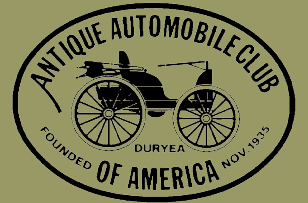


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Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2009
6:30 P.M.
Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ

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2009 Calendar of Events

Stones River AACA Swap Meet
February 1
Nashville, Tennessee

AACA Southeastern
Division Tour
April 15-19
Birmingham, Alabama

ATHS National
Convention & Truck Show
May 28-30
Huntsville, Alabama

AACA Southeastern Special
Spring Meet
June 11-13
Lebanon, Tennessee

1966 Shelby "Super Snake" Cobra

January 13, 2009



car ever sold.

The "Super Snake" has a twin supercharged 427 cid 800 hp engine, with a 3 speed automatic. Carroll Shelby built it just to see how fast it was, and it turned out to be a monster with incredible performance and speeds.

It was Carroll Shelby's personal automobile. "40 years later, it will still kick the tail of just about anything in the world. It was the fastest street legal Cobra I ever owned."

The Shelby registry indicates only two 1966 "Super Snake" Cobras were built.

One car was sold to Bill Cosby, who actually returned it because it was "too fast". Cosby actually recorded an album titled "200 MPH" based on his one experience with the car. Upon its return, the next owner drove himself over a cliff in it destroying it completely.

The one surviving car was sold January 13, 2007 at the Barrett-Jackson auction for 5.5 million dollars, making it the most expensive American

Second Series "America on the Move" Available at Post Office

January 9, 2009

On October 3, 2008, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the Postal Service™ issued 42-cent America on the Move: 50s Fins and Chrome commemorative stamps in five designs, designed by Carl T. Herrman of Carlsbad, California. The stamps features the following classic American cars:

- 1959 Cadillac Eldorado
- 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk
- 1957 Pontiac Safari
- 1957 Lincoln Premiere
- 1957 Chrysler 300C

This is the second series to be issued. The previous issuance of America on the Move was 2005's 37-cent 50s Sporty Cars, which featured:

- 1952 Nash Healey
- 1953 Chevrolet Corvette
- 1953 Studebaker Starliner
- 1954 Kaiser Darrin
- 1955 Ford Thunderbird

Muscle Shoals Region, AACA Christmas Dinner

The Muscle Shoals Region, AACA's annual Christmas Dinner was held Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. at Ryan's Family Steakhouse in Florence. Fourteen members and their guest attended the occasion.

Richard Hunnicutt had pictures from past club activities on a Picture Frame hard drive and Bill Davis brought his collection of model South Central Bell telephone service vehicles.

Everyone had a good time of fun, food and fellowship, wishing all a joyful and prosperous New Year.

AACA Member Benefits

By Steve Moskowitz
AACA Executive Director



AACA was thrilled this year to announce a ground breaking new membership program giving our members unprecedented new benefits. It is what your club is all about, trying to give back to its members. Everyone is fully cognizant that we exist to support you. Tom Cox, our VP of Membership; the board, and I are fully committed to making the AACA experience the best it can be.

I have been asked to clarify the benefits a bit better as there is some confusion about the offers. Naturally, the first tangible item was the \$5.00 discount coupon offered by Advance Auto

Parts. We enclose a coupon with each 2008 membership card. We are aware that Advance is not in all states but we were happy to accept it on behalf of our members.

All of the magazine discounts are available by calling the publications directly. The one exception is Old Cars Weekly. You must contact AACA national headquarters first so we can advise OCW that you are paid for the 2008 year. We contact them with your member number and authorization.

The pedal cars and Franklin Mint models are available only by calling our headquarters as well. In the case of the Mint and Warehouse 36 pedal cars, we are not allowed to advertise the discounted prices. We have entered into an agreement with a new pedal car company called Feenix. You can Google these companies and go to their websites to see if there are products you would be interested in. Call us and we will give the pricing to you.

For those of you able to visit the AACA Museum, all you have to do is show your 2008 membership card and mission is FREE! You can go as many times as you would like and there is absolutely no charge. Make sure you visit the remodeled gift shop as there are many new items.

Members never really understood that we could not legally offer free research from our AACA Library & Research Center. This was prohibited by IRS regulations, but since the January 1, 2008 legal merger with the club, we now can offer limited free research. Please contact the library through our website or by calling them to discuss your needs more fully but each member is allowed 1 ½ hours of free research.

Naturally there are other benefits of belonging to our club. We will continue to pursue other ideas and work towards improving upon the already long list of reasons to become and remain a member of this great car club. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can improve upon your membership experience or other offers you would like us to work on, please contact us.

Thanks and have a great 2008!

Tupelo Automobile Museum

January 13, 2009

The History



Establishing the Tupelo Automobile Museum was a 28 year process. It began when founder Frank Spain acquired his first antique car in 1974. Spain and his good friend, museum curator, Max Berryhill, spent the next many years researching, finding and acquiring the 150 rare automobiles in the collection. Cars were gathered from all over North America and Europe.

Until the late 1990's the vehicles were stored at various locations throughout the United States. Spain and Berryhill desired to develop a museum so the public could enjoy and learn from the collection. Spain's hometown of Tupelo, Mississippi rallied support for the museum. With the help of the Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau and Tupelo Mayor Larry Otis, placing the museum in Tupelo became a reality.

The Tupelo Automobile Museum opened on December 7, 2002 and was designated the official State of Mississippi automobile museum in the spring of 2003.

It constitutes one of the largest automobile museums in North America.

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.