

Welcome to the 2005 AACA National Winter Meet, being held on the campus of the flagship University of Florida at Gainesville. North Central Florida Region AACA are your hosts and we look forward to providing an enjoyable event to everyone.

Meet headquarters is the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center which will provide excellent accommodations, registration, members roundtable, judge's training and the judge's breakfast. A short distance away is the UF Cultural Plaza, site of the Saturday Show Field, surrounded by the Florida Museum of Natural History, The Harn Museum of Art and the Performing Arts Center which will all be open during our event.

Our awards Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Reitz Union in the heart of the UF campus. As this is "Spring Break week" there will be no classes or students at UF so we will be able to enjoy a less crowded campus.

We encourage you to make your reservations early as we have arranged to accommodate the largest turn-out in Winter National Meet history.

Registration/information, club merchandise and our hospitality room all adjoin in the Hilton ballroom foyer. Registration packets may be picked up Thursday noon to 6:00pm, Friday 8:00am to 6:00pm and at the show field on Saturday from 7:00am to 11:00am.

Trailer parking will be just outside of the Hilton main entrance, in the UF commuter parking lot. We ask everyone to plan to park their rigs as close together as practical. Overflow trailer parking will be made available on campus as needed.

Self-contained RV parking will be very convenient to the Hilton-perhaps a 500 foot walk. All RV's must be pre-registered on your AACA registration card and display our parking place card upon arrival.

Camping is not available on campus or within 20 minutes of the meet. Due to UF restrictions, the Region cannot offer flea or car corral spaces.

AREA ACTIVITIES

These self-guided activities for early arrivals offer opportunities for our guests. All the following are available both Thursday and Friday using your own vehicle or car-pooling with AACA friends:

- **Don Garlits Attractions** - both the Drag Racing Museum and the Antique Car Museum are substantial, well-presented collections worthy of a few leisurely hours. Located 45 minutes south on I-75 at exit 341, turn east. Hours are 9:00am - 5:00pm, admission is charged. Parking for large vehicles available.



- **The NPD® collection** at National Parts Depot/Ocala will be opened to AACA members and guests. Nearly 150 American autos and pick-ups from 1911 to present day, with emphasis on 1955 and newer. Very low-mileage all-original and a few AACA National Award winners. Hours are 8:00am - 5:00pm. Located 30 minutes south on I-75 using exit 352, then west on SR40 to 1st left then .7 mile south to 900 SW 38th Ave. Parking for large vehicles available.



- **Micanopy**, settled in 1821, is Florida's second oldest "city". Located 10 minutes south on I-75 at exit 374, Smiley's Antique Mall is open 9:00am - 6:00pm. A short distance east lies Old Downtown Micanopy, with over a dozen antique and decorating shops generally open 11:00am - 5:00pm.



- **Historic High Springs** offers a dozen antique and decorating shops. Take I-75 north 15 minutes to exit 399, then NW on US441 5 miles to downtown High Springs, hours are generally 10:00am - 5:00pm.

MEET ACTIVITIES

The Friday Schedule begins at 1:00pm with the General Membership Roundtable, followed at 2:00pm by judge's school. Both will be held in the excellent facilities of the Hilton Ballroom. Anyone interested in learning more about the Club and its judging procedures is warmly invited to attend and get involved.

Friday evening please plan to join us for a special reception and tour of the Florida Museum of Natural History, scheduled from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. A selection of desserts and beverages will be served - so save a little room after your evening meal, or come early and "eat dessert first"! Located on the UF Cultural Plaza, the steadily growing high-quality exhibits are of special interest and feature the unique history of Florida. We believe you will truly enjoy this evening. Tickets for the reception/ tour are \$12.00 and dress is Florida casual.



Saturday is **SHOW DAY!** Show vehicles may enter the UF Cultural Plaza Show Field at 7:00am and must be in place 11:00am thru 3:00pm.

The Judge's Breakfast begins at 8:00am in the Hilton Ballroom.

Plan a 10 minute drive onto campus for our Awards Banquet at the Grand Ballroom of the J. Wayne Reitz Union. Parking is somewhat limited, after hours and on weekends there is no fee - so car pooling with your AACA friends is encouraged. Social hour (cash bar) is at 6:00pm, with 7:00pm seating for the awards banquet. The Grand Ballroom is a very good facility, with seating for up to 800 amid the "Orange and Blue" colors of the UF Gators. Vehicle owners not attending the Banquet may join us when the Awards Presentation begins.

LODGING

Host Hotel (352) 371-3600
Hilton University of Florida Conference Center
1714 SW 34th Street • Gainesville, Florida 32607
doubles/kings \$99 + tax

The following hotels average 5 minutes from the Hilton and are at Exit 384 off I-75, make sure to mention the AACA WINTER NATIONAL MEET.

Baymont Inn and Suites (352) 376-0004
3905 SW 43rd Street • Gainesville, Florida 32608
doubles/kings/suites \$55-70 + tax

Cabot Lodge (352) 375-2400
3726 SW 40th Blvd. • Gainesville, Florida 32608
doubles \$72 + tax

Courtyard by Marriott (352) 335-9100
3700 SW 42nd Street • Gainesville, Florida 32608
doubles/kings \$89 + tax

Hampton Inn (352) 371-4171
4225 SW 40th Blvd. • Gainesville, Florida 32608
doubles/kings/suites \$69-95 + tax

Red Roof Inns (352) 336-3311
3500 SW 42nd Street • Gainesville, Florida 32608
doubles/kings \$52.99 + tax

RV Camping (386) 462-2505
Travelers Campground (approx. 20 min. from event)
I-75 and US 441 (Exit 399) • Alachua

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 3, 2005

12:00pm - 6:00pm Registration at the Hilton

Friday, March 4, 2005

8:00am - 6:00pm Registration at the Hilton

1:00pm Roundtable at the Hilton

2:00pm Judge's school at the Hilton

6:00pm - 9:30pm Dessert bar & Tour of Museum of Natural History

Saturday, March 5, 2005

7:00am Show field opens

8:00am Judge's breakfast at the Hilton

7:00am - 11:00am Registration at show field

11:00am Judging begins

1:30 pm Junior program

3:00pm Cars may leave show field at judge's discretion

6:00pm Social hour, cash bar at Reitz Union

7:00pm Awards Banquet - Reitz Union

MEET COMMITTEE

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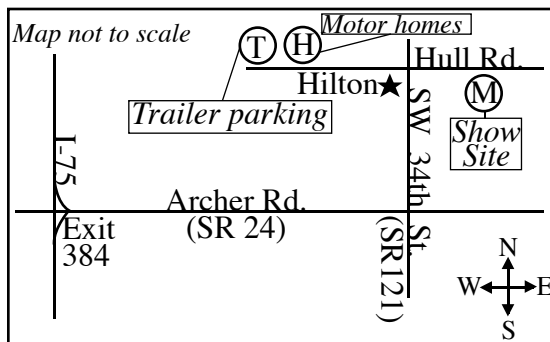
REGISTRATION DEADLINE 2/11/05
NO REFUNDS AFTER 2/11/05

Antique Automobile Club of America

2005 National Winter Meet
March 3-5, 2005
Gainesville, Florida



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Directions to Hilton. Using I-75, take exit #384 East on Archer Road (SR24) to SW 34th Street (SR 121) North (left). Proceed 3 blocks, watch for Hilton on left (West). Detailed map to follow with confirmation.