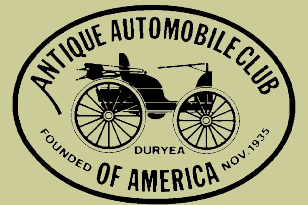


# RESTORER REPORTER



August, 2008

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 2008  
6:30 P.M.  
Lenny's Sub Shop  
Florence, Alabama

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## Calendar of Events

August 30  
5th Annual Mossy Oak Street  
Rod & Antique Car Show  
West Point, Mississippi

September 1  
Ilder Mule Days Car Show  
Ilder, Alabama

September 6  
Bear Creek Festival Car Show  
Belmont, Mississippi

September 6  
Lexington Founders Day  
Car Show  
Lexington, Alabama

## *"When I Find The Ocean"*

- August 15, 2008



1955 Dodge Pickup

The movie "When I Find The Ocean" opened August 10 in Montgomery, Alabama. The film was produced by Cypress Moon Productions from Sheffield, Alabama, where the initial premier was held in 2006.

"When I Find The Ocean" was shot entirely in Alabama, with three days in Tennessee. Set in 1965 Alabama during a time of immense prejudice and civil unrest, the film follows the journey of a little girl, Lily, and her beloved dog and rabbit to find peace with her father, who died at sea.

In addition to the hundreds of extras, local talent and crew from the surrounding areas used for the production, there were the automobiles. Because the story took place in 1965, only cars from that year or earlier could be used.

Richard Hunnicutt volunteered his 1955 Dodge pickup for the production. You should see it often in the film as it was driven by one of the main characters. Although the crew was careful mounting a camera to the door, the truck did receive some damage during filming. The truck was never restored and Richard does not intend to make repairs any time soon.

"When I Find The Ocean" is available on DVD at most major retail outlets and video stores.

## *Killen Founders Day Parade*

- July 10, 2008

If you are interested in participating in the Killen parade Friday, August 22, you should have contacted Richard Hunnicutt and let him know you will be driving your car in the parade. You will need to be in line by 5:30 and ready for the parade which begins at 6:00. All participants must enter J.C. Mauldin highway from the East end (drive thru Killen on 72, turn left at the old highway, go to Brooks Elementary School).

## *Wedding Drive*

- July 7, 2008

By Orvis Engelstad

At about 11:00 p.m. last Saturday night, I found myself taking my granddaughter and her new husband from the new Robert Trent Jones clubhouse to the Marriott hotel---in the '54 Plymouth. It worked fine; no problems at all. And all the lights worked, even though I hadn't driven it at night for years. It isn't a classic car as someone wanted, but there sure were a lot of pictures taken with the couple in the backseat.



1954 Plymouth Belvedere

## Stays in Philadelphia

-August 15, 2008



By Brenda Shore Kaiser  
Vice President Data Management

Yes, you are correct; I borrowed this phrase from Las Vegas. It does fit however when I think about those that go to the AACA National Meeting in Philadelphia and those that do not attend. As to why the National Meeting is always in Philadelphia, suffice it to say that there are quite a few reasons but I will save that for another time. Right now I want to focus on giving some insight into what happens in Philadelphia so that it does not stay in Philadelphia!

Every year over 988 AACA members from 41 states, Puerto Rico, Sweden and France drive or fly to downtown Philadelphia. The weather is always cold and sometimes there is snow but that makes it exciting. Remember I live here in Texas so I get enough warmth. Sometimes it is fun to see that funny white stuff fall from the sky. People start to arrive as early as Wednesday but most come in on Thursday. Everyone stays at the host hotel (we get a great rate, especially for a large downtown city) and we don't have to hassle trailers, campers or rigs. This get-together is all about the people although we are all there because of our shared love of the cars.

During the day there are a lot of options. You can go to a variety of sessions where you can learn about many subjects; everything from how to host a meet or tour, creating quality newsletters and web sites, to information about the AACA Library. Oh yea, there are a lot of sessions about cars as well, including storing them (lifts), restoring them, and special areas of interest. If you want to take a break from the sessions you can visit the Trade Fair where there are many vendors with car-related items. You can even enter to win the prizes that every vendor gives away! On Thursday evening this year, we were treated to an evening at the National Constitution Center hosted by one of our members from the West.

Friday night includes a great dinner for all Region/Chapter Presidents or their representative. You don't want to miss the Museum auction. It starts at 8:00pm and goes until almost midnight; if you stick around long enough and the item you want is auctioned later in the evening you may just get lucky. There is also the silent auction so even if you don't like to engage in the live bidding you can still get something you have always wanted. Regardless of what you win the amount you pay goes to the AACA Museum – all of it. What a great way to make a contribution.

On Saturday there are judging schools (beginner and advanced). Anyone can attend even if you don't want to become a judge. You can learn how our cars are judged and what is important. Also on Saturday is the General Meeting where we can learn about what is going on in AACA, find out about our fiscal stability, and ask questions. Believe it or not these meetings attract around 250-300 people each year.

## Muscle Region, AACA July Meeting

- July 24, 2008

The July meeting of the Muscle Shoals Region, AACA was held July 22, 2008 at Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ.

Members present were: Leo Cobb, Charlie Cooper, Bill Davis, Bill Harrison, Richard Hunnicutt, James McCollum and B J Thornton. Visitor was David Burcham. Cooper drove his 1955 Crown Victoria.

Cooper and a few of his friends will be going to Branson, Missouri for the 30th Annual National Crown Victoria Meeting July 27 - August 2.

President Bill Davis presented on lesson on automobile relays and the use of hydrogen as a fuel source.

## Announcements

CARLTON DAVIS - It has been suggested by a member of our club that we write some words in memory of Mr. Davis and publish them in our newsletter. If you who knew Mr. Davis personally, and like to write down any thoughts or memories of him, send them to Bill Davis. They will be compiled and published in a future issue of the newsletter.

TOYOTA TUNDRA 200 - The Toyota Tundra 200 truck race will be held Saturday, August 9, at the Nashville Speedway. Any club who purchases 20 tickets or more will be allow to drive their own cars on the race track, day before the race. If interested contact Daniel Lawson at [lawson@dovermotorsports.com](mailto:lawson@dovermotorsports.com).

My favorite part of the whole weekend is Saturday night – the Awards Banquet. This is where all of the National Awards are presented and it is quite an exciting event. The 'best-of-the best' cars win special awards and are displayed on a large screen while the owners are recognized by the President and receive a lovely award. But the evening is not just about the cars; it is about our members who have made a contribution to the AACA in the prior year. Newsletter editors, webmasters, and those that participate and commit their time and energy are recognized through special awards. It is so much fun to see all of the excited winners and be there to wish them congratulations.

By Sunday I am exhausted but extremely happy. I have seen friends, had time to visit with them, talk about our shared love of cars and learn from them as I attend the workshops. Philadelphia might be a long way from home and it may be cold but I plan on going every year.

What happens in Philadelphia should *not* stay in Philadelphia – you should plan on attending next year. I know that you will enjoy your trip!

## 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, Tusculmbia, 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.