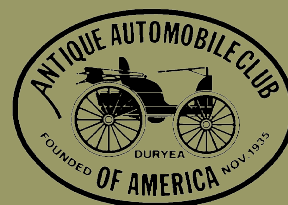


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April, 2009

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2009
6:30 P.M.
Charlie Grimmitt's Shop
Sheffield, AL

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2009 Calendar of Events

Tims Ford Region, AACA
Car Show
May 2
Winchester, Tennessee

Car Show
May 2
Cullman, Alabama

Car Show
May 9
Trinity, Alabama

North Alabama Region
Annual Car, Truck and
Motorcycle Show
May 16
Huntsville, Alabama

April Meeting to be Held at Grimmitt's Shop

The Muscle Shoals Region, AACA's April meeting will be held at Charlie Grimmitt's shop on Austin Avenue in Sheffield April 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Directions from Florence: Cross O'Neal Bridge; Turn right on Hatch Blvd. ; Cross Dover Avenue onto Sixth Street; Continue on Sixth Street to Austin Avenue (7 blocks from Dover) and turn left. The building is directly behind the V.F.W. building on Raleigh Avenue.

Dodge Brothers: A Timeline

April 9, 2009



Horace E. Dodge



John F. Dodge

October 25, 1864

John Francis Dodge was born in Niles, Michigan.

May 17, 1868

Horace Elgin Dodge was born in Niles, Michigan.

1886

The Dodge family moved to Detroit, where John and Horace took jobs at a boiler maker plant.

1894

The brothers went to work as machinists at the Dominion Typograph Company in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

1897

Using a dirt-proof ball bearing Horace invented and patented, John arranged a deal for the brothers to join with a third-party investor to manufacture bicycles.

1900

With proceeds from their sale of the bicycle business, the brothers set up their own machine shop in Detroit.

1902

Motor Vehicle Company upon which they built a solid reputation for quality and service.

1903

The brothers turned down a second contract from Olds to retool their plant to build engines for Henry Ford in a deal that included a share position in the new Ford Motor Company.

1910

Due to their success, a new plant is built in Hamtramck, Michigan.

1913

John Dodge left Ford where he worked as vice president.

1914

John and Horace form Dodge Brothers to develop their own line of automobiles. Motor trucks were built for the United States military during the arms buildup for World War I.

October 1917

The first commercial car was produced.

1919

Henry Ford bought out the Dodge brothers' shareholdings in Ford Motor Company for \$25 million.

January 14, 1920

John Dodge died from the Spanish flu.

December 20, 1920

Horace Dodge died from complications resulting in pneumonia after contracting the same flu.

AACA's 73rd Annual Meeting

April 9, 2009

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held in Philadelphia, February 12-14, 2009. Two important proposals were brought before the board of directors in the area of communication and moving forward for the next generation.

First, expenditures for new technology were approved that should increase the club's ability to communicate with its members. Expect to see streaming videos, social networking, blogs, a version of YouTube, and ways to educate and entertain in the months ahead. Also new ways of making hosting region's websites easier. Second, the board approved its strategic plan which is packed with great ideas to move the club and the entire AACA family together for the next generation to enjoy.

White Post Restorations

Anyone interested in having brakes on their antique cars reworked may find the folks at White Post Restoration the place to turn to. They are rebuilders of master, wheel, slave, clutch cylinders, calipers, vacuum booster, metering and proportioning valves, brake pads and shoe relining.

They are located in White Post, Virginia, and their address is: White Post Restorations; One Old Car Drive (for UPS) or P.O. Drawer D (for Mail); White Post, VA 22663.

Just send them your cylinders to them and they will disassemble, clean, bore, press and size to original specifications. They will rebuild your cylinders with new parts and apply a durable exterior finish.

March Meeting Held at Lenny's Deli

March 25, 2009

Members of the Muscle Shoals Region, AACA met March 24, 2009, at Lenny' Deli in Florence, Alabama. Many drove their antique car.

Those present were Mike Blackburn; Charlie Cooper, 1955 Ford Crown Victory; Bill Davis, 1951 Plymouth; Charlie Grimmitt, 1950 Chevrolet; Richard Hunnicutt, 1954 Plymouth; and James McCollum, 1966 Mustang. Also present was Joel Parris, 1969 Corvette.

Muscle Shoals Region

The Muscle Shoals Region, AACA meets each month at 6:30 PM at Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ, 1207 Sherrod Avenue, Florence, Alabama. Correspondence should be mailed to Muscle Shoals Region, AACA c/o James McCollum, 104 Lindsey Court, Tuscumbia, Alabama, 35674.

Membership Dues

Membership dues are \$10 payable at the beginning of each year.

National AACA

The Muscle Shoals Region, AACA is sanctioned by the national Antique Automobile Club of America. AACA membership is require of all its regions / chapters members.