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May Tour

When: Saturday, May 10, 2008— 8:45 a.m.
Where: Meet at Chappy's Deli, US-280 Mountain Brook
What: Program: tour to Arlington

Our Dixie Region tour for May will be Saturday the 10th. Plan to gather at Chappy's Deli on US-280 adjacent to the Hampton Inn, near Office Park in Mountain Brook around 8:45 a.m. We plan to leave at 9:15 a.m.

Arlington Antebellum Home and Garden was built between 1845 and 1850 (before there was a Birmingham in 1871.) It's restored and home to a collection of antiques. Cost to tour the house is \$2.00/ person (special group rate).

After this tour we will caravan back to Chappy's Deli and enjoy lunch as a group. After lunch we will visit the Birmingham Botanical Gardens where the Annual Rose Show is in progress. Please plan to drive an antique car, newer cars are also welcome.

May Dinner Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 27, 2008— 6 p.m.
Where: Richard's Barbecue, Acton Road
What: Program: Guest speaker

Tuesday May 27th, we will gather at Richard's Barbecue restaurant for a dinner meeting at 6-6:15 p.m. Richard's is on Acton Road at I-459 exit # 17, near McDonald's and across the street from AAA Headquarters. Come to the meeting room reserved for our club. Call the restaurant at 979-6057 for detailed directions.

Bill Gardner promises an interesting program. Do try to attend as it's tour season and dinner meetings are few.



1938 Oldsmobile owned by **Steve and Karen Kitchens**. Photo taken by Bob Hinds at the Pepper Place show last year.

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Greetings to all fellow club members. So far this year I feel that we have had some very good meetings that have involved member participation and resulted in good fellowship. Thanks to Activities VP, Bill Gardner!

I heard many good reports about the April 13th tour. It seemed that all enjoyed the touring as well as the history about our city at Sloss and Vulcan. This was highly recommended at the 2009 tour committee meeting to include in our tour to showcase our city.

I want to express appreciation to all members that have been and are planning to attend the National Shows and Tours this year, for the reports and National information they bring back to the club. We are a part of a great National Club!

I am on my way to Disney World for a week with the grandchildren, but I am still looking forward to returning and participating in the May event. Keep rolling and "keep it between the ditches".

June preview

Saturday June 28th there is another tour scheduled, details will be in the June Exhaust Whistle. Mark your calendars now!

Please note that the deadline for the June Exhaust Whistle is June 1

2008 SCHEDULE

Red= Dixie Region events, Blue= Southeastern National AACA events
Black= National AACA events outside of the Southeast

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

May 10 (Sat)	Dixie Region Tour, see page one for details
May 15-17	AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Flintstone, Maryland
May 27 (Tue)	Dixie Region Dinner Meeting, see page one for details
Jun 1-6	AACA Sentimental Tour (1928-1958 cars), Burlington, N. C.
June 28 (Sat)	Dixie Region Tour
Jun 26-28	AACA Central Spring Meet, Hastings, Neb
Jun 30-Jul 3	AACA Central Div Tour (1983 and earlier), Minot, N. D.
Aug 4-7	AACA Eastern Div Tour (1983 and earlier), Massachusetts
Aug 21-23	AACA Central Div Fall Meet, Mason City, Iowa
Sep 7-12	AAA Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier), LaCrosse, Wis., hosted by the VMCCA
Sep 18-20	AACA Southeastern Fall Meet, Cleveland, Tenn.
Sep 25-27	AACA Western Fall Meet, Carlsbad, California
Oct 8-11	AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA
Oct 20-24	AACA Reliability Tour (1915 and earlier). Chattanooga, Tn
Nov 2-6	AACA Founders Tour (1936-1983 vehicles), Easley, SC

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar



Looking Ahead to 2010 AACA Celebrates Its Diamond Jubilee By Joe Gagliano Chairman, 75th Anniversary Planning Committee

from Rummage Box

In 2010, AACA will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. It seems appropriate for us to celebrate; we have come a long way since our beginning. AACA was founded on November 4, 1935 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when fourteen men (and the wife of one) gathered in the auditorium of the Automobile Club of Philadelphia to start a club that now has membership near 60,000 and maintains the greatest activities, programs and benefits than any other antique automobile club in the hobby.

A dedicated committee of individuals has been planning for our celebration and we could use some help from our local chapters, regions and members. We have decided on a multi-day event June 30th – July 3rd 2010, in Louisville, Kentucky. The National organization is co-hosting the event with the Kyana Region. We selected the mid-west to try to include as many members as possible from all directions of the United States. We haven't ignored our further away and international members; our headquarters hotel and show venue is adjacent to the Louis-

ville International Airport for convenient travel.

We would like this to be both a touring and show event, so tours are planned for part of the week, and on the last day, there will be a grand car show that is both judged and non-judged. We are encouraging our members to get those cars out and get them to Louisville! Concerned about the weather? The car show will be indoors in a beautiful climate controlled facility. We are also planning a special commemorative item for those that participate.

The event will close with a special Anniversary Awards banquet Saturday evening. Plus, there are many other things to do and places to see in the area like Six Flags amusement park, Churchill Downs and the beautiful Lexington, Kentucky area and Horse Park. The Louisville community is excited to have us visit.

Okay, so, how can you help?

First of all, save the date. Don't schedule any local chapter or region activities that

conflict with the 75th Anniversary event. Second, plan a club activity that gets your chapter and region members there, be it a car tour, bus trip or other activity.

Next get out that car you haven't driven or shown lately and get it ready. We want a grand show event; we'd like a vehicle for every year of car production, vehicles in every AACA class, unique milestone cars, special interest autos and especially your car there!

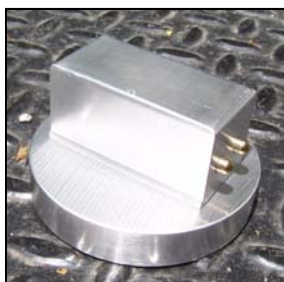
There are some other 75th items planned as well. We will soon be launching a Diamond Jubilee web site dedicated to the past 75 years of AACA history and will provide more details concerning the celebration. Look for our announcement early in 2008.

Thanks, Joe Gagliano
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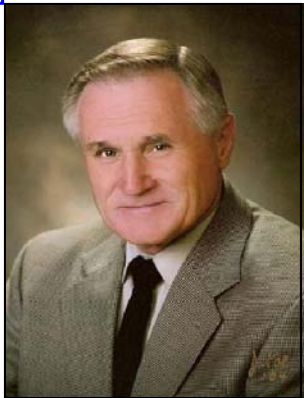
AACA Dixie Region News and Notes

- ⇒ **A. D. Goode** is recovering from knee replacement surgery. He is doing well and hopes to join us soon.
- ⇒ Welcome to new members **Jeff & Rhonda Senkbeil**, sponsored by **Tony Poe**, they have a 1936 Chevrolet sedan and a 1940 Chevrolet Pickup. We look forward to having you in our club.
- ⇒ **Jane Hinds** reminds everyone to come to the free Rose Show at the BBG on Mother's day, Sunday May 11th.

What is it?



Car manufacturers have designed many special tools for specific years and models. This is a helpful tool designed to prevent damage to a certain modern car under specific conditions. Do you know what it is for?



We Want You!

By Hulon McGraw

Vice President -Class Judging

from Rummage Box

I have received several requests from interested parties about how to become an AACA Judge. You can't imagine how pleased I am to know of your interest. You may be thinking that you have to have special talents or a complete knowledge of every vehicle ever manufactured. Not so. If you do have these talents we most definitely want you in our judging program.

So, how do you become an AACA Judge? It's very simple, when attending a National Meet pick up the tri-fold brochure for the event at registration. Look at the schedule normally located on the back for the daily schedule of events. Judging Schools' are held at every National Meet, generally on Friday at 2:00 PM. If the location is not made available on the brochure, then ask someone at registration where the Judging School will be held. Make your plans to attend the Judging School. When arriving at judging school, be sure to pick up your free copy of the Judges Manual which will include a judging school participation card and a quiz. Fill out the judging school participation card and turn it in at the conclusion of judging school. During Judging School, you will be asked if this is your first time attending a Judges School. You will be given instructions on how and when to sign up for the Apprentice Program. Register for the Apprentice Program and you will be asked to attend Judges Breakfast on Saturday morning. A fee of \$5.00 to cover your breakfast will be collected at this time. Breakfast is generally at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning. Make sure you know the location,

show up there, and check in with the ladies at the table before entering the room for breakfast. The Apprentice Team will have their own table assigned for them to assemble at for breakfast. The Chairman of Judges Training will meet you there for breakfast and give you instructions as to time and place to meet for the Apprentice Program. Follow his/her instructions and you will be trained on how to view a vehicle and determine what point deduction is warranted in specific cases. Realize this all happens at one meet. You receive a judging credit for attending the Judges School on Friday and another credit for attending an Apprentice Program, for a total of two (2) judging credits.

You are now enrolled on the active judges roster and will begin receiving the Judges Newsletter. Your newsletter will include a registration form for upcoming National Meets. Complete the registration form/forms for the meets you plan to attend and would like to judge. The form gives you an opportunity to request up to four (4) classes that you prefer to judge. Always choose the classes you have the most experience and knowledge of. Follow the instructions at the bottom of the form for mailing and don't forget to include the \$5.00 check for Judge's Breakfast. Drop in the mail and you will be registered to judge at that National meet. In the event that you have circumstance arise that prevent you from attending that meet, you must contact the Chief Judge for the event as soon as possible and let him/her know you cannot attend. In the event you fail to do so, one judging credit will be deducted from your total credits for failure to notify the Chief Judge.

Judging schools are where you gain knowledge and receive the training to help you become an experienced judge. You will receive one judging credit and judging chip for each National meet you serve as a field judge, judge's administration or Team Captain. Judges are encouraged to attend as many judging schools as possible but receive only one judging credit and judging chip per year for attending a judging school.

Continuing Judges Education (CJE) classes are offered at each meet with the exception of the Annual Grand National meet. CJE'S are very informative and cover a wide range of specific topics relative to judging. Judges are encouraged to attend as many CJE'S as possible but receive only one judging credit and CJE chip per year for attending a CJE. The one exception is when a judge reaches an award level (i.e. 10, 25, 50, 75, 100 etc.) judging credits, they are required to take a "mandatory" CJE. Having already taken a "voluntary" CJE or plan to take the "voluntary" CJE in the same year as a "mandatory" CJE, you will receive two judging credits and two CJE chips in that year only. At the specific award levels (i.e. 10, 25, 50, 75, 100 etc), judges are awarded a cloisonné lapel pin. Judges attending every meet during the year will receive a plaque having each meets dash plaque mounted on it.

Becoming an AACA judge is very rewarding, interesting and another way to enjoy the antique car hobby. Now is the time get involved don't put it off any longer. You'll be glad you did !



A new
car
with an
Alabama
connec-
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by the
Hinds'

Photo by
Bob Hinds

Alabama is the fifth largest producer of cars in the country. If more people in our state bought new cars with Alabama connections, think what good it would do for our local economy.

The last new car we purchased was in 1980. Since that time we have bought and sold various pre-owned cars including, American, German and Japanese makes, all gave good service.

We were down to a 2001 Chrysler Town and Country Mini-Van, bought for transporting our family and Jane's roses. A low-mileage Honda Accord was recently sold, as it was sparsely optioned and after nearly being hit broadside by a red light runner, we decided side air bags, ABS and stability control were important survivability options.

We wanted our new car to be made by an Automobile Company having a plant in Alabama. Which meant Honda, Hyundai and Mercedes-Benz who assemble cars in Alabama or Toyota who has an engine plant in Huntsville. There is a saying "it's easier to sell an old man a young man's car then to sell a young man an old man's car." In our case, we placed safety and driving dynamics at the top of the list.

We eliminated Honda/Acura, Hyundai and Toyota/Lexus for various reasons such as road noise at highway speeds and less then exciting handling and since we tend to keep our cars 200,000 plus miles, we wanted a car, which did not require expensive timing belt changes.

We have owned front wheel drive

cars since 1973 but with most of the car's weight over the front wheels these cars under-steer. The engineer in Bob prefers rear wheel drive, which results in a better handling car. We turned our attention to Mercedes-Benz as their cars have a reputation for passive and active safety, driving dynamics and luxury.

Our mini-van negated the need for a large sedan and the newly designed 2008 C has a larger interior, almost a large as the E (due for a styling change). A technical session on the C model with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America and a weekend trial made it an easy sell. Its tight turning radius made it ideal for Jane's rose crowded driveway.

Crown found a Palladium Silver C300 Luxury sedan optioned as we wished in Florida. It's a pleasure to drive; it's quiet, comfortable and gets good fuel mileage too! We look forward to enjoying this car for many years.

It's smaller on the outside than other Mercedes-Benz sedans but is a substantial car, with all the features and safety equipment, it weighs 3,700 pounds! It's also a Flex-fuel vehicle but, hopefully, we will never need to use E85 fuel.

Maintenance should be affordable and because of the use of synthetic oil; Mercedes-Benz recommends an oil/filter change once a year or every 13,000 miles.

Equipped with the 3L V6 engine, it accelerates to 60 mph, as fast as early American muscle cars (7 seconds), but, unlike those '60's muscle cars, the C300 stops and corners extremely well! Modern cars have come a long way, are safer, more fuel-efficient and pollute less then our much-loved antiques did when new.

A note from your editor



This month, please enjoy the story about buying a new car with an Alabama connection on this page. Next month will feature a story about an original Pontiac Firebird, owned by **Bo Bogaty**, that recently won an AACA Grand National First.

Last month I omitted that fact the Young's entered their 1934 Ford Phaeton in the AACA Grand National and won a First Place and first preservation award, and at charlotte it won its second preservation award, congratulations!

Last year many of you submitted feature articles and they made the *Exhaust Whistle* more interesting and facilitated a newsletter Award of Excellence. In February a story about the new Smart car broadened our knowledge. **I need articles for 2008.** Does anyone have interesting stories to tell? How about experiences with family cars to share? Your newsletter needs your articles antique car related or not.

Regarding e-mail

Please keep your e-mail information up-to-date to help your club keep in touch.

Many thanks to those who have contributed stories, they are enjoyed by all. Please keep them coming! Fellow club members want to hear what you have to say please don't worry about your writing ability.

Also wanted are articles about technical information (tech tips), your experience with suppliers and other restoration related business, photographs, information about non-AACA events that would be of interest, plus anything else you would like to see in the newsletter.

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

Thank you,

Bob Hinds

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

First Saturday morning of every month: 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!**

Jim Ketchersid 979-5387

Third Saturday morning of every month: Breakfast with your fellow hobbyists @ the RAILROAD CAFE in Morgan Village on Morgan Road I-459, exit #6 (Morgan Road). Cars start arriving about 8:30 a.m.

Gary Adams 444-0876

Third Saturday evening of every month: A year-round cruise-in at the Hoover Krispy Kreme. Weather permitting this takes place starting at 5:00 p.m. every month of the year.

Jim Ketchersid 979-5387

Attention European car owners: Saturday May 17th a multi-make show will be held in Helena. This show will feature more than 100 cars displayed in the amphitheater in Old Town Helena. Bring your European car (any year) or just visit and see the cars on display. For more information, contact:

Jim Roberts (Mercedes-Benz) 933-9333

Ruben Greenwood (British) 425-1034

David Goodwin (Porsche) 910-0746

Ruben Greenwood (Ferrari) 425-1034

All GM Car Show: Saturday May 17th at the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame, Talladega Super Speedway. This started out as a Pontiac show and has grown to include all GM makes. Please bring your antique GM car or just come to enjoy the cars on display. For more information, contact:

Bo Bogaty 995-9517

2008 Saturday Cruise-In's through October:

First Saturday– DQ @ Promenade Mall, Alabaster

Second Saturday– **canceled by the shopping center**

Third Saturday– Krisby Kreme, Hoover, **the cruise-in in Springville was canceled by Wal-Mart**

Fourth Saturday– Walker Chapel Road I-65 Garden dale

Plan to arrive 5-6 p.m. for a good parking place. Thanks to **Jim Cox & D. J. Ray** for the cruise-in information.

Please forward information, to the editor

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May activity, Tour, Saturday May 10th
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