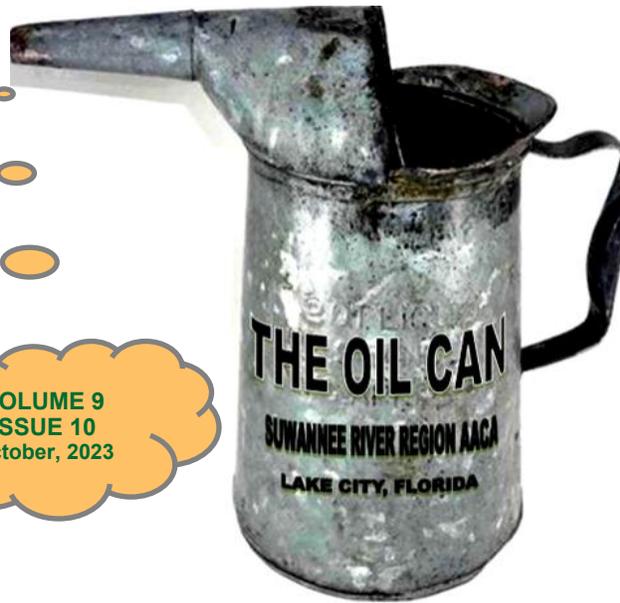


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Lake City Moose Lodge
October 5th, 2023**



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NEED A PERFECT GIFT IDEA ?

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

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Four things you can't recover in life:
 A word after it's said
 An opportunity once it's missed
 Time after it's gone
 Trust after it's lost*
 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

Cover: Richard Ring with his refurbished 1972 Chevrolet C/10 truck.

A Message from Our President



Shirley McManus

September 23rd, was the first day of Fall and what a gorgeous day it was. I spent the day volunteering at the Wellborn Community Center. It was the Kick-Off for the Toys for Tots program. Even though it wasn't car related our club has always supported anything to do with Toys for Tots. They put on a great Chicken

Perlo Dinner, a Yard Sale and a Bake Sale too. I do want to thank all of you who came out to support the Marine program.

Sal's Cruise-In had a nice turn out and a beautiful night to sit out and listen to the Oldies. I counted 13 cars that were displayed proudly.

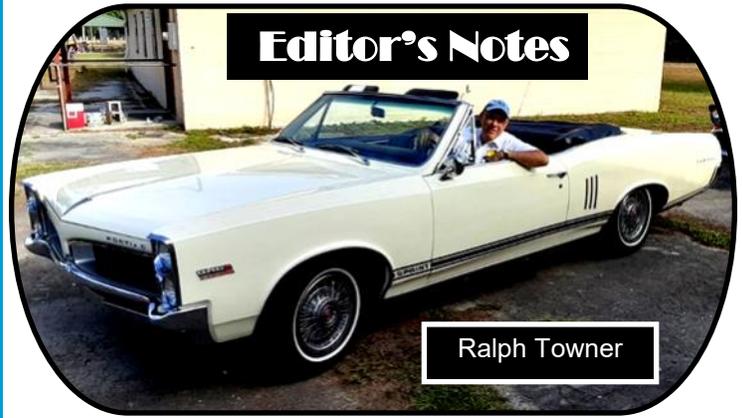
As I write this we are looking forward to Sept. 30 and the Festival and Car Display at the Spring Hill Methodist Church. I know that will be a fun day. Arts and Crafts, good music, good food and good friends.

October brings lots of events. If you missed the Wellborn Toys for Tots here's your chance to go to the American Legion Toys for Tots on October 7 and enjoy the Chili cook-off and bring toys to help out. They always have the best door prizes and a great band. On October 14 is our club picnic at the Wellborn Community Center. Bring your car to this one. This is a Covered dish event and the club is supplying the meat with Kelly cooking so you know it will be good.

On October 21st. we have two events. The club will be setting up a hot dog booth and Car display at the First Methodist Church from 11-2 for the Pumpkin Patch. We were there last year and had such a great time. Also for those who want to be in a show the Misfits Car club will sponsor a car show at the Lake City Moose. It's a Halloween theme and they are looking for decorated cars and costumed people.

Then to end the month on the 28th the High Springs Lions Club car show. This has always been a favorite. So lot's to do in October.

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Hello Gang. It's Fall and that means some really nice weather for our fall events. It also means it's time for nominations for our 2024 Region officers as well as to pay our local and national dues. This Oil Can issue has a lot of information about paying our national dues including the reasons for renewal.

Our Treasurer, Roy Spurling will be accepting 2024 dues of \$20 (includes spouse) at our October 5th meeting. Concerning the national dues, I must remind our members that 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.

Many members do not know or understand all the benefits of membership in both AACA and our local club. Please read and understand the membership information on pages 8 and 9 of this issue. Particularly, read the paragraph at the top right hand corner of the membership article on page 9, which briefly describes the national AACA benefits.

For those who are disabled or busy with life: please know you membership is valued. Many of these benefits such as the publications, website, friendships, members sharing their specific automotive knowledge and several other benefits are there for you. You are also supporting the greatest organization (AACA) in the world which contributes more to the old car hobby than any other.

In closing, 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. It is a lot of work for treasurer Roy, to keep track of who has not paid. As the membership person, I must complete the required 2024 AACA annual report and current roster by January 31.

Contact me if you need more information or want to discuss this further. Enjoy the Fall season.

Happy Motoring!

Ralph



Alex Fardales,
Secretary/Correspondent

September 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Our monthly board meeting for the month of September was called to order by our president, Shirley McManus, at the Moose Lodge in Lake City on Thursday, September 7th at 7pm,

We spoke of some bills that needed to be approved, and paid for, which were unanimously approved by the board members present.

Jim Davis, formerly of the Moose Lodge is no longer a Moose member, so we spoke of whether we wanted to continue meeting at the Moose Lodge for our monthly meeting. Shirley would bring this up for a vote tonight at the general membership.

We spoke of our club picnic, which will be held October 14th at the Wellborn Center. We discussed whether to hire a caterer, or should we provide the meat, cook, etc. Shirley will pass out a listing to get a number of members, and member's family that plan on attending. Shirley mentioned, Jimmy and Michelle Huntsman, will again host our Christmas Party in December.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:10PM

Submitted by Alex Fardales, Secretary/ Correspondent

September, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Our September meeting was held Thursday September 7th at the Moose Lodge in Lake City. After our Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer, our president, Shirley McManus called the meeting to order at 7:13PM.

Roy Spurling presented the treasure's report, which was received and approved by the general membership. Shirley gave her "sunshine report", and mentioned members that recently had medical issues. Glad everyone is well. Also, member's birthdays and anniversaries were mentioned.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary to our members ! Shirley mentioned Michelle Huntsman and her sister were on a Carnival Cruise, and asked we keep them in our prayers being they are near the pathway of Hurricane Lee. Michelle has accepted our Christmas party to be held at her home once again .

Shirley reported on August events. The Wellborn monthly breakfast has been a good success. A long line by

8AM. On the 12th, was the Ford Garage event, 24 members attended. A good time was had by all. Don Garlits was a cancel, maybe another time. The "back to school " bash at Wellborn was amazing, 96 children. The back packs contained very good supplies, a good turnout. A thank you card was read by Shirley to the members, thanking us for supporting the Go Bags.

Ralph Towner presented the "Oil Can" report, followed by Don Downs presenting a Website report. Nothing new to report, except Ralph mentioned if anyone attends an event, to please let him know and provide a couple of paragraphs verbally or in writing as well as a few photos from the event. This would be a great help in continuing the quality of the newsletter.

Don mentioned between 200-300 views a month. In the near future, some of the information in the "Oil Can" will appear on the website. The website comes up under "google search", so many are able to view the website. Don also mentions he gets emails of auto related "fun stuff", which he has used in the website. If you do see something, please do send it to him as long as it doesn't violate copyright laws.

Shirley spoke of upcoming activities stating, if you will notice in your September newsletter on page 10, there is one page listing upcoming activities for the month of September, as well as the calendar preceding that page. Page 10 also lists upcoming events for October and November as well.

Billy Bons chili cook off is this Saturday, Sept. 9th, as well as a '50's theme car show event in Newberry that evening in Newberry. Not on the sheet is an event on the 16th, "New Millennium Company" doing a car show not open to the public, but for "New Millennium" members and employees at Camp Weed, \$20 registration which includes one free lunch. Awards will be given.

Shirley spoke of the Wellborn Toys for Tots kickoff dinner 11AM – 3PM at the Wellborn Community Center on e 23rd. Tickets are \$8 for the meal dinner and there were some tickets sold at the meeting. Please contact Shirley if you would like to purchase any tickets. All proceeds will go to "Toys for Tots". A toy donation will also be much appreciated.

September 30th is Spring Hill Methodist Church. We will display our cars from 9AM – 1PM. There will be a craft festival, along with music and a bake sale.

October 7th is our "Toys for Tots" at the American Legion in Lake City, not to be confused with the Toys for Tots event at the Lake City Honda dealership. We only need to go to the American Legion on Main Blvd., 11am – 3pm. Chili Cook Off as well. A toy donation is much appreciated.

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The Beauty BUT also a Beast

Text & Photos by Ralph Towner

A few months ago, In conversations I was having with our Webmaster, Don Downs, he mentioned he was interested in finding a high powered, four speed stick Mopar vehicle from the 60's.

Now Don is real quick to tell you he is "Mopar or no-car". He already has a 1968 Plymouth Sport Fury convertible as well as a 1973 Dodge Charger, which he has owned for a long time. His wife, Marybeth, also has a 1976 Plymouth Scamp.

With today's ability to find almost anything you desire on the internet, it wasn't long before Don found some interesting vehicles that fit his wants. It turned out that a couple of the ads were too good to be true and were likely even scams. One must really be on the ball when buying or selling online.

However, an ad popped up that got Don's attention. It was a beautiful frame off restoration of a 1965 Plymouth Belvedere convertible, red, with a 440 cross-ram four barrel setup. It also has an A-833 four speed transmission with a factory Hurst floor shifter. The car is fitted with an 8 3/4" differential with 3.55 ratio positraction.



This type of vehicle is often described as a "sleeper" defined as a high performance car that has been built on a plain-Jane type of vehicle, usually a mid sized or even an economy platform.

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Top: Rear view of "The Beast"

Below: Don is proud of his beautifully restored 1965 Belvedere CV with a 440 cross-over dynoed at 505 HP.



Rescued C10

Text by Ralph Towner
Photos by Richard Ring & Ralph Towner



Richard Ring



Richard has always liked cars and trucks of all kinds. He had a 1965 Ford Fairlane in the 70's, which he spruced up and resold.

Pam's father had a 1972 Chevrolet C/10 basic work truck, which he bought new. It was used for all types of farm work through the years. After

many years of hard use, it was still in fair shape, but no longer used and just stored inside for many years. In 2020, Richard and Pam inherited it and decided to have it restored, both the appearance and mechanically.

Sherm's Auto, an SRRAACA member and sponsor, was given the job. Many new parts were used and except for wheels and a few other small things, it is an authentically restored driver quality truck. It was repainted the dark blue color shown in the photos.

John (Richard) Ring, born in Lebanon, Virginia, near Bristol, has lived in Florida most of his life. At the age of nine, his family moved him to Jacksonville, Florida, where they lived until 1961, when the family moved to Jacksonville.

After high school, Richard earned a bachelors degree in political science from the University of Florida. After graduation, he worked as a salesman for a couple of years, before getting into a lifetime career as a child abuse investigator for several Florida counties. This sometimes included working with childhood delinquency cases as well.

Richard moved to Lake City in 1966, where he met his wife, Pamela. She was born in Rhode Island, then to Arkansas and moved to Lake City in 1963. Pam and Richard have been married for 51 years. Pam worked for the Third Judicial Circuit for 31 years as a Judicial assistant to Judge Vernon Douglas.

Both Pam and Richard are now retired and have time for some outside activities. They have belonged to our Suwannee River Region AACA for a few years and attends our meetings and some of our functions.



It went from this to this.

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Rescued C10

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The engine is the famous 250 cubic inch Ohv Six, which started right up and ran well. It has about 76,000 miles on it and has never been rebuilt.

Richard has developed a strong interest for Pontiacs in recent years - strong enough that he has attended a few national Pontiac events in the last few years. In 2015, he bought a well kept 2001 Pontiac Trans-Am WS-6. On January first, it will be eligible for AACA events in two years.



Richard has another Pontiac - a 1965 GTO needing some "tender loving care", which he has owned since 1981. He recently decided he wants to have it refurbished and back on the road. It is currently at Sherm's waiting its turn to get "reborn".

Thank you Richard, and Pam, for being members of our club. We are looking forward to working with you and can't wait to see the finished GTO.

Above, left: The 2001 Pontiac Trans-Am WS-6
Top: The 250 CI OHV Six truck engine.
Above, middle: The Custom/10 insignia on the truck
Above: The Last state inspection sticker which was mandatory in that era, still on the windshield.
Bottom: Driver's eye view in the C/10 Truck



2024 Membership Renewal Time

It's 2024 Membership Renewal Time

It's our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it's membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2024 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of *Antique Automobile*.

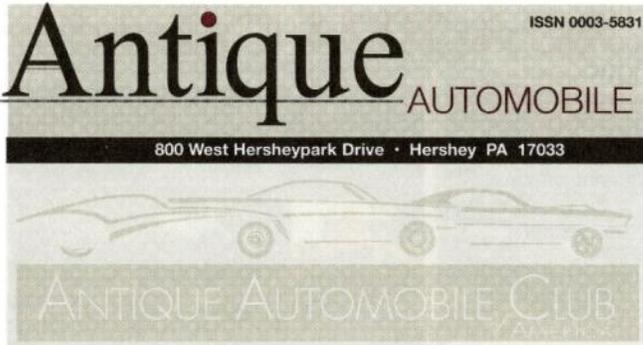
Members can also use our new and improved online renewal option on our website. Go to www.aaca.org and click on "Renew AACA Today". Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more

time and choose your payment type. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Discover or PayPal. Your payment will automatically update your membership record.

(717) 534-1910 kwhite@aaca.org

Note: The replica form shown below, which is the mailing label/activities sheet for your magazine, is the standard way to renew your AACA membership. If you do not use a computer or fear identity theft, simply cut off the coupon, fill it out, and send with a check for \$45 or use the credit card option and mail it using the blue envelop that came with your magazine. Otherwise, follow these instructions at the left, and you will find a very easy way to renew with a few clicks.

If all else fails, call 717-534-1910 and a friendly AACA staff member will help you renew.



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Renewing Members We Already Have

By Ralph Towner, Membership
Edited by Stacy Zimmerman

Autumn is here, which means a new AACA member renewal season begins. Without renewals, except for life-time members, we have zero membership on January first. It is essential we continue to recruit new members, but retaining the ones we already have is equally vital. Our current AACA membership is in effect its "customers". Any good salesman will tell you the easiest customer to get is one you already have.

Most of our members who have belonged to AACA for years, renew promptly. However, we must understand that some of our newer members and even some longer-term members have other interests and obligations. They may not realize the many advantages and benefits of continuing to belong to AACA. Sometimes members just simply forget to renew because life is busy and things get missed. Most of our members who hesitate to renew can be retained by the membership person from your region. They should contact members who have not paid their dues, explain the AACA benefits and offer to help them renew. Above all, make sure these members know their membership is valued.

Just a few reminders... AACA is the largest, most inclusive auto club in the world. There are insurance benefits for our events and for our officers. The AACA Library has competent librarians to assist you with automotive research. Publications such as the award winning "Antique Automobile" magazine, and the "Speedster", an online newsletter which is emailed each month, are included. AACA has a national website as



well as many regional websites with current information. There are several national activities including shows, judging opportunities and tours. All events offer awards to those who have earned them. Don't forget about the annual convention, too. There are also stu-

dent memberships and youth programs as well as scholarships. Check www.aaca.org to learn more. Our greatest benefit is the friendships you make. **You join because of the cars. You stay because of the people.**

Our current National Board of Directors, led by President Fred Trusty, along with help from the AACA staff, have devised a new efficient and easy online renewal system. Go to aaca.org and click onto "Renew AACA Today". Using your member number and pin number, the renewal form will come up with all your information in it. Check to see if the information is correct and with a few more clicks, you are registered. I just renewed for 2024 using this method. It was effortless! **Great job, Fred, Board and staff!**

Explain this method to everyone in your region. If a member prefers using the conventional renewal form that is on the activities sheet/ mailing label in your Antique Automobile magazine, that option is still available. If they are not sure, call 717-534-1910 and a friendly AACA staff member will be happy to help.

I have found that most of our members will renew when prompted, so by all means, be sure each member is contacted before writing them off. Renewing the members we already have is a vital part of keeping AACA strong.

Upcoming Fall Events In Our Area



Submitted by Shirley McManus

October 7 American Legion Main Blvd.

Lake City Toys for Tots. Kick Stands up 9am

Honda of Lake City Chili Cookoff 11am-3pm

Car Show 11am-3pm **(We only need to go to the Legion this year at 11am.)**

SRRAACA CLUB PJENJE

THIS IS FOR MEMBERS & FAMILY

DATE: OCTOBER 14TH

TIME: 11-2

PLACE: WELLBORN COMMUNITY CENTER

PROVIDED: MEAT PORK, CHICKEN & TEA

MUSIC: KEN BARTON

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

CHAIR IF YOU PLAN TO SIT OUTSIDE

COVERED SIDE DISH OR DESSERT

& UTENSILS

BRING YOUR CLASSIC SO WE CAN

ALL SEE THEM

IF YOU HAVE OUTSIDE GAMES

BRING THEM TOO

October 21 Hot wheels and Horrors Car Show Moose Lodge Lake City

8am-12pm \$25.00 Registration Fee

Decorate your Car & Costume

October 21

First Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch Display

973 S. Marion St. Lake City

11-2pm Display our cars

Music by Shirley

Pumpkin Patch

October 28

High Springs Lions Club Car Show

Downtown High Springs

8am and Awards at 2pm

Halloween Award

\$25.00 Registration Fee and 1 meal is included

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

November 10th Friday

Willowcreek Assisted Living Fall Festival Hall
of Fame DR. Lake City

12 - 3:30 PM Car Display Free Lunch

November 11th

Sugar Cane Festival & Cruise In

White Springs at the Suwannee

Hardware Store 8am - 4pm

December 7 Thursday Club Christmas Party

Michelle and Jimmy Huntsman home

Covered dish, Club to supply the meat

(More details to come)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Michelle & Jimmy Huntsman Anniv.	2	3 Maria Calvet Happy Birthday	4 Carole McGraw Happy Birthday Bob & Doreen Hoffman Anniv.	5 Meeting Moose Lodge Diane Hill Happy Birthday	6 Hardee's	7 Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast 7:30
8	9 Rhonda & Sherm Stanley Anniv.	10	11	12 Roy Spurling Happy Birthday	13 SRRAACA Host Hardee's	14 SRRAACA Club Picnic 11-2
15	16	17 Sal's Cruise In The Boucher's & The Howd's Anniversary's	18	19	20 Hardee's	21 Pumpkin Patch Display or Moose Lodge Margaret Henry
22	23 Woody Woodfin Happy Birthday	24 George Degler Happy Birthday	25	26	27 SRRAACA Host Hardee's	28 High Springs Lions Club Show
29	30	31	Nov 1	2 Meeting Moose Lodge	3 Hardee's	4 Cornbread Festival Wellborn



The Roadmap Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)

- Oct. 5 — **SRRAACA** monthly meeting at the Lake City Moose Lodge at 7PM
- Oct. 6 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Oct. 7 — Wellborn Blueberry Pancake Breakfast 7:30 - 10AM
- Oct. 7 — American Legion Toys for Tots, Chili Cookoff & Car Show event 11AM-3PM
- Oct. 13 — **SRRAACA** Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Oct. 14 — **SRRAACA** Club Picnic See complete details on page 10
- Oct. 17 — Sal's Cruise-In 5—7:30 PM
- Oct. 20 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Oct. 21 — Hot wheels and Horrors Car Show Moose Lodge Lake City 8am-12pm
- Oct. 21 — First Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch Display. See details on page 10
- Oct. 27 — **SRRAACA** Host Hardees — 5:30 - 7PM
- Oct. 28 — High Springs Lions Club show — see details on page 10
- Oct. 28 — Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac (BPOC) show Auburndale, FL 727-692-6310

AACA National Events

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

- October 3-6 — Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA Hershey Region 717-566-7720
- October 22-27 — Revival Glidden Tour (Pre 1943) Thomasville, GA VMCCA hosting - Blanch@rose.net
- February 8-10 — AACA 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

~ Check your Antique Automobile magazine, go to www.aaca.org,

or call 717-534-1910 for more info ~



Markets of Marion Car Show

By Harry McGinnis

Being new in the area and with my Olds 442 recently fully restored, I like to go to car shows outside of our area to see new country and different cars. I always take Wilson, my White Boxer with me. He loves to go on rides in the Olds to these events.

Markets of Marion is a flea market area south of Ocala in Bellview, Florida. There were 115 cars registered that were not part of the club hosting the event. I did not win an award at the event, but I enjoyed going to the show. It is held there periodically and I would en-



courage any of you to go to the event.

Above and left are three photos showing some of the variety of vehicles at the event.



Easy Recipe for a Tasty Fall Treat

Recipe by Marie Towner Photo by Marybeth Downs

Several of you have sampled the tasty pumpkin muffins that Marie makes and has had this recipe for years. Here are the steps to make this treat.



Pumpkin Spice Muffins

Ingredients:

One spice cake mix
 One 15 ounce can of pumpkin
 Optional: you may add chopped pecans, walnuts or mini chocolate chips

Directions: Place ingredients in a bowl and thoroughly mix until well blended

Grease mini muffin tin (or use paper cups)
 Fill each opening to the top, about one heaping tablespoon.
 Bake at 350 degrees for 12 - 15 minutes until done. Makes about 24 - 30 muffins. Enjoy by themselves or with coffee, tea or milk.

Poncho is on the Road Again



Most of you have seen photos or actually viewed my '57 Pontiac soon after the engine fire I encountered on February 3rd, 2023. Well, thanks to Sherm and his employees at Sherm's auto, it is completed and on the road again. I put 80 miles on it Saturday and it ran exceptionally well.

Ralph



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's all well and good to plan all these events, but if you don't come out you are missing out. I know we are all busy and we can use every excuse in the book why not to attend. But have we gotten so busy we have forgotten the one thing we joined the club for?

I'm guilty myself and I'm always saying I wish there were more hours in a day but if there were I'd be busy those hours too. All I know is I joined for the comradery, the friendship, the knowledge and of course to show off my car. We have a great Board, a great Newsletter Editor, Ralph Towner, a great Website created by Don Downs.

So be proud of our club and all we have accomplished and support, volunteer, help out and show off those beauties. The club picnic coming up would be a great time to come out and play.

Happy Fall,

Shirley



Ken's Korner

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

Humor: The Beatles drummer, Ringo Star was not only talented but witty. A couple of examples:



Reporter: "How did you find America?"
Ringo: "We went to Greenland and turned left."

Female Reporter: "Do you date often?"
Ringo: "What are you doing tonight?"

Quote: "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face." Victor Hugo

Until next month...

Ken

THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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October 14th will be our SRRAACA club picnic, to be held at the Wellborn Community Center. Shirley passed out a sheet to get an idea how many will attend along with family members. This is for members and family only. If you did not sign up on this sheet, please let Shirley know. We will supply the meat. Please bring a covered dish, side or desert. By all means, please bring your car that day. Shirley asked our members if they would prefer multiple choice of meat, such as pork, chicken or beef. Pork and chicken were the most popular

October 21st is "Hot Wheels and Horrors Car Show", held at the Moose Lodge in Lake City. Halloween theme costume and decorating your car is suggested.

On October 28th is the High Springs Lions Club Car Show in Downtown High Springs, 8AM-2PM. Please see page 10 of your newsletter for more detailed information of upcoming events for September.

December 7th will be our annual Christmas party, and it will be at Jimmy and Michelle Huntsman's home once again. Thank you Michelle and Jimmy.

A vote was taken by members present on where we would like to continue our meetings; here, at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, or the Wellborn Community Center in Wellborn. The vote was a virtual tie. Shirley will reach out via email to members unable to attend to get their feedback.

50/50 drawing was held, \$61 collected. The winner was Marybeth Downs. Congratulations Marybeth !

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Submitted by Alex Fardales,
Secretary/ Correspondent



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For Sale: 1959 Chevrolet El Camino. Great Condition. First year that Chevy made this model. 348 Big Block V-8 with 4 Speed Tranny. \$40,000 OBO. Call Dave at 386- 963-3494

For Sale: 1956 Dodge Preserved, not restored. Original paint, interior. Everything works including AM radio and cigar lighter. Chrome, glass, all good. Engine is 315 CI, 4bbl carb. Push button transmission (Powerflight) Always stored in an air condition room and is driven weekly. Car will be advertised in Hemmings soon, so our members have the first shot. Motivated seller. George Breslin 904-910-1986 breslingw@gmail.com



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Tech/Safety Is Your Car A Vintage, Antique or Classic?

By Ralph Towner



Brass Era Former AACA President's 1903 Cadillac

In the old car hobby, the words vintage, antique and classic are thrown around frequently as well as the term, collector car. But what do each of these terms actually mean?

There is some blurring of where one term ends and another begins, but the following classifications are what most antique car insurance companies use.



Antique car 1953 Pontiac Chieftain Catalina Custom

Prior to 1916, these vehicles are in the "Brass" era. From 1917-1930, the cars are known as "Vintage". Vehicles manufactured from 1931-1975 fall into the "Antique" category and those from 1976 through 1998 are considered classics or collector cars as I tend to call them. AACA con-



Classic or collector car 1987 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

siders any vehicle factory built and licensable, 25 years old and older to be an antique vehicle eligible to participate in AACA National events.

It is important to state why I rarely use the word, "classic". There is a national club, Classic Car Club of America, (CCCA) founded in 1952, that uses the following definition: A CCCA Classic vehicle is defined as a "fine" or "distinctive" automobile made in the United States or abroad between 1915 and 1948.

Most Classic cars were expensive when new, with low production runs. Other variables, such as engine displacement, custom coachwork, luxury features and first time power features also contribute to determining whether a vehicle is classified as a Classic.

Now you know... *Ralph*



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Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner

I was in contact with Jerry Howd on September 2nd. Gerald is getting along well but still has not received a scheduled date for his kidney stone surgery. Our members wish him the best for a successful surgery.

Pete Mazzocchi was recently married, so we have a new member, Yvonne. She has been to one event recently, Sal's. Welcome and best wishes.

George Breslin had open heart surgery a few months ago and has been unable to attend our meetings or events lately. Although healed from that, he sometimes has shortness of breath issues. He has his 1956 Dodge for sale, listed on page 13.

Marie Towner has been dealing with Sacroiliitis, an inflammation of the sacroiliac joint, which is sometimes quite painful. She is under her doctor's care but must be careful with standing for very long. More next month on how she is doing.

Note: The article on page 9, by Ralph Towner, is the national membership article for the recent September edition, which you may have received on email. Also Ralph's 1957 Pontiac is repaired from the fire damage and back on the road. See article on page 12.

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 below.



Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, October 5th, 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.

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 transmission. New brakes & wheel cylinders all the way around. New axel bearings. Runs & drives. Need \$7000. George Degler 386-438-9635



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October Anniversaries !

Michelle & Jimmy Huntsman – 10/01; Doreen & Bob Hoffman – 10/04; Rhonda & Sherman Stanley – 10/09; Carol & Todd Boucher – 10/17; Nina & Gerald Howd – 10/17





Cruising And Playing The Radio

By Phillip Cole Vice President - Publications

Maybe it was Chuck Berry who best described the joy of driving an automobile when he sang, "Cruising and playing the radio. With no particular place to go." At least since WWII, the radio has been an integral part of the freedom offered to us by the automobile.

In the early 1990s I tried to describe "cruising and playing the radio" to a visiting English friend, but he couldn't comprehend it. It was Friday night. So, we walked the few blocks from my house to downtown Lincolnton, N.C. where there were hundreds of teenagers cruising in their cars. This prompted two questions from the Englishman: "What is the purpose of all this?" and "Why do they play their radios so loud?" When I tried to explain that it was a unique part of American culture thanks to "freedom of the road", he smiled and said, "Well, all these young people sure seem to be enjoying themselves!"

I grew up "cruising and playing the radio". The year I was born was when the 45 rpm record was introduced by RCA Victor. The year I learned to drive the 8-track player was becoming the big thing. I still have a box of 8-track tapes in the garage, but the player hanging under the dash is long gone.

Let's share some important events in our history of cruising and playing the radio: -- in the 1920s and 1930s in-car radios were being introduced. They were expensive, adding about 25% to the price of a Model A. The top song of 1930 was "Happy Days Are Here Again". --In 1952, even though practically all stations were broadcasting in AM, the first in-car FM radio became available thanks to Blaupunkt. The top song was "Blue Tango". --In 1963 vacuum tubes were replaced with transistors and car radios became "solid state". The top song was "Surfin' USA". --In 1965 8-track players became available. Over the next several years 8-track players were added to many cars. The top song was "Wooly Bully". --By 1969 cars added stereo to their sound system, where the tuner amplified two channels, not just one. The top song was "Sugar, Sugar". -- In 1970 companies like Alpine and Pioneer sought to solve our problem of the 8-track player eating up the tape with cassette tapes. With the advent of cassette tapes, we could now play "my music" thanks to a "Mix Tape". The top song was "Bridge Over Troubled Waters". --By 1982 Bose offered the first Premium Stereo System teaming up with GM's Delco to offer it as an option in Oldsmobiles, Buicks, and Cadillacs. The top song was "Physical". --By 1984 Sony introduced an in-dash CD player. The top song was "Careless Whisper".

Now, buttons and dials have been replaced by touch screens and Bluetooth. If you don't know what that is, ask your grandchildren. Then, take them on a cruise in your "old car". If it has a radio, let them turn it up loud...



AACA – It's a Family Affair!

By Vicki Bolton Director at Large

If you are a member of AACA, then it is probably because you like old cars. You may even own one, or two or three because they seem to have a way of multiplying. But why do so many people go to the shows and continue to go to more shows? I believe that a big reason for that is seeing old friends and making new ones. But

there is another very important aspect of AACA and that is family.

Our events are more than just family friendly; family is the very backbone of AACA. This is very evident at the Nationals, the local shows, cruise-ins, and tours. You will see husbands and wives working together as they get a car on the field and clean and prep it for judging. You can also see fathers and sons getting cars unloaded from the trailers and brothers tinkering on the car because for some reason it will not start to get it out the trailer. Of course, it started at home and ran fine when you put it in the trailer, but now it won't even turn over!

There is nothing better than watching the joy on a kid's face when he comes forward at an awards banquet to pick up the trophy. The grin stretches from ear to ear! You can see the entire family at a local show. We took our grandson to a local show in Mobile where they were having a fish fry. You would have thought that he had never eaten fried catfish. He said it was the best he had ever had. He wandered around looking at all the cars asking questions about all of them.

Tours are the perfect setting to invite the kids or grandkids. You not only get to spend quality time with them but take them to places that they probably have never seen before. And most importantly, they get to spend time in an old car! Because after all, the cars were meant to be driven and enjoyed.

We have taken numerous family members with us to a variety of places: a brother-in-law, a sister, grandson, granddaughter, parents and of course, our daughter. We took my parents with us to Hershey one year. I can remember Mother talking about how much she appreciated the fact that this was one hobby where family was always welcome. Please, the next time you get ready to go to your car event, think about what family member you can take with you. You could take the grandchild who is always eager to go with grandparents, the parent who is now alone and would love to get out of the house, or the sibling who cannot get out by themselves anymore.

This hobby can bring a much-needed smile to someone's face or bring back a long-forgotten memory. Remember, It's a family affair!





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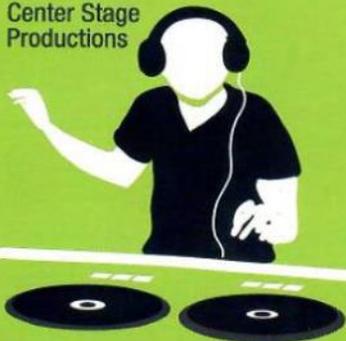
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The car, is a Belvedere I model, with no other options except it is a convertible, performance options, radio and power top. The hood scoop is a standard feature that goes with the Cross Ram engine option.

Don replied to the ad and after some negotiation, a deal was struck to have the car shipped to Lake City from North Carolina. When the car arrived in late May, Don was not disappointed - it was as advertised, maybe better. He is ultra satisfied with the car. He named it "The Beast". He wants to match out the rims; the back are original steel rims, while the front are a modern style.

Many of you have seen Don's car but for those who haven't, take time to look it over at one of our events. It is really a **Beauty BUT also a Beast!**



Above: A view of the beautifully styled front end. This styling appealed to Marie and me back in 1965. I bought a red '65 Belvedere II convertible similar to this one, except it had a small 273 cubic inch V8 and three speed standard on the column. It was a good car that got us through our first years of marriage.

Left: The beautifully restored interior of the '65 Belvedere CV.

Below: This is one reason we love our collector cars; look at the wonderful styling of this beauty and compare it to anything you can purchase today – simply no comparison!



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