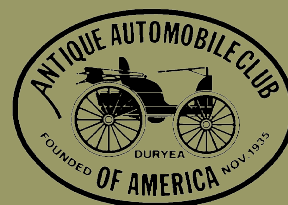


# RESTORER REPORTER



May, 2009

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2009  
6:30 P.M.  
Sweet Peppers Deli  
Muscle Shoals, AL

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## 2009 Calendar of Events

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

5th Annual  
"Cavalcade of Antique Cars"  
June 13  
Lawrence County, Tennessee

Alabama Hoe Down Show  
June 19-20  
Phil Campbell, Alabama

Helen Keller Festival Show  
June 27  
Tuscumbia, Alabama

## May Meeting to be Held at Sweet Peppers Deli

Members please note: The Muscle Shoals Region, AACA May meeting will be held at Sweet Peppers Deli in Muscle Shoals 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2009. After dinner we will go B. J. Thornton's garage.



## Ocean Movie Opens Nationwide

May 11, 2009

The independent film, "When I Find the Ocean," will open at Carmike theaters nationwide beginning Monday, May 11th. Written, directed and produced by Tonya S. Holly of Cypress Moon Studio in Sheffield, Alabama in 2005, the film was shot at sites in northwest Alabama. Muscle Shoals Region club member, Richard Hunnicutt's green 1955 Dodge truck is shown in several scenes (the poacher's vehicle). Also, Richard's white over green 1954 Plymouth appears in the background in one scene. Other local cars and locations appear in the film. Many of the cast are local actors which include Lee Majors, Diane Ladd, Graham Green, Richard Tyson, George Lindsey, Bernie Casey, David Fralick, Amy Redford, Natalie Canerday and Holly's daughter, Matland, in the lead role.

It is a good, clean, family type movie. Catch it if you can!

## Ford's First Catalog

May 4, 2009

Here's an article in the August 1985 issue of *Cars & Parts Ford Country* by David L. Lewis. The piece is about the meeting in 1933 between Charles E. Hulse, a long-time car collector from Flint, Michigan, and the artist who illustrated the first Ford catalog in 1903. The meeting took place at the artist's office in small office of one of Detroit's downtown buildings.

The artist is quoted as saying, "old Henry looked at the sample drawing of the car [1903 Model A] and said, 'stretch it out, it looks too short.' So I made it look longer and Ford was satisfied. He was the only one who ever complained about my work."

The article concludes, "The 1903 Model A was indeed short, having a wheelbase of only 72 inches. In requesting the artist to make his car appear longer, Ford may have once again pioneered a practice in the auto industry. Most subsequent auto advertising sought to convey the impression that cars are longer (and seats wider) than facts warrant."

## Grimmitt Hosted April Meeting

April 29, 2009

Members of the Muscle Shoals Region, AACA met April 28, 2009, at Charlie Grimmitt's Shop in Sheffield, Alabama. Many drove their antique car.

Those present were Mike Blackburn, Leo Cobb, Charlie Cooper, Bill Davis, Charlie Grimmitt, Bill Harrison, Bryant Hester, Richard Hunnicutt, James McCollum, Richard Sheridan and BJ Thornton. Also present were three visitors.

## *Dodge Brothers Contract with Henry Ford*

May 20, 2009



John (right) and Horace Dodge

The Dodge brothers were approached by Henry Ford in 1902 with his plans for a new automobile and contracted with him to become the exclusive supplier of 650 chassis. The brothers agreed to produce almost the entire chassis (engines, transmissions and axles mounted on frames — everything but the body, wheels and tires). When Ford, who was initially short on cash, couldn't make a \$5,000 payment, he offered the brothers 50 shares of Ford stock worth \$10,000, making them 10-percent stockholders in the new Ford Motor Company.

The brothers would remain as Ford Motor Company suppliers for the next 10 years, and John Dodge worked as vice president of the Ford company, until they began to manufacture their own nameplate in 1914. They founded their own car company with stock profits made from Ford and soon became a major competitor.

### **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 required of all its regions / chapters members.