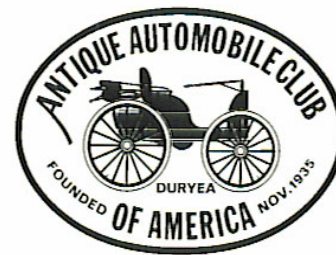




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Dinner Meeting with Interesting Speaker

When: Tuesday, August 28th, arrive 6-6:15 p.m.

Where: Richard's Barbecue, Acton Rd

What: Dinner meeting, Dr. Atkins

DETAILS

Tuesday, August 28th about 6:00-6:15 p.m., please plan to meet at Richard's Barbecue restaurant on Acton Road at I-459. Proceed to the meeting room reserved for our use and place your food order. The menu includes more than barbecue, you should be able to find food to your liking.

Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Atkins. Leah Rawls Atkins, director emeritus of the Auburn University Center for the Arts & Humanities, holds a Ph.D. from Auburn and has taught history at Auburn, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Samford University. At Auburn she directed a number of humanities programs across the state. She has written on many Alabama topics, including *The Valley and the Hills: An Illustrated History of Birmingham and Jefferson County*. She is a co-author of the award-winning history, *Alabama: The History of a Deep South State*, published by the University of Alabama Press in 1994. She retired from Auburn in 1995, and since then has written a biography of Birmingham entrepreneur John M. Harbert III and a corporate history of Birmingham construction company Brasfield & Gorrie. Her latest book, "Developed for the Service of Alabama": *The Centennial History of Alabama Power Company, 1906-2006*, won the

coveted James F. Sulzby Book Award of the Alabama Historical Association. She has been married to her husband, George, for 53 years. They have four children and 13 grandchildren and live in Birmingham where they both were born and grew up. Her topic will be "Time in the Valley: The Rise of Birmingham."

DIRECTIONS

This is the same restaurant where we met for our April, June & July dinner meetings. Take I-459, exit # 17 (Acton Road). Richard's is located at 2409 Acton Road in the Dolly Creek Station Shopping Center near McDonald's & Krystal and across the street from the AAA headquarters. If you need more detailed directions, please contact the restaurant at 979-6057.



See page four for feature story by Tim Stout about his Packard.

Photo by Tim Stout

Preview of September Show

Our annual Pepper Place Car Show— Saturday, September 29th. This is an important money raiser for our club, details on page five. Please plan to attend!



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Feature Story by Tim Stout The Honey Do's

Anyone who has been within 10 feet of me in the last 6 months has heard that my Packard had an exhaust manifold problem. For those of you that have, skip on down. For those of you that haven't I'll be brief. The original was cracked and couldn't be brazed. The replacement was cracked and could be brazed. Sent it off to be porcelain coated. (not recommended). I got it back in a week, faced it and mounted it and drove to April Victoria meet, in Anniston, and had great time. Porcelain bubbled off in many places. Took off the manifold and sent it back. It was returned, several weeks late, was mounted, everything tuned and running fine.

I'm sharing this experience to let you know what happens when a relative rookie gets into trying to do what should be a straight forward procedure over a 6 week period that stretches to 6 months and the ripple effects. After the April meet, we did have a fun time in Gardendale on a gorgeous spring morning with a great variety of very nice automobiles, trucks and some military vehicles. After that gathering I stripped and shipped the manifold, hoping it would be back in the same 10 day time and make our May meet and a Chattanooga trip, nope- missed 'em all.

So, while I was waiting, I had some chrome done on Trippe Lites, a mirror and center bumper guard. I ran the proper wires for the lights and mounted everything. Everything works and looks great. By mid June I'm tuned and ready to drive in caravan or solo if necessary to South Bend, Indiana for the combined Studebaker and Packard National meets. Not so fast sparky!

Remember all the weekends under the hood. Standing at the workbench reassembling the lights, doing touch ups, cutting,

then running wiring, mounting, remounting and more touch ups. You've all been there, some repeatedly. That's what we love. The problem is, when you work a lot on the car, you only work a little around, in and through the house. Then the first 3 days of your 10 day vacation you were going to knock out the honey do list before you leave on Tuesday for the meet. What my aging mind forgot was that the work accumulated over about 20 weekends cannot be condensed into 3 days. I wasn't even close to being finished by Thursday. I heard that both meets in South Bend were a big hit. Wish I coulda been there.

My wife, Roberta, managed to get Friday off work. She saw the progress, knew I wasn't done but suggested we go to the beach. That's one of the reasons why I let her hang around. Since the weather was looking good, we took the Packard. She can't see over the hood I didn't have to twist her arm, it means I get to drive Miss Daisy. At least she sat up front with me.

We left Friday morning at 4 AM to ensure we missed Montgomery rush hour traffic. That particular June morning was unusually cool and very dry. We were just past Luverne when the sun came up and took a photo in front of a 30's vintage grocery store/gas station. The rest of the drive down 331 was

one of the most pleasant and relaxing drives I have ever taken in any vehicle in my life. No traffic and smooth road.

We enjoyed the rest of the weekend in Ft. Walton by the surf. The return trip on Sunday was the opposite of the drive down. One of the most humid and hottest I have taken, heavy traffic, and occasional misting showers for a nice accent. The important part was we returned safely.

Oh. The manifold bubbled back up in places and the vendor doesn't return my calls. I daydream about that drive to Florida to sooth my nerves. I really love this stuff.



Tim Stout photo

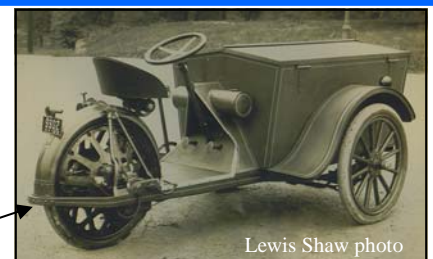
July Mystery Car Answer

It was not a surprise that no one knew the answer to last month's mystery car. **It is a prototype of a three wheel delivery vehicle built in 1919.** My grandfather Lewis Eaton Shaw designed and held patents on several aspects of

this vehicle. Note the rotary engine inside the rear wheel. There will be a future feature article about this interesting inventor. Unfortunately this prototype was stolen and never put into production.

Bob Hinds

Rotary engine



Lewis Shaw photo

CARS WANTED For PEPPER PLACE

Please plan to attend **Saturday, September 29th**. See the enclosed registration form.

It is important that we have a good turn out for this display!

We had successful displays the last two years and we can do it again this year! So— Dust off your pride and joy and come downtown for a morning of fun.

What you need to know

AACA Dixie Region will sponsor the Third Annual Special Invitational at Pepper Place on Saturday, September 29. We need to have 25-30 antique cars present. For this attendance Pepper Place Farmers market will donate \$1,000.00 to the club. the cars need to be present and in place no later than 8:00 and will need to stay till noon. the registration fee of \$10.00 will pay for the attendance plaque and will also allow us to give 3 cash prizes for attendance. Please register using the enclosed form, as soon as possible so we can plan correctly.

Know some non-Dixie Region antique car owners who would like to participate? Please copy this form and invite them.

August Mystery



In the earlier days of the automobile, many individuals made cars. This is an example of an early steam powered car made in 1900 by a 17 year old boy who would later become an engineer and have a long and successful career in the automobile industry, who was he and where did he work?

Ross Bridge Display Saturday, August 18th

Ross Bridge, in Hoover, holds a market similar to Pepper Place on Saturdays throughout the summer. They would like us to provide about 15 cars for a display on Saturday, August 18th.

If we show Ross Bridge the quality cars we can offer, they will probably be able to budget for a donation to our club in future years.

I told them about Pepper Place and the amount of the donation. Plan to arrive about 8:00 and stay until noon. They will provide a continental breakfast for us. An air conditioned building is available along with indoor restrooms.

Ross Bridge is in Hoover. Take I-459, exit #10 (Highway 150), go toward Bessemer. Turn right onto Ross Bridge Parkway, Ross Bridge will be about four miles on your left. The cars will be on display near the visitor's center at the entrance to Ross Bridge. Brock's restaurant, in the Renaissance Hotel, is open if you wish to stay for lunch.

Contact Bob Hinds at 967-5014 (home) or 381-0878 (cell) if you need more information.



A note from your editor

This month, please enjoy the interesting article by Tim Stout regarding his experiences with his 1938 Packard on page four.

Many thanks to those who have contributed articles. Many members have commented that they enjoy these articles in the newsletter, please keep them coming! Fellow club members want to hear what you have to say. Don't worry about your writing ability.

Please also submit technical information, your experience with suppliers and other restoration related business, photographs, information about non-AACA events that would be of interest, and anything else you would like to see in the newsletter.

The mailing & e-mail addresses are on page two, or you can give your material to me at a meeting.

Bob Hinds

TECH TIP

Engine wear and new oils

There have been a lot of articles in hobby publications regarding this problem. It affects both newly rebuild engines and original engines.

For cleaner air, the modern oils have reduced the amount of Zink (ZDDP). For our old non-converter cars with flat tappets this appears to cause increased wear on camshafts and tappets.

Until everything is sorted out, it would be prudent for us to add break-in additives with every oil change. Petroleum companies can be contacted for suggestions. Only time will tell. Information about two different Break-in additives has been published in prior *Exhaust Whistle* newsletters.

Bob Hinds

Ouch!

Several Dixie Region members attended the Big National Pontiac show in Tulsa in July where on Saturday, July 14th 329 cars on outside display were damaged! The show's judging process required that the cars have at least one window open so the interiors also got damaged! Exterior painting was going on a few blocks away and that may be the source. Larry Crider, the president of the Indian National Pontiac Club said "You can visually see it, we can detect every bad place on our cars and our paint and our glass."

Fortunately Bo Bogaty's 1968 Firebird was in its trailer having been point judged on Friday. Peggy Cox's Firebird was several blocks away in a parking deck and did not receive any damage.

The Alabama Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club had several members there and no Alabama cars were damaged.

This is a rare instance so don't let this keep you from driving and enjoying your antique cars. But do keep your insurance up the date!



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Many times we take our membership in AACA and the Dixie Region without much thought, but a few weeks ago, I had another example of what rewards membership in our national and local clubs can bring to us. I received a frantic telephone call from an AACA member in South Paris, Maine, asking for help! He had purchased a '55 Packard from a party in Edwardsville, AL, supposedly in “good working order”. This fellow from Maine had the Packard towed to Birmingham, to be picked up by an auto transport company and transported to Maine.

When the Packard was delivered to the transport company, the company refused to load the car because the brakes were not operating properly! What was this fellow to do? He checked on the AACA Website or the list of AACA Regions in the back of *Antique Automobile* and found my name as President of Dixie Region.

He contacted me early on Tuesday morning for help. Did I know of a reputable brake shop in Birmingham? Since I live away from the City, I decided to put this fellow from Maine in touch with Dixie Region member Tim Stout. Tim owns a Packard and lives in the metropolitan area. Tim knew the President of the Packard Club, who lives in Birmingham and operates a repair shop. Tim very willingly contacted the fellow from Maine and gave him this information.

The result – the AACA member in Maine called me the very next day, told me his problem was solved, and the '55 Packard was being loaded on the transport, with everything in working order. Another benefit of being a member of AACA! None of us know when we may need to use the network of AACA members throughout the USA for our benefit.

I will be unable to attend the next meeting on August 28. I have asked VP Bill Gardner to Chair the Meeting in my absence. Remember to wear your name badge to all Region activities or face a 25-cent fine!

John Myer

Please note that the deadline for the Sept *Exhaust Whistle* is Sept 10

For new membership forms- Contact Betty Hickman at 956-1447

2007 SCHEDULE

To obtain National AACA registration material:
mail activity card included with your *Antique Automobile* magazine
or log onto www.aaca.org

Aug 28 (Tue) Dixie Region dinner meeting, Richard's Barbecue
Sep 6-8 AACA Fall National Meet, Canyon, Texas
Sep 9-14 AACA Glidden Tour (1942 & earlier vehicles), Gettysburg, Pa
Sep 29 (Sat) Dixie Region show at Pepper Place
Oct 10-13 AACA Fall National Meet, Hershey, Pennsylvania
Oct Dixie Region visits the Moore's car collection
Nov 11-14 AACA Div. Tour (1982 & earlier vehicles), Tallahassee, Fl
Nov Dixie Region fall foliage tour
Dec 8 (Sat) Dixie Region Christmas Party, Grayson Valley CC

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar

Minutes from July 24th, 2007, Meeting

We met at Richard's Barbecue.

President, John Myer called the meeting to order and Bill Gardner prayed and gave thanks for the food.

There were no guests or new members present.

Secretary's minutes were approved as printed in the Exhaust Whistle. John Myer noted that Carol Keller took the minutes in June in the absence of Secretary Jan Hyché. John said he left the meeting about 9:00 P.M. and about 9:30 P.M. he received the minutes via email. Good job Carol!

Mike Bamberg gave the **treasurer's** report: Received \$18, disbursed \$51 leaving a balance of \$1346.84.

Mike mentioned that Marvin and Arlene Shelsky renewed their membership and we have 1 new family, Garrett and Judy Jenkins. John Myer reported that the meet and tour fund has a balance of \$3049.00. \$500 was spent to secure the hotel for the upcoming 2009 tour. Bill Gardner, **VP Activities**, gave a preview of upcoming events. August 28 will be a regular dinner meeting at Richard's Barbecue with Dr. Leah Atkins of Auburn Humanity Center speaking. She has written several books and Bill asked her to speak on Birmingham's beginnings. Sept show will be the last Saturday in September at Pepper Place. We are to bring as many cars as possible. Art said we need 30 to 35 to be a success. Arrive at 8:00 A.M. and we will be dismissed at noon. Sloss Realty will donate \$1,000.00 to our car club for participation.

October meeting will be at Ron and

Liz Moore's car barn. Details will follow.

Newsletter editor, Bob Hinds, thanked people for the articles they are submitting. Special thanks to Gene Vondereau for the article about the buried Plymouth. Bob mentioned that due to the upcoming tour, we need to be involved in fundraisers. Possibilities are the Barber museum (volunteers earn money for their club). Ross Bridge wants cars on August 18th. This could be the potential for a fund raiser next year.

Legislative chairman, Ron Moore, had nothing to report and there was no report from the board.

Old Business: Jim Roberts gave a report on the last Barber race track event. They want area car clubs to bring their classic cars. With a car you get 2 free tickets to the races. Larry Davis announced that he and Connie were celebrating their 36th anniversary with the club instead of elsewhere. What commitment!

New Business: A motion was made and approved that the \$1,000.00 donation from Pepper Place be put into the tour fund. **Announcements:** John reported that Vicki Bolton's father died July 10th. We sympathize with Vicki during this difficult time. On a happier note, they had a new grandson born July 5th.

John reminded everyone to be sure to get your reservation in for the Tallahassee, FL tour. John congratulated Bob Hinds for his 1959 Plymouth Sport Fury being featured in Hemmings Classic Car magazine. A copy was passed at the meeting. There will be an auction in Canton, Ohio of all types of car memorabilia. Anyone interested in going call

John Myer for details. Motion was made to adjourn the business meeting. **Activities VP**, Bill Gardner, introduced Jenny Gauld to present an informative program on the AACA Library. She gave a virtual tour via computer that gave us all a better idea of our library. The library is 25 years old and adjacent to AACA headquarters. Kim Miller, the librarian, is recognized as one of the top specialty librarians in the country. It has over 3,000 books and publications. Haggerty Insurance has given a grant of \$100,000.00 that is released over 5 years at \$20,000.00 per year if AACA gets matching funds. The library is a good resource to do research for a restoration. From the web site, you can get a Research Request Form to submit for information. There is a small charge for them to do the research for you. You can go there and do your own research. You must be a member to use the library and it is a Reference Library, meaning you can not take anything out of it; however, you can make copies on a state of the art copier. If you have unusual quality collections, think about making a gift to the library. Alabama has 2 members, Sally Barnett as president and Jenny Gauld on the board. We are blessed to have Jenny in our club. **Fees** of 25 cents each were collected from members not wearing their name tags. \$2.25 collected and added to the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hyché, Secretary

AACA Dixie Region News and Notes

- ◆ We welcome new members **Garrett & Judy Jenkins**, we look forward to meeting you. Also **Marvin and Arlene Shelsky** have rejoined. We are glad to welcome you again.
- ◆ Our sympathy and condolences to the **Bolton's** on the death of Vicki's father in July. Congratulations on the birth of the Bolton's granddaughter.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Bo Bogaty**. He entered his unrestored original 1968 Pontiac Firebird in the National Pontiac Show in Tulsa in July. He won the highest award in the Concours de' Elegance! Scoring an almost perfect score. Original cars like his are a wonderful resource for those restoring cars. The AACA has the Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class to honor these remarkable survivors.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Bob and Jane Hinds**. Bob's 1959 Plymouth Sport Fury, a Certified Milestone Car, was featured in an article on Plymouths in *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine.

FYI: non-AACA local antique car events, contact organizer for details

First Saturday of every month, year round: Krispy Kreme in Hoover US-31 and Patton Chapel Rd. From about 9 a.m. until noon. Rain date is the second Saturday of the month, same place and times. **KK offers free coffee & a doughnut to those who bring their antique car!** If you have never been to this fun activity, please give it a try. Often it attracts from 20-60 cars, many unusual and all beautiful. Many Dixie Region members regularly attend, thank you Jim for coming up with this event.

Jim Ketchersid 979-5387

Third Saturday morning of every month, year round: Breakfast with your fellow hobbyists @ the RAILROAD CAFE in Morgan Village on Morgan Road I-459, exit #6 (Morgan Road).

Gary Adams 444-0876

Oktoberfest– October 6th, Silver Springs, Florida:

For all antique General Motors cars, free registration before September 29th. Arrival time 7 until 10 a.m. Show hours in Silver Springs Park– 10 until 5 p.m. If you want to attend without a car, you will pay the standard park entrance fee of \$33.99 adult or \$24.99 child 3-10. Registration includes two park tickets free!

For more information www.nationalpartsdepot.com or Derek Putman at 352/861-8701, ext. 4207.

April-October, 2007, Cruise-in Schedule

First Saturday: Alabaster Promenade Mall @ Dairy Queen, I-65 exit # 238

Second Saturday: Brook Highland Shopping Center on US-280

Third Saturday: Springville Walmart, I-59, Exit 156

Fourth Saturday: Bessemer Walmart, I-59, Exit 108 & Sylacauga Walmart, US-280

These usually start around 5-6 p.m. Many Dixie Region members attend

Please forward information, about non-AACA shows, to the editor

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