



<i>In This Issue:</i>	<i>Pages</i>
<i>President's Message</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>TRAACA Calendar</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Memories & Musings</i>	<i>2 - 5</i>
<i>News from Nationals</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>New Member Profile</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Tours - On the Road</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>For Sale by Member</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Nat'l AACA Article</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>A Very Special Story</i>	<i>11</i>

Bi-Monthly Publication of the Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America

President's Message

Driving Forward

By Bob Skrob

Dear TRAACA Family,

There is nothing quite like the peak of summer driving season to remind us why we dedicate so much of ourselves to this hobby. Over the past few months, I've had the absolute privilege of seeing our community out in full force - engines humming, chrome gleaming and history coming alive on the open road.

Whether you've been tackling a regional tour or simply taking your pride and joy out for a local Cars & Coffee, the dedication you show in preserving automotive heritage is what makes TRAACA so vibrant. Our 4th of July C&C was a great success as more than 40 cars participated. It is always a powerful reminder that while the cars are the catalyst that bring us together, it is the lifelong camaraderie and shared stories that truly keep our club moving forward.

As we look toward the second half of the year, our calendar remains packed with incredible opportunities to celebrate our passion. Let's continue to tune those engines, share our knowledge with the next generation of enthusiasts, and enjoy every single mile.

Warm regards,

Bob

TRAACA CALENDAR



- Sept. 5th Cars & Coffee - **Gerber Collision**
 - 9:00 to 11:00 am
 - 2345 Apalachee Parkway



- Sept. 8th Club Meeting - **Lively Technical College**
 - Student Union/Culinary School
 - 500 Appleyard Drive



- Oct. 3rd Cars & Coffee - **Gerber Collision**
 - 9:00 to 11:00 am
 - 2345 Apalachee Parkway



- Oct. 13th Club Meeting - **Lively Technical College**
 - Student Union/Culinary School
 - 500 Appleyard Drive
 -



- Oct. 14th Car Display - **The Gables of Tallahassee**
 - 9:00 to 11:00 am
 - 100 John Knox Road (Senior Ctr.)



**Mark
Your
Calendars**



Memories

&

MUSINGS



VEHICLE HISTORY of John and Glenda's 1965 FORD PICK-UP F-100 By John Schanbacher

Glenda and I originally purchased the truck used in February 1968 with 33,000 miles on the odometer. It was sold to a co-worker in October 1974 with 85,000 miles on the odometer. Bought back in August 1975 with 91,700 miles on the odometer. Taken out of regular use in May 1985 with 131,000 miles on the odometer. Clean-up began January 1993 with 133,000 miles on the odometer. *(Continued, Page 3)*

Vehicle Specifications:

Body - Short bed, flare side, color "Rangoon red" with white painted grill and bumpers. Basic vehicle with radio, heater, right side sun visor as options.

Engine - 240 c.u. six cylinders

Axle - 3.70 ratio, 3,300 lb. rating

Transmission - Three-speed manual, standard duty

Assembled - Norfolk VA - December 1964

Clean-up began with the intention of just having the engine overhauled and the engine compartment cleaned and re-painted. New paint job was planned as budget allowed. As the engine was removed and conditions were made visible, the project got completely out of hand. I discovered what restoration really meant. Everything I looked at needed to be cleaned, repainted, replaced or something else.

This project then became a "Restoration" project. Every part down to each nut and bolt was cleaned, painted, or replaced. Photos were taken along the way for ease in reassembly and all parts were tagged or plastic bagged and labeled. The engine was overhauled by Neal Davis's Speed Shop. All other disassembly, restoration, reassembly, etc. (except paint job) was accomplished by me.

I discovered early on that the project was overwhelming unless each little task was identified and worked on one at a time. For instance, "clean and paint fuel pump and bolts, set aside". The restoration project then became several hundred sub-projects.

Project completed - *(not really completed as projects like this never are!)* - in March 1994, Rough accounting of time spent on restoration was 2,000 hours.

Interesting to note here - I was not even aware of AACA judging requirements and had never been to a national meet. I just decided on my own to restore everything to original specifications.

The truck was first entered in competition on a local show in Tifton, GA in April 1994. I entered in 5 more local shows that year and did well in all of them.

We then decided to try a National AACA show and entered the meet in Punta Gorda, FL in March 1985. There I received a "First Place Junior" award. Guess from this point on, I was "hooked" on National competition! *(Continued, Page 4)*



The following is a breakdown of subsequent National AACA competitions entered and awards received:

June 1995 - Hiawassee, GA -- Senior Award

November 1995 - Panama City, FL -- Preservation Award #1

July 1996 - Huntsville, AL -- Grand National First Place

July 1996 - Huntsville, AL -- Preservation Award #2

Nov. 1996 - Jacksonville, FL - Preservation Award #3

Feb. 1998 - St. Petersburg, FL - Preservation Award #4

July 1998 - Cherry Hill, NJ --- Tried for Grand National Senior Award - not received

July 1998 - Cherry Hill NJ - Preservation Award #5

March 1999 - Orlando, FL - Preservation Award #6

May 2002 - Hiawassee, GA - Preservation Award #7

Nov. 2002 - New Bern, NC - Grand National Senior Award

Nov. 2002 - New Bern, NC - Preservation Award #8

Nov. 2003 - Tallahassee, FL - Preservation Award #9

March 2005 - Gainesville, FL - Preservation Award #10

March 2012 - Melbourne, FL - Preservation Award #11

Dec 2012 - Nominated for an AACA National Award - not received *(Continued, Page 5)*

The March 2012 show in Melbourne was the last AACA National show I entered the truck in. Just using it as a “Driver” now. Quite a history!



Our Cars

*She glows like a shining star
the paint, the chrome, as good as new.
Her journeys - both near and far
have many a wondrous view.*

*Her beauty is no mystery
the sweat, the tears, the key - it starts!
She holds a place in history
as well as a place in our hearts.*

By Jenny Hart

Thinking of YOU!

The membership of TRAACA extends a heartfelt **Get Well** to one of our founding members, Mr. John Wells.

John is waiting to receive surgery on his knee to hopefully recover better mobility, and we wish him well in his recovery.

Please keep him in your thoughts as he continues on his journey to better health.

We miss you John, Get Better Soon!





AACA Nationals - Blast from the Past!

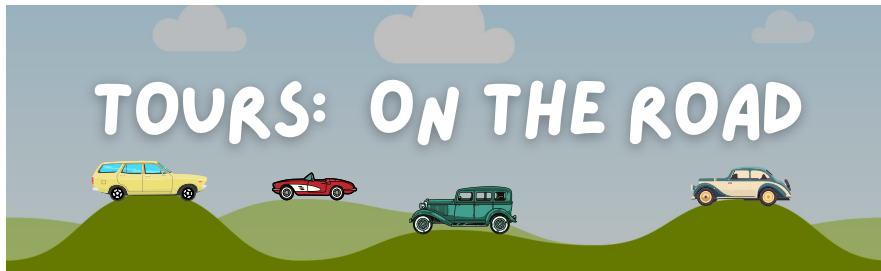


In 1995, the Panama City Region AACA hosted an AACA National event. This region is no longer active. Above are past members of the Tallahassee Region who attended this event, which apparently was near our beautiful gulf coast beaches in the winter months. The members pictured are (L to R) Bill Tyler, John Heber, Charlie and Mary Smith, and Larry Benson.

Sadly, these members are no longer with us; some remain with us in spirit, while others left the region's location. *(Picture submitted by John Schanbacher)*



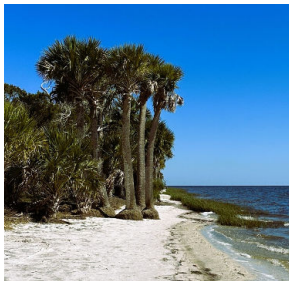
...Yes, we would! Calling all new (or mostly new!) TRAACA members to submit a **New Member Profile.** It's a great way to recognize and get to know our new members. We want to find out about your interests, how you heard about TRAACA, how you like to enjoy your current collectibles. Are you new to Tallahassee? Or have you lived in the area for quite a long time? What do you enjoy most about your vehicles? A short paragraph and photo of you will be very much appreciated!



From Norm Madsen, Tour Committee Chair

The Tour Committee has driving events scheduled for September and October. The roads will be beautiful and the destinations special. So please save the following dates on your calendar and plan to have fun in your vintage vehicle. Plan to join us even if you can't drive an antique---we'd love to enjoy your company and you'll have a great time.

September 19th. This is national "Drive Your Model A Day," but come even if you can't drive a Model A. We'll meet at 8:30 AM at the **Walmart on Apalachee Parkway** (in the NE Corner of the parking area). We will depart at 8:45 for the St. Marks Lighthouse. After we see the lighthouse, we'll continue on to lunch at the Riverside Café. After lunch, retrace your path back to Tallahassee or find a better way home on your own.



St. Marks Lighthouse
and Coastal area, St.
Marks National
Wildlife Sanctuary

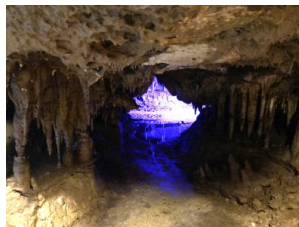
*Photos courtesy of
Jenny Hart.*

October 24th. We're driving to Marianna to see Florida Caverns. We are working on getting a group tour rate to see the only natural Caverns in the State of Florida. After the Caverns, we'll go to lunch together at Jim's Buffet & Grill, also in Marianna. Additionally, we're working on a surprise stop for the group.

Marianna Caverns, Florida
State Park.

(Norm pictured far right)

Photos courtesy of Jenny Hart



So, mark your calendar, save the dates and we hope to see you then!

For Sale by TRAACA Member:

Pam Pumphrey is selling 2 vehicles:

a 1955 Studebaker, and a 1931 Model A Pick-up Truck. The Studebaker is not running and is currently garaged.

If you are interested in either of these vehicles, please call Pam at **850-545-6858**.



1955 Studebaker



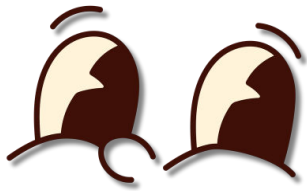
1931 Model A Pick-up



Did You Know...?

Every Friday morning following the Tuesday monthly TRAACA club meeting, members are invited to the Cracker Barrel for a hearty breakfast! Just to share and catch up with folks, some that may not be able to attend the meetings or are past members.

Pictured from lower left: Reuben Plachy, Scott Scarce, Fred Jordan, John Schanbacher, Paul O'Neal, Bob and Carolyn Grimes, Dan and Julie Rainey, and Beth Porter.



Curiosity Corner

Unusual uses for automobiles and their parts!



A desk/counter made from a VW bus, and a table from a tire/wheel assembly.

Photos of Pedro's garage submitted by Fred Jordan.

The following article is provided courtesy of [The Rummage Box](#), an AACA quarterly publication (Spring 2026 Edition) available to regions & chapters and their editors.

Why are the Regions and Chapters Important?



*By Vicki Bolton,
2026 AACA President*

I asked a question at the Regions and Chapters dinner in Chantilly - How many have you already attended a region or chapter event this year?

The response was amazing!

And that activity level is why the regions or chapters are so important to the success of AACA.

They bring us together to share our common interests. In the business community that is called networking. Networking is what we are doing when we get together for dinner, a tour or a car show. We gather together at these events to swap stories, enjoy the cars, and maybe stretch the truth a tad now and then.

Whatever the reason, it is important that we gather together to stay connected because that is how we keep the regions and chapters active. The networking that happens at those events helps strengthen friendships and it helps us to learn about our cars and keep them on the road. The people in the car hobby are some of the friendliest and most helpful people you will ever meet. If you go to an event and have a problem, you can depend on someone being able to help. One of our region's members helped us put our Corvair back on the road and I know some of you have experienced that same generosity.

And putting the cars back on the road is the name of the game because our cars were built to drive and driving them helps us get the exposure that we need to grow the regions and chapters. That growth is what sustains the local and national organization.

How often have you stopped for gas, and someone will come over and ask about the car, or maybe you come out of the grocery store to find someone eyeballing your car. That time is the perfect time to ask them to your next event. They come or maybe not, but the important thing is to ask...It may not happen the first time or the second time, but sooner or later it will happen, they will come and that very person may be the very person who will help you grow your region and chapter.

My region, the Great Southern Region of Alabama, located in Birmingham, was almost on it's last legs and the covid hit us hard but with a few new members we began to have meetings again. Then in 2024 we had a small car show. Last year we had two car shows, a repeat of the same car show that we held in 2024 but this time with increased attendance and a second car show in a different location with even better attendance. We have been asked to repeat both car shows this year.

Now some of you are saying that you don't have enough people, you don't know how to have a car show. But guess what? You don't have to have a big event to have a successful event, the important thing is to get together and have events. Find a local attraction and do a Saturday tour to visit that attraction. And you know that ice cream is always a big hit for car people so take a tour to an ice cream place, or see if you can have a car show at the ice cream place. You might start with only 5 cars, maybe a dozen and that is ok because it means you are doing something. One event will lead to another event and those events will lead to more people and more events.

You may have noticed that I have not mentioned the word membership yet and that was deliberate because I think sometimes, as soon as we hear the word, we think oh not another lecture on membership. But Membership is important to our organization both at the local level and at the National level and I think the simplest way we can increase the membership is by focusing more on our local activities hosted by the regions and chapters.

Regions and chapters are the way we share the hobby with each other and with our communities. When you host a Nationals or a tour, you are sharing your communities with other members and that is how we foster growth in our hobby.

Thank you for all you do. I know that sometimes it is hard work, but it can also be fun and rewarding.

I look forward to seeing you and talking with many of you at one of the many activities this year.





A Very Special Story

By Jenny Hart



On Saturday, August 15th, the women of TRAACA and other friends gathered at member Diane McCarthy's home for Megan Torres' Baby Shower. Now I have been to more than a few of these in my life, but I must say this one was absolutely fabulous! The McCarthy home was a stunning backdrop to a whole bunch of motherly love and affection for our mother-to-be Megan and our member-to-be Mandy Christina.

Megan was accompanied by her mom Melissa Moser. Wonderful words were shared, thoughtful beautiful gifts were given, and fun was had by all. There were many *Oooo's* and *Aww'e's*, but the gifts that brought the house down were from Joyce Skrob, and Sue & Phil Williams. The Due Date Derby, by which you pick a date and give five dollars or more, brought in \$120 for Mandy Christina's savings account.

A sincere thank you is given to Diane and John McCarthy for offering their home, all the work with hosting, and all the loving hands involved to make this event so special.



Upper/lower left: Counting with Car Parts and Turbo, from Sue and Phil Williams.

Upper/lower right: Onesie and Jacket with TRAACA logos from Joyce and Bob Skrob.



From the Editor

Have you noticed a few NEW items in our newsletter? I hope you have, and I hope you are enticed to join in on the fun of contributing to this publication!

Our stories can be told in many ways, maybe you would like to submit a poem (*mine is from quite a few years ago*), a short story, or just a few pictures and notes of a recent visit to an interesting automotive place or museum, or maybe a fun story of a recent tour. The Curiosity Corner is a new entry; fun, crazy, wacky items can be submitted for this spot.

Also, I want to invite our newest members to send in a photo of yourself with a paragraph or two of how you learned of our club. We would really like to get to know you, and what better way than to show your wonderful faces, interests, and beautiful cars in the TRAACA Newsletter!

Submissions are to be sent to editortraaca@gmail.com. Many Thanks! *JLH*

TRAACA Officers and Board

President: Bob Skrob
Vice President: Megan Torres
Secretary: Scott Searce
Treasurer: Bob Hanson

Facebook: Joyce Skrob
*Follow at: Tallahassee Region Antique
Automobile Club of America*

Membership: John Schanbacher
Tours: Norm Madsen
Webmaster: Fred Jordan
www.tally.aaca.com

Board Member: Ken Hart
Board Member: Phil Williams

Newsletter Editor: Jenny Hart - editortraaca@gmail.com



