

Merry Christmas to TRAACA!

2023 TRAACA Member of the Year

John Lester



Congratulations to our club President John Lester for being voted the 2023 TRAACA Member of the Year!

John has enjoyed his first year as President, and has made numerous improvements to our club. Under his leadership, we have grown in members by 25!

Being President is not an easy task, and John has adapted to it extremely well. He has made the meetings more organized, and informational.

John Lester has a way of leading his Executive Board that encourages feedback, and invites new ideas.

So, in closing, I join the club in thanking him for a job well done, and I know we all look forward to 2024 with him as our President.

CONGRATS JOHN !



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Special points of interest:

- *Christmas party!*
- *Show information*
- *Renewal time*

News from the President

At the TRAACA 50th anniversary Christmas party, there were nearly 70 members in attendance. Chef Charles and his staff presented a great meal for us. Thanks chef and staff!

The spacious room was decorated by club members, Jenny Hart, Megan Torres, and Sam Lester. There were ornaments on the tree specially made by Jenny Hart from members car pictures. Great Job!

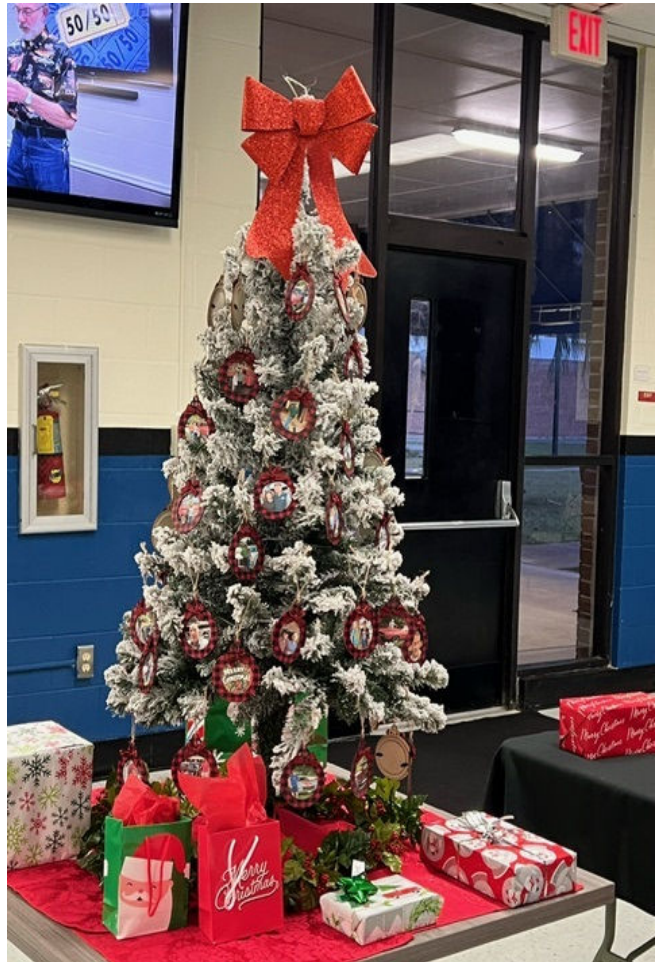
John noted that in 2023 there were 26 new members. Nice club growth!

President John Lester recognized and thanked all of the Executive Board members that served this year.

V.President Bob Skrob had a continuous slide show from club events in 2023 on the large screen

The board is looking forward to another great year in 2024. Let's all work together to make it happen.

Photos courtesy of Sam Lester and Joe Wells-



Upcoming Events for January

As we go into January the following events are known to be held:

South wood Cars and Coffee .
Saturday January 6th, 8 a.m.
til 11 a.m.

Gerber Collision Cars and
Coffee. Sat, January 6th, 9 am
until 11:30 am. The location is
on Appalachee Pkwy across
from the former Hardees.

January 27th. Carquest Mon-
ticello Cars and Coffee. 9am.
The Winn-Dixie shopping Cen-
ter in front of Carquest.

Breakfast at the Cracker
Barrel on Friday morning
after our monthly meeting.
8:30 am.

TRAACA club meeting will be
on Tuesday January 9th
2024.at 6 p.m.

2023 50th Anniversary Party



Jack Hanbury Scholarship Awards Program

On December 7th The Jack Hanbury Scholarships were presented. The Lively Tech Program held a luncheon for our board members and the students.

President John Lester explained the origin of the program started by Jack Hanbury.

Our club gave three scholarships this year. One from our general fund, and one funded separately by club members contributions, and one in Memory of Craig McCollum.



L to R, Craig Brown (Scholarship Chair), President John Lester, Gregg Hoover, and Kenny Adams (Lively), and the 2023 recipients, Jahvell James, Brandon Cartagena, Jacob Kever. Congrats to all the recipients, and good luck with your future.

Renewal time for TRAACA and AACA



It's that time of year again! Time to renew your memberships. John Schanbacher is collecting TRAACA 2024 dues, and the renewal for AACA can be done by mail or online at AACA.org.

Ok, So we are driving poor John crazy this year. Please get your renewals in?

Also, if you haven't sent in a photo of yourselves with your classic car, please get it in to John Schanbacher ASAP!

Monticello Cars and Coffee

After a short break for the Holidays, the Monticello Cars and Coffee will be returning on Saturday January 27th 2024.

The event is hosted by Monty Morgan in the parking lot in front of Car Quest in the Winn-Dixie Shopping Center.

This year there will be donuts and coffee for those who arrive hungry.

This is not a show, but an opportunity to show off our cars and chat with others of like interest. Please show up if you can. There has been some great cars there!

The event runs from 9 am til whatever time we all decide to leave.

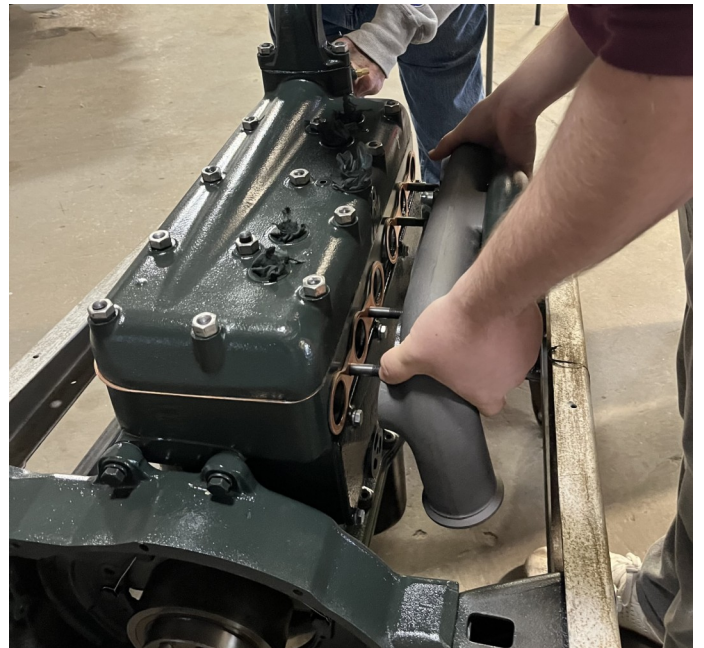


The Burtz Engine Build Continues!

There was a really great turnout on Saturday December 16th at Neal's Garage for the Burtz motor build. Those in attendance were, Bob Williams and his son Joey, Randy Miller, John Schanbacher, Scott Scearce, Don Pumphrey, Joe Wells, Bob Hanson, Richard Duval, Chuck and KK Kunstbeck, and Neal Davis.

Bob Newman installed the water pump. It didn't go smoothly. The shaft end had to be ground down to fit in the block, which required numerous trips to the grinder. Bob got his weekly workout!

18 rear old Joey jumped in right away. He installed intake and exhaust manifolds, clutch and fly-wheel. He was very helpful. He is studying aircraft maintenance at Lively. He will be good!



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“Don’t Store them, Drive them”

The Tallahassee Region AACA (TRAACA) is the Regional club chartered to the AACA National Organization. The AACA was established in 1935 and is dedicated to the history of the automobile, and the preservation and/or restoration of vehicles 25 years old or older. This includes cars, trucks, commercial vehicles, and motorcycles in original or restored condition.

TRAACA was established in 1970. Activities include, regular meetings, judged and non judged shows, displays, local tours, Rallies and Participation in national events put on by AACA.

If you wish to become a member of our regional club, Then you are also required to join the AACA national club. Belonging to these clubs gives you many benefits. There is access to the National AACA show held at Hersey Pa each year, access to other members that are a wealth on information on most car projects. You may just enjoy the fellowship of other car owners. You can download an application at TRAACA.org.

Ownership of an antique automobile is not a requirement for membership.

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The editor and the staff (LOL) of your newsletter would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Please be safe.

-DWR

