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Exhaust Whistle

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The most active and visible multi-make antique car club in the area

March meeting highlights the AACA Spring Meet in Birmingham



WHEN: AACA Dixie Region Dinner meeting, Tuesday, March 23, 2004, dinner at 6:15 p.m. (Program at 7 p.m.)
WHERE: Johnny Ray's Barbecue, Colonnade
PROGRAM: The 2004 AACA National Meet in Birmingham that our region is hosting. Please make an effort to come as this meet is important to our club. You will have an opportunity to order Club Shirts to be delivered at the April 10th tour, see page four.

AACA Dixie Region members, their guests and prospective members will have a dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2004. This meeting will be held at Johnny Ray's Barbecue restaurant at the Colonnade. The Colonnade is on US-280E just off I-459 at exit #19. Take

the first right (Colonnade Dr.), turn left at the traffic light onto Colonnade Parkway, the shopping center will be on your left. Johnny Ray's is between the clock tower and the Telco Credit Union.

Plan to arrive between 6 and 6:15 p.m. and proceed to the room reserved for us.

The program will be about the 2004 AACA National Spring Meet our region is hosting on May 1st. Meet Chairman, Bob Hinds and members of the meet board will discuss with us our involvement and how we can help make this a successful meet.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, April 10th, AACA Dixie Region members and their guests, will tour together to *Impatient Creations* in Alabaster. Dennis Lyons owns this car restoration business and was the speaker at our January dinner meeting.

Dennis urges you to bring your antique vehicle and ask him about anything you need to have done. Of course, modern vehicles are also welcome-just participate!

We will then tour together to Montivallo for lunch. Some Dixie Region members may want to take the optional tour

after lunch to Harpersville to visit the Morgan Creek Vineyards to buy some of their wonderful Muscatine wine.

Thursday, April 29th through Saturday, May 1st is the AACA National Spring Meet at the Colonnade in Birmingham. In 2001 the Dixie Region hosted the very successful AACA Spring Meet at Talladega. This meet was a success because of the enthusiasm and involvement of our members.

This year we are hosting the meet in Birmingham and all Dixie Region mem-

bers will have the opportunity to participate. A National AACA Meet will most likely never be this close again! Dust off your vehicle and participate.

At the March dinner meeting you will have an opportunity to hear about what goes on at an AACA National meet. Last month we published the schedule. On pages three and four, you will find more information about the meet. Save all your *Exhaust Whistle* issues to have the information you need. On page six is a listing of the Dixie Region members serving as chairman for this meet, if you have questions, please call.

All AACA Dixie Region meetings and activities are open to children, grandchildren, youth, guests and prospective members.

If you have paid your 2004 AACA and Dixie Region dues, thank you. If you have not yet paid, your dues are overdue! Mail your \$30 AACA dues to Hershey. Mail your \$15 Dixie Region dues to Mike Bamberg, 1300 Impala Dr., Birmingham, AL 35235

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER PLEASE SEND YOUR STORIES, TECHNICAL TIPS AND CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE TO THE EXHAUST WHISTLE EDITOR.

Have fun with your car! – Always remember antique vehicles are your hobby not an investment!

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Interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend any meeting, tour or special event of the AACA Dixie Region. You will receive a warm reception. All are welcome, including children and youth. Founded in 1966, the region serves greater Birmingham.

Regular meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month and rotate among various locations within the metropolitan area. Tours and special events most often are on Saturdays and may take the place of a regular meeting within a given month; see schedule elsewhere.

National adult dues per calendar year are \$30*, either for a single person or for joint (husband-wife) membership. Local dues are \$15, either for a single person or for joint (husband-wife) membership. Total adult dues: \$45 per year. National AACA membership is required to be a member of the Dixie Region. Antique vehicle ownership is not required.

To secure both national and local membership forms, call or write membership vice president Joe Ziegler, 3412 River Tree Lane, Birmingham, AL 35223, telephone 205/967-8648 - or click on www.aaca.org/dixie.

* Also available: junior (up through 15 years old) \$10 and student (16-25 years old) \$12.

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A Note From The
PRESIDENT

Greetings:

The weather is warming up and we should start (if we have not already done so) to – warm up our vintage vehicles for some great fun in 2004. I have heard that fellow Dixie Region members had a great time at the National AACA Winter Meet held this month in Melbourne, Florida that was hosted by the Cape Canaveral Region. There were 300 plus vehicles at this show attended by fellow club members - John Myer, Ernie Gauld, Art/Vickie Bolton, and Bob/Jane Hinds. We hope many of these cars will brought to our National meet that Dixie Region will be hosting April 29th – May 1st at the Colonnade Complex.

In fact, our next meeting will be held on Tuesday - March 23rd at Johnny Ray's BBQ at the Colonnade. Fellow club member and meet chairman – Bob Hinds will present a program that will detail this upcoming much anticipated event. I strongly encourage each of our members to attend this meeting, in order to understand the registration process and what part you can contribute personally in hosting this meet.

Our hobby and the AACA received some outstanding coverage recently on NBC affiliate Channel 13 on Sunday night – March 7th and the subsequent next day morning news. Fellow club member and television reporter – Scott Mauldin developed a very informative 4 minute feature on the antique car hobby and how everyone can get involved and enjoy this great hobby. Our own – Morgan Murphy and Jeffrey Klinner were featured with their cars, while I had an opportunity to speak about our upcoming National Meet. Thanks to Scott for promoting our love for old cars and you will be seeing other publicity regarding our meet in the coming weeks. Please spread the word to your friends to attend the showing of our cars on Saturday – May 1st.

Last month, fellow club members – Art/Vickie Bolton, Ernie/Jenny Gauld, Ron/Liz Moore, Charles/Barbara Clinton, John/Nancy Myer and my wife – Linda and I had a very enjoyable trip to Philadelphia for the Annual AACA meeting. There were informative seminars held and great fellowship abounded among the 1000 plus attendees. A highlight was seeing Ron/Liz Moore's 1931 V16 Cadillac being displayed at the AACA Trade Show. A beauty restoration of this vintage automobile! Once again, our newsletter – received an "Award of Distinction" from AACA. Thanks to Bob Hinds – our editor and to Leo/Jan Hyche for keeping us informed via this communication medium. Also, our webmaster – Vickie Bolton attended a seminar to learn techniques to make our website better. Thanks also, to Vickie for maintaining this additional communication medium for our members.

Finally, a word of thanks to Carl Cannova – Owner of Carl's Car Clinic in Cahaba Heights who was our speaker at the February dinner meeting. Carl gave attendees some pointers regarding our "old" and "new" cars. Carl emphasized that we should establish a relationship with the business or person that we place our trust to do repairs on our vehicles. In addition, he stated that we should not be shy to ask how much our respective repairs will cost before approving the work to be performed.

Until next month's issue I wish everyone well and please plan to attend our March 23rd dinner meeting and our April 10th outing (see details on page one).

Bill Gardner

Please Note: The deadline for the April *Exhaust Whistle* is April 1st

DIXIE REGION SCHEDULE Mar. – Apr.

(For National AACA events, tours and meets, see *Antique Automobile* magazine)

Mar 23 (Tue.)	Dinner Meeting: Johnny Ray's, Colonnade, Our 2004 National Meet and your involvement, for details, see page one
Apr 10 (Sat.)	Tour: Impatient Creations and lunch, for a preview, see page one
Apr 29-May 1	AACA National Spring Meet, Colonnade, Birmingham, for a preview, see page one

Be sure to lock in these dates on your calendar

**You want to enter your vehicle in the
AACA Southeastern National Spring
Meet here in Birmingham, Apr 29 –
May 1, that the Dixie Region is
Hosting. What do you do?**

Fill out the registration card you received from
AACA Headquarters or
Call or write AACA headquarters, or log onto
www.aaca.org to order the meet information
brochure and registration card.
*You will need one registration card per vehicle
you wish to enter as copies are not accepted.*

(Deadline for registering is April 16th)

Here is a brief summary of your choices:

All vehicles must be driven onto the show field

Fire extinguisher required!
*the size and type is detailed on the registration card
and in the Official Judging Rules
and Guidelines*

1. Driver Participation Class:

This is the class where most Dixie Region members will be entering their vehicles. If your vehicle is at least 25 years old and is a driver, tour car or a restoration in progress consider entering the Driver Participation Class. This class is not judged, the vehicles are inspected for authenticity and if found authentic, you receive a round medallion to mount to your vehicle. Entering a vehicle in this class and receiving an award does not prevent the vehicle from entering other classes in the future.

2. Competition Classes:

If your vehicle is at least 25 years old and is either an unrestored original in like-new condition or a restored-to-original vehicle, consider entering a competition class. If this is the first time you have entered your vehicle, check with Art Bolton, to see what class you should enter. There are many classes including 'Factory High Performance'. The first time you enter a competition class your vehicle is considered a junior vehicle. You can win a first, second or third junior award. **It remains a junior vehicle until winning a first junior award. Once a vehicle wins a first junior, it is a Senior Vehicle and cannot be entered in the Driver Participation Class or Historic Preservation of Original Features.**

Junior Awards: First – vehicle scores at least 365 points (out of 400 possible) and is within 10 points of the highest scoring vehicle in your class at that meet. You will receive an oval plaque to be affixed to your vehicle and a first junior trophy.

Second – vehicle scores at least 330 points. It also is at least 11 points under the highest scoring vehicle in your class at that meet and within the 10-point range of other second junior winners. You receive a second junior trophy.

Third – vehicle scores at least 295 points. It also is at least 11 points under the highest scoring second junior winner and within the 10-point range of other third junior winners. You receive a third junior trophy.

Senior Award: Once a vehicle wins a first junior award, it is a senior vehicle. It will then be eligible to compete with other senior vehicles for the senior award. The vehicle must score at least 375 points and be within 10 points of the highest scoring vehicle in your class at that meet to win. The award is a Senior tab to be affixed to the First Junior plaque and a Duryea trophy.

Preservation Awards: After you win a Senior award your vehicle becomes eligible for preservation awards at future National Meets or Grand National Meets. (Scores at least 350 points for a preservation award.) You may win multiple preservation awards. By reducing the points needed for a preservation award, driving the car is encouraged. The Senior Car Participation Award, an oval silver tray, is given after winning 5 preservation awards.

3. Historic Preservation of Original Features Award:

If your vehicle is at least 35 years old and is mostly original, regardless of condition, you may enter it for a 'Historic Preservation of Original features' (HPOF) award. This is not a judged award; instead the vehicle is certified as original by a team of experienced judges. This award can be received multiple times. You will receive an oval plaque to be mounted on the vehicle. **Once a vehicle wins a HPOF award, it can later be restored (the HPOF award voided) and entered in a competition class.**

4. Grand National Meets:

Vehicles winning a senior award are eligible to participate in a Grand National Meet the following year or later. These awards and competition classes will not be discussed here as our hosted meet is not a Grand National Meet. The Grand National awards are detailed in the *Official Judging Rules and Guidelines* manual.

5. Judging information and Judging school:

The information in the *Official Judging Rules and Guidelines* manual is quite helpful to car owners who plan to enter their vehicle in a meet. It is strongly recommended that every Dixie Region antique car owner plan on attending the judging school, Friday, April 30, 2 p.m. at the Hilton, so they can better prepare their vehicle for this or future meets. To register for judging school for the first time you just show up at the appointed time. Attending the school does not obligate you to judge. However, there is an apprentice class on Saturday, May 1st if you think you would be interested, contact Art Bolton.

The *Official Judging Rules and Guidelines* manual is available free by attending this judging school or can be ordered from AACA headquarters for \$4.50.

Twelve Region Members Attend AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia

AACA held its 68th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on February 13, 14 with a dozen representatives from the Dixie Region present. This was undoubtedly the largest group from the Dixie Region to ever attend this function.

Led by President Bill Gardner and his wife Linda, other attending included first timers Charles and Barbara Clinton, Ron and Liz Moore, Ernie and Jenny Gauld, Art and Vickie Bolton and John and Nancy Myer. The Moore's had their refurbished V-16 Cadillac on display in the Trade Show and it surely looked great.

Ernie Gauld presided at the Friday night AACA Regions & Chapters Presidents' Dinner. This event brings President's from all over the country together to socialize and to network at dinnertime. Art Bolton was Co-Chair while Jenny Gauld was a Hostess and Vicky and Linda Bolton were in charge of decorations.

John Myer led the Legislation Seminar on Friday where representatives from SEMA spoke about Legislative issues. On Saturday, Nancy Myer led a seminar for the ladies, leading about 60 ladies in various craft projects that they made and took with them.

During the weekend, the 1100 attendees had a choice of attending over 50 seminars or judging schools, visiting with about 30 vendors or just gazing at about a dozen beautiful antiques. The meeting closed on Saturday night with the Annual Awards Banquet.

The new Dixie Region banner was displayed for the first time at the meeting. Each year, Regions attending the meeting are asked to bring their club banner and ours looked great hanging with about 100 other club banners

John Myer

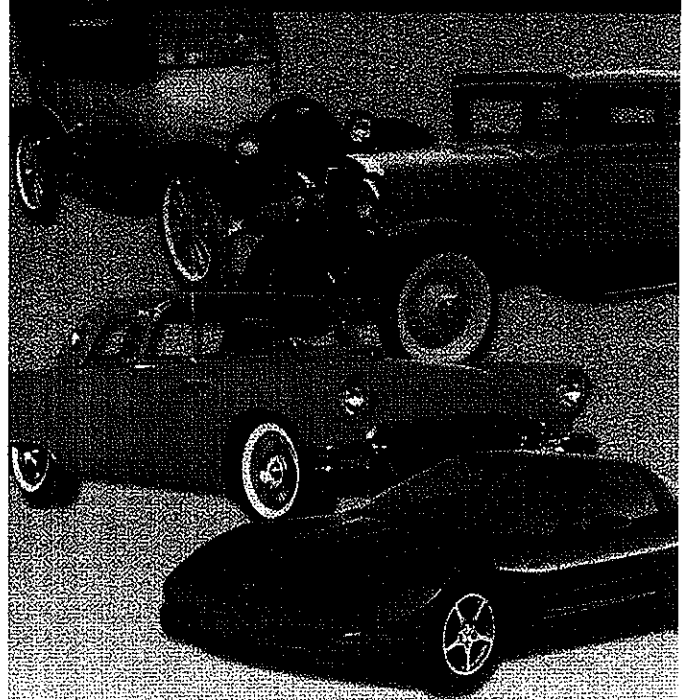
Club Shirts For our Meet

Be sure to attend the Tuesday, March 23rd dinner meeting so you may voice your opinion and place your order. John and Alverta Cover will have sample shirts and we will decide which type of shirt we want. The cost should be in the \$22-\$32 range, this price includes your name embroidered on the shirt. Bring your check book as orders need to be placed now! The deadline for this initial order is April 1st!

These shirts will be suitable for wearing to any AACA function. In order for visiting AACA members to identify host region members, it would be nice if Dixie Region members wore a club shirt during the Spring AACA Meet, April 29-May 1.

If you cannot attend, call John or Alverta at 991-6109 or 991-7106 and place your order.

Hershey's Newest Attraction!

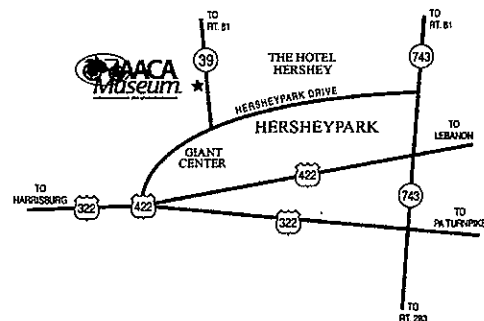


FROM HORSELESS CARRIAGES TO MUSCLE CARS, EXPLORE HERSHEY'S ONE OF A KIND INTERACTIVE AUTOMOBILE EXPERIENCE GUARANTEED TO EDUCATE AND FASCINATE VISITORS OF ALL AGES!

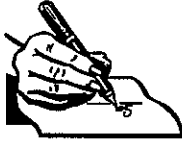


LOCATION

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The REPORT



AACA meeting February 24, 2004

Bill Gardner called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and reported that he went to the AACA National Meeting along with: Ron & Liz Moore, Charles & Barbara Clinton, John & Nancy Myer, Art & Vicki Bolton, and Ernie & Jeanie Gauld. Over 1000 AACA members attended the event.

John Myer reported on the local members that are involved with the National AACA. He said this would be his last year in office, but he will remain on several committees. Art Bolton is on the HPOF committee and Ernie Gauld is on the Regions committee. John reported that AACA National is changing its Bylaws and Constitution because they are out of date. They are changing the IRS status to 501-C3 so donations will be tax deductible. Articles of Incorporation will replace the Constitution.

Our new AACA Dixie Region banner was displayed at the annual meeting. Flyers for the Southeastern Regional meet (ours) were made available. Bob Hinds received an award from National for his work on the Dixie Region Newsletter.

Joe Ziegler did not have any report for the membership other than to acknowledge that John & Nancy Myer's 16 year-old grandson has become a Dixie region member, he is a life member of the AACA.

Bill Marx introduced a potential new member, Andy Mudlach.

Bill Gardner reminded everyone to pay their local and national dues as they are overdue.

Sue Burnham requested donations for the hospitality suite goodies. A sheet was passed for sign up.

Betty Hickman had surgery today. A get well card was passed around for everyone to sign.

Vicki Bolton gave information about our web site.

Barbara Patterson read part of a letter from Herman & Candelaria Zapp. They had stopped in Birmingham during their journey last year.

Bill Gardner reminded everyone to register for our meet.

Carl Cannova was introduced and talked about automobile maintenance and how important it is to learn about your vehicle so that you can better deal with mechanics.

Alverta Cover, Acting Secretary

Vehicle Storage

FOR AACA MEMBERS ONLY

Need a secure garage to park your 4 wheeled baby? Want to work on your antique vehicle someplace besides your backyard? Need the garage space for your modern vehicle? Contact AACA Dixie Region member Morgan Murphy at 205/870-7007 (h), 205/445-8837 (w) or email: morganwmurphy@mac.com

Morgan has secured an immaculate warehouse just 15 minutes from downtown Birmingham in Leeds. He plans to charge AACA members \$50 a month, per car, for storage, \$100 a month for those who want to work on their cars at the warehouse. Price includes utilities (power and water). Bathroom and compressed air on premises.

If you check on the cost of storing a vehicle you will find that these prices are very affordable, give him a call now before this warehouse fills up.

2004 AACA Spring Meet hosted by the Dixie Region

To enter your vehicle or attend those events shown with an *, you must register by submitting the AACA Reg. Card prior to April 16th

SCHEDULE

Thursday April 29, 2004

noon to 5 p.m. Registration, hospitality, club merchandise sales at the Hilton & flea market / car corral setup at show field
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hor d'oeuvres and tour of Moore car collection *

Friday April 30, 2004

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration, hospitality, club merchandise sales at Hilton & Flea market / car corral at show field
10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Caravans to Barber Motor Sports museum leave Hilton
1 to 1:45 p.m. Roundtable discussion at Hilton
2 to 3:45 p.m. Judges' school at Hilton
4 to 4:45 p.m. Presentation on Peking to Paris Rally at Hilton
5 p.m. Motorcycle/race car operation testing at rear of Hilton
6-8 p.m. Buffet Barbecue Supper at Johnny Ray's *

Saturday May 1, 2004

7 to 11 a.m. Show field open; pick up registration forms at show field
8 to 9 a.m. Judges' brunch at Hilton * (food line opens 7:30)
8 a.m. to noon AACA merchandise sales, Flea market & car corral at show field
11 a.m. Judging begins
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The automobile & its parts (for all youth)
Approx. 3 p.m. Show vehicles may leave field when released by Chief Judge
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Social hour with cash bar at Hilton (near pool)
6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet at Hilton *

* registration required

Dixie Region News and Notes

⇒ The Dixie Region welcomes our newest members: **James R. Myer (Jammie)**, 317 Windsor Dr., Homewood, AL 35209, 205/706-2049. He is the 16 year-old grandson of long time members, John and Nancy Myer. We also welcome back **Dennis & Pat Lyons**, 124 Red Bay Dr., Maylene, AL 35114, 205/620-9449 (h) or 205/664-1447 (w). We look forward to having you participate in Dixie Region activities.

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance The Greatest Car Show in the World Thursday-Tuesday, August 12-17, 2004

Five nights in San Francisco, tickets to Concorso Italiano, Historic Races at Laquna Seca, and Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Motor coach Transportation from San Francisco to each event. For details call Jim or Marilyn Duncan at Landmark Tour & Travel, 205/323-0563.

A flyer will be in the April Exhaust Whistle

Non AACA old car events March & April

Our friends in the Dixie Vintage Antique Car Club invite all interested antique car owners to bring their antique cars to the Krispy Kreme Doughnut shop in Hoover **the first Saturday of each month.** This is an informal fun get-together from 9 a.m. until noon. (Northwest corner of US-31 and Patton Chapel Road, where the Putt-Putt was located, across the side street from Crown Pontiac/Nissan.) For more information, please call Jim or Gaile Ketchersid at 205/979-5387

Saturday April 3, 2004

Chelsea Car Show 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Chelsea High School

For directions, registration information or questions, contact
Steve Neilson
205/664-3865, x112



The Bible according to kids
From Brother Bryan Mission
Spring 2004 newsletter

David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve decibels.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

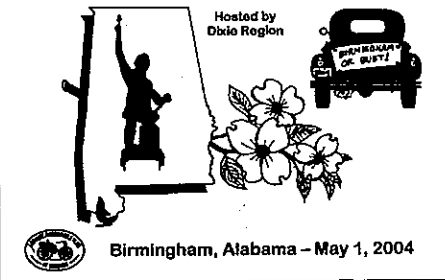
A Man should only have one wife. This is called monotony.

For Sale



Mega-Lift portable low rise vehicle lift. 6,000 pound capacity, five inches high when lowered, can be stored under a vehicle, lifts to about three feet. Lifts the frame so wheels can be worked on. This lift is hydraulic and operates on 120V, has wheels so it can be easily rolled around to use indoors or outdoors, almost new, only used three times, asking \$1,100. Contact Bob Hinds at 205/967-5014.

2004 Southeastern Division National Spring Meet



Meet Chairman: Robert Hinds, 967-5014
Assistant Meet Chairman: Mike Bamberg, 853-8322

Chief Judge: Art Bolton, 988-5356
Finance Chairman: John Myer, 338-7332
Registration Chairman: Jan Hyche, 967-9787

Club Merchandise sales: John and Alverta Cover, 991-6109

Publicity Chairman: Bill Marx, 967-7852
Flea Market/Car Corral: Bill Gardner, 991-5116

Banquet/food Chairman: Neil & Barbara Patterson, 595-7740

Chief Marshall: Joe Molina, 424-8742

Trophy Chairman: Chuck Kiser, 678-6479
Activities and Tours: David Pettit, 822-7762

Hospitality Chairman: Bill & Sue Burnham, 854-1976

Meet Photographer: A. D. Goode, 980-9331

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