or man, now would be a great time to contact me. I will work with you through 2024, to show you some of the Publisher program tricks, and point out the required details, so our members will receive the information they need as well as what "boxes to check" to possibly win a national award for your efforts.

I have nobody in mind, but I bet there is one or more of you among our members, who definitely have the skills and can find the time to do a bi-monthly or monthly if you choose, quality, newsletter for our SRRAACA members. Regardless, this is my official notice in writing. I am retiring one year from now as your Editor with the November/December, 2024 issue being my last one.

Our Treasurer, Roy Spurling is accepting 2024 dues of \$20 (includes spouse) at our November 2nd meeting. Concerning the national dues, the Suwannee River Region, is a Region of Antique Automobile Club of America. Therefore, you must be an AACA member to belong to our Region. If you were a new member this year from either the Military program or one of the recipients of a free membership, your dues of \$45 for national and \$20 for local are due by December 31, 2023, for the 2024 calendar year.

In closing, If you have already renewed both local and national dues, thank you. If not, as a favor to you and our club, I am asking each of you to promptly renew. You know you're going to do it, so take care of it now. You will make both Roy's job as Treasurer and mine, as the Membership person, much easier.

Contact me if you need more information or want to discuss this further. Enjoy our Fall/Winter holidays - **Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Healthy New Year!** Happy Motoring, *Ralph*



Alex Fardales,
Secretary/Correspondent

October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Our monthly Board Meeting for the month of October was held on October 5th at the Lake City, FL Moose Lodge. The meeting was called to order at 7PM, by President Shirley McManus.

There were no new members to vote in. Renewal fees were discussed, which are now due. Members are asked to pay both local and national dues promptly.

Treasurer Roy will be collecting your dues. We will continue to use the Moose Lodge for our meeting for the month of November. There is no December meeting as this date will be our annual Christmas party, which will once again be held at the Huntsman's home. We will decide on where our monthly meetings for 2024 will be held at our November meeting.

Shirley mentioned on the 21st of this month, there will be a Halloween themed car show held here at the Moose lodge hosted by The Misfits but also, the "Pumpkin Patch", held at the Methodist Church in Lake City, as we did last year except they wanted us to do this on the 14th. The 14th is scheduled for our club picnic, so The church changed the date to October 21st. Shirley will provide the music. Kelly has agreed to cook, hot dogs, and Nettles sausage. There would also be chips and a drink. Kelly will also be cooking at our picnic on the 14th, which we will decide from members tonight.

October 28th is the Lions Club Car Show in Downtown High Springs. Our nominations for 2024 officers will be made at tonight's general meeting.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Submitted by Alex Fardales, Secretary/ Correspondent

October, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Our monthly general meeting for the month of October was held October 5th in Lake City, Fla. At the Lake City, FL Moose Lodge. The meeting was called to order by Shirley McManus at 7:15pm, followed by a prayer and "Pledge of Allegiance".

Roy Spurling gave us our Treasurer's Report, which was received and accepted by the general membership. Roy is collecting 2024 dues. Vicki Shanks Discussed upcoming Cannon Creek & Friends Christmas Party . It will be held at the American Legion, Saturday, December 16th. There will be more information of this event at our next meeting.

Shirley discussed member's health issues, and one in particular was Marie Towner. Ralph told us about Marie's situation. We all wish her a speedy recovery. A card was sent around so our members could sign it.

Shirley mentioned the recent hurricane, and most of our members had little to no damage. Those with birthdays or anniversaries were discussed.

September events were discussed. Ralph attended the event at Billy Bons. No other club members attended. Sal's, Cruise-in was held on September 18th, was a nice night, with about 13 cars. The Toys for Tots event, which was held in Wellborn on the 23rd was a beautiful day, and a success for the program. On the 30th our gathering and car display at the Spring Hill Methodist Church was held in Alachua. Nine cars were on display. We all had a good time.

Shirley informed us of upcoming events for the month of October. She first spoke of October 21st, when The Moose Lodge will be having a "Halloween Hot Wheels and Horror Car Show", hosted by the Misfits Car Club. There is a \$25 registration fee. Also on the 21st, will be the annual "Pumpkin Patch" event at the First Methodist Church in Lake City. We are asked to display our cars. Kelly will be cooking hot dogs, & Nettles sausage. Price of hot dogs is \$4, and Nettles is \$5; chips and a drink are included. Shirley will be playing music from 10:30 AM – 2PM. No registration fee for this event.

Ralph Towner gave us the "Oil Can" report. He has decided to continue being our Editor for one more year, and explained his decision. The newsletter will be bi-monthly as of next month. So the "Oil Can" will be November-December, 2023, and so on. Ralph is also on the National Membership committee and passed around a "Benefits of an AACA Membership" document which outlined many of the benefits AACA has to offer as a member. He added the benefits article should be used as a recruiting tool. Ralph asked if you do not have one of these sheets, please contact him.

National is also holding it's election and you should have received a post card with information on how to vote for the candidates by mail. Ralph will go over the voting process at our November meeting. National renewal dues are due by Dec.31st. It is suggested you renew on-line. \$45. Is renewal for National.

Roy will be unable to attend our Christmas Party in December, so please re-new your local \$20 dues by next month.

Don Downs gave the website report. He stated over 200 hits per month. The "Oil Can" issues are on the website, as well as the events calendar and much more. If there are any recommendations, please inform him.

Shirley concluded our upcoming events for October, such as mentioning Hardees, and this Saturday, there will be the Wellborn monthly breakfast starting at 7:30AM. Another event is the "American Legion "Toys for Tots" Motorcycle and classic car show, held this Saturday, October 7th. We should arrive by 11AM. Friday, the 13th will be Hardees, with our DJ, Ken Barton there playing music. October 14th will be our club picnic at the Wellborn Community Center, 11AM – 2PM. Bring your car, chair and a covered dish. Chicken and Pork will be on the menu. A sheet was passed around requesting a number of who's attending, along with family members and a preference of pork or chicken.

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Dodge-1956

Text & photos by Ralph Towner

You may have noticed in the October issue of The Oil Can, an ad for a 1956 Dodge, which our member, George Breslin had submitted. Well, our member, Dave Holmes, noticed the ad and couldn't resist calling on it. He made an appointment with George and drove to his home in Macclenny to find out more about the car. When he arrived the Dodge was outside, gleaming in the sun and Dave knew before he even got out of the car that he would be taking the Dodge home to Lake City.

Dave and Ronda Holmes were featured two years ago in the November issue of The Oil can, under the theme, "How the Mopar Man Got a Ford". The Ford is a nearly pristine 1930 Model A Roadster, which most of you have seen. But, Dave is a true Mopar man and was literally brought up with Chrysler products.

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Above, right: The 1956 Dodge at its first event with Dave, The American Legion Riders, "Toys for Tots" event.

Right center: Passenger side view of the Dodge gleaming in the October Florida sun. **Right:** The "I like Ike" bumper sticker still on the rear bumper from 1956 when Eisenhower ran for his second term as our United States President.



David Holmes sitting in his newly acquired 1956 Dodge Custom Royal Lancer.

Fall Club Picnic

Text by Shirley McManus
Photos by Leo Hart, Harry McGinnis & Dewey Burton

It's been such a hot summer that I thought having a fall picnic sounded good. However even though we had great time there were others that had vacations planned, other events they were involved in, sickness and our dear members the Owens that lost their son two days before the picnic. As hard as we try to plan things that everyone can go to it's next to impossible for everyone to attend.

thing duplicated on the food table. Delicious side dishes and great desserts just lined the counter. The Wellborn Community center was our picnic location with plenty of room inside and out.

As Ken Barton and Lee set up Ken's equipment we heard

some great music and the guys lined the porch with chairs to sit back and listen to the oldies. I know I heard a lot of Beatles. I'm sure Alex was requesting those tunes since he had his Beatles shirt on.



Nobody went home hungry from this grand buffet.



I will say even though the weather man did not call for a drop of rain, the sky looked like it was going to rain any minute. But the whole day was dry and cloudy.

I think I counted 30 people there and those that came had a great time and didn't go hungry. WOW, as I mentioned in my email, Kelly made the best pork roast and we had a big tray of chicken that Norm Silver arranged to get us from Big Woods too. I don't think there was any-



Gosh we had some great cars at the picnic. The Partington's model A, the Glenn's 1931 Buick as well as about 10 other members who brought their classics. My 1994 Jaguar XJS Convertible (above) made its debut and it felt so great to show it off. It needed an alternator when I got it which thanks to Sherm's Auto who just got a new import mechanic, "Anderson" and he went over the whole car for me. It's running great. I never realized how low that car sits until I was going out Hwy 90 and stopped at the light by Sonny's and a new Suburban was stopped right next to me. Needless to say I was looking up at his car.

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I sold Jaguars from 1983 until 1996 when we moved to Florida and always the XJS was my favorite. I never dreamed that I would own one. But she is a beauty and my Camaro is so jealous. It was great to have the time to relax and just look the cars over.

I also borrowed Don and Marybeth's cornhole game and set it up. Well, who knew Leo Hart was an expert player. He beat me every game. We had a good time with that game.

We want to thank the Wellborn Community Center for letting us use the building, and as always we left it spick and span.

To all of you who came out we hope you enjoyed it.

Happy Fall, *Shirley*



Above: Two fine trucks at the picnic– both bought new and still with the original owner. They are still on the road & looking good in 2023. **Top** is Bill McManus' 1972 Jeep and the other is Paul Fortner's 1954 Chevrolet. **Below:** Chow down time at the SRRAACA Club picnic, at the Community Center in Wellborn. **Bottom:** Roy's Corvette, Shirley's Jaguar And the Glenn's two cars, a 1931 Buick & their 1957 Chevy Belair.



American Legion Riders "Toys for Tots" Ride

Text & photos by Ralph Towner

Fourteen of our SRRAACA Car Club members displayed their cars at the Lake City American Legion lot, on Saturday, on October 7th to help with the annual American Legion Riders "Toys for Tots" event. We were not at the start of the ride as in previous years by their request.

The following people attended and brought a vehicle for display: Rhonda Holmes, Dave Holmes, Arden Kopp, Bob Kopp, Alex Fardales, Ralph Towner, Roy Spurling, MaryBeth Downs, Chet Gray, Leo Hart, Bill McManus, Shirley McManus, Ed Sweeney and Chuck and Diane Partington. Nancy and Joe Hagey were part of the ride and parked their Harleys at the event.

The Holmes displayed their newly acquired 1956 Dodge, purchased earlier in the week from our member, George Breslin. This car was advertised in last month's Oil Can and is the featured article in this issue. The car is on the cover of this issue and the article is on page 5.

Over one hundred motorcycles arrived from their toy ride just before noon, each bringing one or more toys for the cause. A great lunch of pork and/or chicken with fixin's was provided for a \$10 fee for all the entrants and visitors to enjoy.

There was an auction inside of many items where you could buy tickets and put them in jars by the item you were bidding on. All money raised was for the "Toys for Tots" program.

Our members enjoyed the beautiful Fall day and being able to swap tales and help with the "Toys for Tots" event.

The photos on the right are some of our members and various shots of some of the beautifully maintained and great variety of makes and models. AACA is the most diverse club in the USA and abroad.



Our club member, Nancy Hagey, rode her Harley (above) in the "Toys For Tots" ride along with hubby Joe on his Harley.



Some of the more than one hundred motorcycles parked at the American Legion lot, having just arrived from their annual "Toys for Tots" ride through the countryside on a beautiful October morning.

Alachua Car Show

Text & photos by Harry McGinnis

I attended the car show in Alachua on September 30th along with my canine buddy, Wilson. I entered my 1969 Oldsmobile 442. Although overcast, it was still a pleasant day with many cars arriving.



Not long after setting up, it began to sprinkle and then really rained for a while. Wilson and I found a spot under a tree and used my umbrella until the rain stopped.

Because of the consistent rain, the organizers asked for the ballots from the participants and spectators earlier than usual. Once the ballots were counted, the awards were given out earlier than expected to those who had garnered the most votes.



Above: A Javelin, GTO and a 1940 Chevrolet pickup on the field. **Below:** A view of part of the show-field. Good turnout.



Car Display at the Spring Hill Methodist Church near Alachua

Text & photos by Ralph Towner

James Richardson, one of our Oil Can sponsors and pastor of the Spring Hill church invited our club members to display our cars at the Spring Hill church for an early Fall event, called "Craft Bazar & More" to be held on September 30.

The date arrived and the weather looked promising. The temperatures had come down considerably, but there was still a bit of humidity in the air. A few of our members made the short ride to Alachua. They were President Shirley and Bill McManus,

Marybeth Downs, Joe Hagey, Alex Fardales, Ronda Holmes, Ken Barton and Ralph Towner. Kelly Jordan rode down with Ralph in the 1957 Pontiac, which had only been picked up the previous day from being restored from the engine fire back in February. Nancy Marquis started to make the trip in her Mini



Cooper, but when she stopped at a gas station, the oil plug popped out and dropped all her oil. Her husband, Gary, was able to get the correct plug and the oil and came to the rescue, but too late for her to attend.

We had a furnished light lunch there, enjoyed talking with each other and enjoyed seeing and/or buying some of the crafts. It started a light rain about noon but never rained hard as it did at the show in the above article only a few miles south. It did not rain north of that area so we had a good ride home. Great early Fall day event.

Right: Marybeth, Ronda, Shirley & Bill enjoying the day.



Below: A row full of our members fine vehicles on display.



Pumpkin Patch Display

Text & photos by Ralph Towner

It was an exceptionally fine fall morning on Saturday, October 21st for our car display at the First Methodist Church.

There were pumpkins and gourds of every size and description on display, all for sale. The proceeds goes to the charities and missions the church is involved with.

There was another show at the Moose Lodge, with a Halloween theme as well. We still had a nice turnout of vehicles. Members bringing vehicles were Shirley's Camaro, Bill's Jeep truck, Roy's Corvette, Marybeth's Plymouth Scamp, Ralph's '57 Pontiac and Norm's Challenger.

Richard and Anne Hanney brought both of their Oldsmobiles. The Hanney's live only a half mile from the church, so they went back and Richard rode their beautifully restored 1957 Lambretta scooter back to the display and parked it next to my 1957 Pontiac... a pair of '57s together.

One of the church members provided hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies for us as well as for visitors at a reasonable price. Shirley played her tunes and made announcements.

A great way to spend a cool Fall day!



Pumpkins Galore!

Left: Shirley McManus playing and singing along with some of our favorite tunes.

Below two photos: There were pumpkins and gourds of every description available in several locations.



Left: Norm, Marybeth & Roy chatting on the beautiful Fall afternoon.

Above: Anne & Richard Hanney, owners of the 1957 Lambretta Scooter, pictured on their right, parked beside Ralph's 1957 Pontiac. A pair of '57s!

Below photos: Several of our members displayed vehicles at the event.



Upcoming Fall Events In Our Area



Submitted by Shirley McManus

November 4

Cornbread & Chili Cook-off Festival

Wellborn Community Center Grounds

7:30am - 3:30pm Blueberry Breakfast at

7:30-10:30 Music all day

Not a car event. However, we will
have a Membership booth setup
and need volunteers.

November 10th Friday

Willowcreek Assisted Living Facility
Fall Festival, Hall of Fame Dr.

12 - 3:30 PM Car Display Free Lunch

November 11th

Sugar Cane Festival & Cruise In

White Springs at the Suwannee

Hardware Store 8am - 4pm

November 11th

Chili Cook-Off , Cornhole Tournament
& Car Show 11AM

Suwannee County Coliseum

1302 11th Street, Live Oak, FL 32060

fccdchapter15@gmail.com

November 12th Sunday

McAlpin Country Diner Cruise-in

9929 170th Terrace,

McAlpin, FL 32062 11AM - 2 PM

November 17 - 19

Moultrie, GA Fall Swap Meet

8 AM - 5 PM \$10 admission

229-896-2150

November 18

Branford, FL High School Car Show

9-11 Registration - \$20 Judging at noon

405 NE Reynolds Street, Branford, FL

December 7 Thursday

Club Christmas Party

Michelle and Jimmy Huntsman's home

Covered dish, Club to supply the meat

More details at our November meeting

December 9th Rain date Dec. 10th

Pilots With Presents Toys for Tots Event

Lake City Gateway Airport 11-2 PM

Airplanes, antique & classic cars on display

They are really in need of toys.

We will park our cars on the inside ramp. Back gate will be open for us, right past the terminal building. Need several volunteers to park cars. Bring a \$10 toy & get a free hot dog lunch. Two people in a car - bring two toys for two lunches. EAA, Chapter 977, is sponsoring the lunch. We want to try to match up the same year air planes & cars.

NOVEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 Meeting Moose Lodge 7pm | 3 Hardee's Michelle Huntsman Happy Birthday | 4 Cornbread Festival Wellborn |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Mary & Ralph Owens Happy Anniversary | 9 | 10 Willow Creek Display Host Hardee's | 11 Sugar Cane Festival |
| 12 Richard Medeiros Happy Birthday | 13 | 14 | 15 Anne Haney Happy Birthday | 16 | 17 Hardee's | 18 Branford High Car show The Breslins Anniv. |
| 19 McAlpin Country Diner Cruise-In Gary Doty Birthday | 20 Ann Bormolini Happy Birthday | 21 Sal's Cruise In | 22 | 23 Thanksgiving | 24 SRRAACA Host Hardee's | 25 Marie Towner Happy Birthday |
| 26 | 27 Ted Shiska Happy Birthday | 28 Dewey & Ilona Burton Happy Anniversary | 29 | 30 Carol Boucher Happy Birthday | Dec 1 Hardee's | 2 Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast |

The Roadmap Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)

- Nov. 2 — SRRAACA monthly meeting at the Lake City Moose Lodge at 7PM
- Nov. 3 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Nov. 4 — Cornbread Festival Wellborn 7:30 – 5 PM
- Nov. 10 — Willow Creek Car Display 12-3PM See details on page 11
- Nov. 10 — SRRAACA Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Nov. 11 — Sugar Cane Festival, White Springs, FL See details on page 11
- Nov. 11 — Chili cook-off, Cornhole & Car show See page 11 for details
- Nov. 12 — McAlpin-Country Diner Cruize In Sunday
- Nov. 17 - 19 — Moultrie, GA Fall Automotive Swap Meet 8AM-5PM 229-896-2150
- Nov. 18 — Branford High Car Show See details on page 11
- Nov. 21 — Sal's Cruise-In 5—7:30 PM
- Nov. 24 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Dec. 1 — SRRAACA Host Hardees 5:30 - 7PM
- Dec. 7 — SRRAACA Club Christmas Party More details to come
- Dec. 9 — Pilots with Presents "Toys for Tots" event. See page 11 for more details.

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

ACA National Events

- February 8-10 — ACA Annual Convention Chantilly, Virginia (DC area) 717-534-1910
- February 29 - March 2, 2024 (Proposed) Winter Nationals East Tennessee Region Details later.
- March 17-23, 2024 — Founders Tour Louisiana Region (1932 - 1999) 337-581-7776
- March 21 -24, 2024 Special Winter Nationals Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 787-635-8976
- April 4 - 6, 2024 Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals Charlotte, NC 704-847-4215

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or call 717-534-1910 for more info ~



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Of course as we look at December our Christmas Party will be Dec. 7th at Jimmy and Michelle Huntsman home. Dec. 16th is the Cannon Creek and Friends Christmas Party at the American Legion.

So lots of good things coming up. I can plan all the events but if no one comes out it hurts us. It's not just the board that can help out when we plan things it's all of us together that make an event successful. So please try and come out to these events.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

Shirley

Ken's Korner

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



Trivia: Many of us, especially as teens, enjoyed going to our local hangout and feeding the juke box. What we didn't know was the origin of that word. In the early part of the 20th century, a common term for a house of ill repute was a 'juke joint'. Many of them had installed self-contained record players to entertain their guests which were referred to as "juke boxes" Now you know the rest of the story.

Quiz: Many of us watched "Mighty Mouse" as a kid. Do you recall his girlfriend's name? A - Olive Oyl; B - Daisy Duke; C - Petunia; D - Minnie Mouse; E - Pearl Pureheart. Answer on page 15 in The Sunshine Report

Trivia: In England, cars do not have Hoods & Trunks. They have Bonnets & Boots. I wonder what they call the head & foot-ware?

Until next time...

Ken

YE OLDE SWAP SHOP

For sale: 1964 Oldsmobile F85 330 CI V8, 98K original miles. Numbers matching engine, transmission

and rear axle. Original interior in excellent condition. Original hub caps & two speed

auto. transmission. New brakes & wheel cylinders all the way around. New axel bearings. Runs & drives. Need \$7000.

George Degler 386-438-9635



THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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October 28th will be the "High Springs Lions Club" car show event, which usually attracts a good turnout of cars. Registration fee is \$25. Information of this event is in the newsletter. November 4th is the Cornbread festival at the Wellborn Community Center. We will have a membership booth set up. This is a fun event; members are encouraged to attend. Shirley also mentioned a new event being held in Branford, November 18th, "Branford High School Car Show". 9AM-11AM for registration, awards at 12PM, to benefit the Branford High School band. Our Christmas party will be Thursday, December 7th at Michelle Huntsman's home. Please bring a covered dish. We will discuss this further at our next meeting

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Our yearly elections will be next month. If anyone would like to volunteer for a position, or has additional nominations, please contact Shirley. Those who were nominated for the respective offices are as follows:

President, Shirley McManus; Vice President, Kelly Jordan; Treasurer, Roy Spurling; Secretary, Marybeth Downs and Alex Fardales. The Board membership of Leo Hart and Bob Hoffman will expire on December 31, 2023. Nominated Board members are, Harry McGinnis, Jerry Howd, and Alex Fardales. (Should he not be re-elected as Secretary)

Shirley and Ralph emphasized the importance of participation and perhaps maybe someday sponsoring an AACA National event. Shirley asked the members to please support our club, support our events and by all means, drive your classic car.

Kelly announced our 50/50; \$80 in the pot with \$40 to the winner. Congratulations to Don Downs, who donated the winnings back to the club.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Submitted by Alex Fardales, Secretary/ Correspondent



Tech/Safety

Electrical Theory- A Treatise on the Importance of Smoke

By Joseph Lucas 1842 - 1903

A tongue in cheek article about what may really be going on in your electrical wiring



Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they regularly released large quantities of smoke from the electrical system.

All electrical components and wiring harnesses depend on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of charged ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke." Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. Don't be fooled by scientists and engineers talking about excited electrons and the like. Smoke is the key to all things electrical.

I know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing. For example, if one places a large copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions.

The logic is elementary and inescapable! The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring harness springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works right afterward.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese, or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks, and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets. Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

Sometimes you may miss the component releasing the smoke that makes your electrical system function correctly, but if you sniff around you can often find the faulty component by the undeniable and telltale smoke smell. Sometimes this is a better indicator than standard electrical tests performed with a volt-ohm meter.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a clear and logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components and why they fail.

Hope this helped make your day... Ralph

Website Corner

Webmaster: Don Downs



The website is consistent lately with about 300 visits per month. You may remember, the old site had about half that per year... so members and guests are using it!

The year is winding down, and the evaluation period is over for both the website and the Oil Can. We are hoping to have Ralph's phenomenal return to the Oil Can prove successful for him to win... (I am certain he will at least get a Master Editor) and I am hopeful for our new website to snag a Master Webmaster award. We have no real comparison to know what it takes (on the website)... but I am keeping my fingers crossed.

Do not forget that our website is very phone friendly! I add funny things each month as well as info on



events. My hope is that if you are sitting waiting for a dentist appointment or something else... you will pull up the site on your phone and enjoy it for something to do...!

See you at the meeting Thursday!

Don





Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner

I was in contact with Nina Howd on October 29th. Gerald still has not had the kidney stone surgery. He is currently without pain and is in Los Angeles for a family wedding. Our members wish him the best for a successful surgery.

George Breslin advertised his 1956 Dodge for sale, last month. Our member David Holmes saw the ad and couldn't resist calling. Please read this month's feature article to find out the results of that call!

Marie Towner has had relief from the pain she was dealing with last month. A prescription pain medication reduced the inflammation, and she is not taking any medication for it at the present time. However, she had two MRI's to try to find the cause of the pain and is scheduled to see a specialist soon. Marie plans on attending our November 2nd meeting.

George Degler has been suffering from a degenerated

knee issue. I am happy to report, through a genetic procedure, using his own cells injected in the knee, he got immediate relief and it continues to be much better. He is able to do the necessary work in his plumbing business. He has one of his cars for sale, listed on page 13.



Our members Arthur (Hutch) Hutchison and Anne will be leaving our area around December first and moving to Virginia near the DC area. Anne's daughter lives in that area. Thank you Hutch & Anne for being our members. We will miss you both. Keep in touch.

Our next **meeting will** be this Thursday evening, November 2nd, 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.

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

Answer from page 13 is: Pearl Pureheart



CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays !



Michelle Huntsman - 11/03; Richard Medeiros - 11/12; Anne Hanney - 11/15; Gary Doty - 11/19; Ann Bormolini - 11/20; Marie Towner - 11/25; Ted Shiska - 11/27; Carol Boucher - 11/30

November Anniversaries!

Mary & Ralph Owens - 11/08; Cindy & George Breslin - 11/18; Ilona & Dewey Burton - 11/28

December Birthdays

Nina Howd - 12/12; Vicki Shanks - 12/21; Bill McManus - 12/25; Alex Fardales - 12/26; David Staples - 12/27; Brenda Degler - 12/28; Robert McIntyre - 12/30

December Anniversaries !

Kimberlie & Robert McIntyre - 12/19; Cathy & Gary Donovan - 12/22; Barbara & Gary Sparks - 12/30





Looking Forward to a Short Weekend Getaway?

By Dave Bowman
VP - Finance and Budget

Need to get away for a long weekend; just getaway

from everything? Attend one of the 8-10 AACA Nationals offered each year. You don't have to have a show car, because there is also the HPOF and DPC classes. Don't have an old car, no problem you can still attend.

What is there to do if you don't have an AACA vehicle that you want to register for the event? There is plenty to do and you will meet many friends in the hobby along the way. Check out the National brochure for the activities that usually begin on Thursday and run through Saturday. These include visiting car museums, historical sites and tours on your own of points of local interest and of course the National on Saturday.

Imagine a prime rib dinner on a paddle wheel boat on the Mississippi River. It was there last week at the Grand National in Iowa. When was the last time you were in Iowa? In Auburn, Indiana, you could visit the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum as well as the National Auto & Truck Museum. Gettysburg had so many historical sites to visit plus a cruise in at the hotel the night before the National. In Miami, we were treated to an aviation museum as well as wonderful Cuban food at the dinners. Have you ever seen the beauty of the Finger Lakes part of NY State? It's beautiful country just to drive in and wonderful local members there as well as in all the regions.

You will meet some truly wonderful people. You will be surprised at the number of our members who attend most of the events and do not show a car. Some come only to judge or be part of the administrative crew, but others attend just to see the National and friends they have met at past Nationals.

Registration is required, but compare the cost to any other weekend getaway. Those other getaways generally won't build you new friendships that will last a lifetime like these events will.



New AACA Members

By Mel Carson
Vice President - Legislation

The Antique Automobile Club of America needs members – your help is essential! Challenge your Region and Chapter Members to find those interested in enjoying family participation with antique vehicles and preserving automotive history.

Often, we see an antique vehicle being driven to the grocery store, the gas station, or just out for a ride. Sometimes we can catch up with the driver and admire their vehicle and strike up a conversation about the car. You can invite them to visit a Region or Chapter meeting and let them know about the benefits of joining AACA. The key part of this discussion is - the Antique Automobile Club of America needs members – now more than ever!

We believe there are a large number of folks who are interested in the automotive hobby but don't belong to AACA. The general belief is that it is more difficult than ever to bring folks into AACA because many folks don't readily join organizations. My thinking is that a personal conversation is the best way to introduce new members to AACA.

Folks like to know others with collector vehicles and be able to get together to kick tires and talk about repairs and restoration. Every Region and Chapter Member can find a prospective AACA member – talk with them, and they will want to join you with the fun of AACA!





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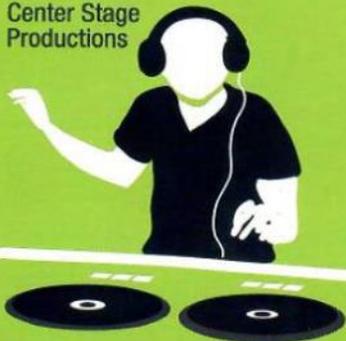
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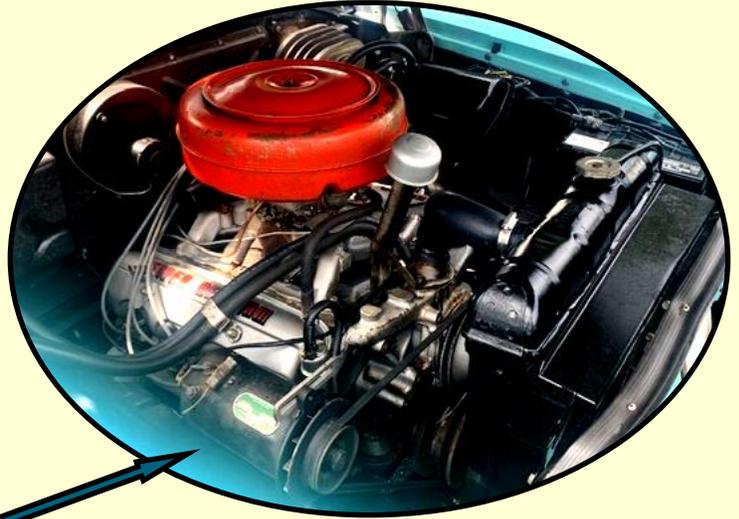
Dave's dad was a production manager at the Hamtramck, Michigan assembly plant, which provided him with a Chrysler company car each year. One of the company cars that his dad had was a three tone paint pattern Dodge similar to this one.

The '56 Dodge is a Custom Royal Lancer four door sedan, a top of the line model that year. The paint and interior are original with little flaws. The car is powered by a 315 cubic inch hemi Red Ram engine with a four barrel carb. Only enough of these Red Ram engines were sold in Dodge cars to be able to call them "stock cars" which enabled them to be used as NASCAR racing cars.

Power is transmitted to the rear axle through a push button drive Powerflight transmission. 1956 was the first year that Chrysler Corporation vehicles used the push button transmission. The mechanical version of this transmission proved to be quite reliable.

This car is a great addition to our SRRAACA fleet of cars... something we don't see every day. Thanks, Dave and Ronda for sharing your "new" 1956 Dodge Custom Royal Lancer with us.

Push button drive control mechanism located left of the steering wheel.



Above: The Dodge emblem in the center of the grill.

Below left: The Red Ram model wheel cover, even for the spare tire, located in the roomy trunk.

Below center: The driver's eye view of the 1956 Dodge.

Below, right: The small but still effective taillight and backup light assembly on the 1956 Dodge.