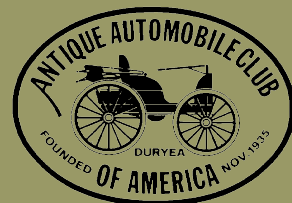


# RESTORER REPORTER



February, 2009

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
6:00 P.M.  
Hunt's Auto Restoration  
4065 Florence Blvd  
Florence, AL

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## 2009 Calendar of Events

Stones River AACA Swap Meet  
February 1  
Nashville, TN

AACA 72th Annual Meeting  
February 12-14  
Philadelphia, PA

Southeastern Spring  
Meet & Autofair  
April 2-5  
Charlotte, NC

AACA Southeastern  
Division Tour  
April 15-19  
Birmingham, AL

## Notes from National Headquarters

February 9, 2009



Make sure you and your region/chapter members have your email addresses on file to receive our new monthly publication the AACA Speedster. In January we will publish our 3rd edition and it appears that our members are really enjoying it. We are able to give you important information on a very timely basis. Make sure you open these emails and click on all the links. Also, this is not spam so make sure you are getting it.

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Our next meeting will be held at Hunts Auto Restoration on Florence Blvd. near Shoal Creek Bridge. The date is the same, Tuesday, February 24, but the time is 30 minutes earlier—6:00p.m.

The club has lots of new merchandise so check out our store on the website. [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org) continues to be one of the best kept secrets in our club. There is a wealth of news, fun on the forums and information about the club. Hopefully in 2009 we will complete an "extreme makeover" of the site as well.

Speaking of merchandise, please let us know if there is something you would really like to see us produce. We have some new signs and new clothing items we think you really will like. We have run into a serious roadblock on our AACA authorized Revell model car kits but hope to resolve that as well. We are looking at a collector series of jigsaw puzzles of Antique Automobile covers and are already gearing up for 75th anniversary merchandise.

If you have not seen two special offerings you really should. Go to [www.mycarfever](http://www.mycarfever) to purchase a great CD of this year's "Hershey". You will really enjoy this lengthy video and will probably see a few of your friends throughout the show. Also, the jacket offered at [www.hotrodjacket.com](http://www.hotrodjacket.com) is nothing short of phenomenal. It is a bit pricey but be assured that you will not find a better quality letterman jacket anywhere and it is hand-made in the USA!

Make sure you keep up with all the changes in our Library and Museum. We have new leadership at the top and they will be bringing fresh ideas to the AACA family. We will miss Kim dearly but Chris Ritter, our new librarian, brings a youthful mind set to how we operate and he has some exciting plans. Holly Bedsole at the museum is a real "car guy" and she, as well, has a huge "can do" spirit so we can expect our museum to move forward in some exciting ways.

We have a unique perspective at headquarters as most everything club related eventually passes through our office. One thing is very obvious to us. Those regions who really want to grow and add membership find ways to do so! Inspired leadership all around the country have proven that clubs can grow even if they have been stagnant in the past. With the four free memberships provided each year, a new half year membership and a benefit package that is not remotely matched by any car club in the country there is no reason for AACA not to be increasing our ranks in large chunks. Just yesterday we heard of the possibility of a club gaining 100 new members by joining forces with a non-AACA club. Obviously the memberships of both of those clubs are very progressive. Your region and AACA need an aggressive campaign to grow and provide activities to keep the enjoyment of our hobby at a high level. Make a personal commitment to make this happen in 2009

As always, we are only a phone call, letter or email away if you need anything or have any ideas for us. Thanks and have a happy and healthy new year!

## Tuckerville USA Roads to Rails Model Train Exhibit

Date: 1/27/2009 - 12/31/2009

Time: All Day



All Aboard! A custom model train display will roll out at the Antique Auto Museum at Hershey on the first Saturday of each month from February - October and will begin daily operation in mid-November through December. We will also offer a special appearance on Monday, February

16th for the President's Day holiday. It's yet another opportunity to cruise through time – on rails -- at the AACAA Museum!

Travel back in time as these locomotives take you to "Tuckerville, USA" the Museum's vision of small-town America in the 1950s. There are stores, factories, shops, a farm, and a railroad yard that features an automated turntable and locomotive repair shop. Other automated features include a gas station, Ford garage, a Drive-In restaurant

and construction site complete with bulldozers. For our younger visitors, Thomas the Tank Engine is a popular attraction. Tuckerville is surrounded by rails, on which run a variety of vintage model trains manufactured by Lionel and Williams, Rail King and now Bachmann in a combination of O-gauge and HO-gauge sizes.

The display has been expanded to include over 350 feet of track and features a new Mountain scene and logging train. This new section has allowed us to incorporate a Bachmann HO scale train into the existing layout. This year's display has a new home within the Museum and is now located on the lower level concourse in a separate exhibit area. The layout was designed and installed by a group of volunteers under the leadership of Ed Maloy, one of the founding board members of the Museum. It first debuted at the Museum during the 2006 holiday season.

Trains were the forerunners of automobiles so we're excited to offer this as an extension of the variety of experiences offered here at the Antique Auto Museum.

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### *Muscle Shoals Region, AACAA*

#### *January Monthly Meeting*

January 28, 2009

The January meeting of the Muscle Shoals Region, AACAA was held at Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ on January 27, 2009. President Bill Davis presided.

Present were Charlie Cooper, Bill Davis, Orvis Engelstad, Charlie Grimmett, Bryant Hester, Richard Hunnicutt, James McCollum and B. J. Thornton.

President Bill Davis handed out membership forms for everyone to fill out. Also a list of car shows and tours were passed out and discussed.

Treasurer Charlie Cooper pointed out that due to health problems, Don Helton is not able to come to meetings and has asked that his name be removed from the club's bank account list of signatures. Charlie Grimmitt agreed to replace Don Helton in this role.

Secretary James McCollum encouraged those who are not members of the National Club to join. Benefits of the National AACAA were brought up.

Nominations for the new president were brought up and discussed. It was decided to postpone further discussion till next meeting to encourage others to join.

A video "The 57 - 59 Fords" was shown.



1955 Ford Crown Victoria  
Owned by Charlie Cooper

#### **Muscle Shoals Region**

The Muscle Shoals Region, AACAA 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, AACAA c/o James McCollum, 104 Lindsey Court, Tuscumbia, Alabama, 35674.

#### **Membership Dues**

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

#### **National AACAA**

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