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Wayne Bostak's 1957 Ford Thunderbird

Coming Events:

November 4 Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**

November 12 Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**

November 12 Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**



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We start collecting club dues November first and hope to have them all in by January 1.

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The check must be made out to Florida Region, AACA. She will be publishing the 2013 club roster soon after the first of the year. Please check the current directory to see if all your information is correct. If anything has changed, please let me know when you send in your renewal. Also, remember, that to be a member of a region, you must have paid your dues to National.

That amount is \$35 and should be mailed to

AACA National Headquarters
P.O. Box 417
Hershey, PA 17033



Florida Region Christmas Party

December 1, 2012, 6 pm

Carrabba's Italian Grill, Winter Springs

Cost: \$20 per meal, Florida Region members
\$34 for non-members

Sign up and get more details at the
November 12th General Meeting

***Send your article submissions
to: EditorTRB@gmail.com
Deadline is the 20th of the month***

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – October 8, 2012

Members Present: Howard Gilkes, Bob Coolidge, Dick Gauchat, Mickey Bryant, Wayne Bostak and President Darrel Cole.

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on October 8, 2012. Darrel Cole called the board meeting to order at approximately 6:25 pm.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Howard Gilkes in the absence of Marilyn Roy.

The September Board Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the October edition of the Running Board.

Darrel made an inquiry as to the status of the FL Region website. It needs to show current information. Mickey reported that additional items are needed for the website.

Joe Showater with the Auto Show at the Convention Center reported to Darrel that it is not likely that antique cars will be included this year. New car dealers are responding by reserving space in larger amounts than in recent years.

The annual Christmas Party will be held as announced last month. The date is Saturday evening, December 1, 2012. The location is Carrabba's on the NE corner of Red Bug Lake Road and Tusawilla Road in Winter Springs. A final number of participants is needed by early November. Each member is to pay \$20.00 for each meal with the car club discount. A non member is to pay \$34.00. Members should mail their payment to Marilyn Roy, Treasurer. A gift exchange will be held as usual as part of the Christmas Party. More detail will be forthcoming in a flyer on the Christmas Party.

The November program will be an auction. Darrel is seeking a person to head up the auction. If you are willing to do this, please contact Darrel.

Florida Region Car Show—Ray Eckhart has an idea of using an open piece of property in Edgewood off of S. Orange Avenue as a place to hold the show. The Mayor of Edgewood supports the idea. More information on this potential site will be announced later.

Mickey presented the idea of developing our own event in addition to showing cars. Possibly staging a car auction as a draw is one idea.

AACA National sent Darrel several complementary memberships for the FL Region to use.

Darrel passed out a notice of The Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club's 32nd Annual Fall Festival Vintage Auto Show in Port St. Lucie, FL. The date of the event is November 10, 2012. The location is the Town Square at Tradition, Port St. Lucie.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:03 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary*

Minutes of The Florida Region AACA General Meeting – October 8, 2012

Florida Region members present: Approximately 20.

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on October 8, 2012. President Darrel Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 7.10 pm.

Dick Gauchat led the pledge to the flag.

A very interesting DVD was shown on special 1950's cars. Dennis Gage was the host on the DVD.

Howard Gilkes presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Marilyn Roy. The Treasurer's report was filed.

The Minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the October edition of The Running Board.

Kendra Gilkes filling in for Dena Holt was not aware of any new health problems of members.

The number attending and the choice of meal selection for the Christmas Party needs to be finalized and reported to Darrel by the early part of November. The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday night, December 1, 2012 at Carrabba's on the NE corner of Red Bug Lake Road and Tusawilla Road, Winter Springs. A sign up sheet for the event was circulated. Each member is to pay \$20.00 per dinner and mail their payment to Marilyn Roy, Treasurer. A commitment needs to be made by the November meeting date. A gift exchange will be held as part of the Christmas Party. This will be along the lines of previous gift exchanges. Gift toys should be brought to the Christmas Party for the charity gift.

The FL Region will not be participating in the Auto Show at the Orange County Convention Center in November. New car dealers are filling up the space for the show.

The November meeting will be an auction to benefit the Florida Region AACA. Members should bring any item that is likely to sell.

Various ideas for a future FL Region car show were discussed. Edgewood was one location. Also, creating an event for the FL Region in addition to a car show was discussed. Such an event could lead eventually to holding a car auction.

Mickey Bryant reported that the FL Region was invited to participate in the Paws in The Park event in Apopka. It was felt that this event was coming up too quickly for the FL Region to participate.

There were no reports on car shows.

Darrel spoke about the Winter Park Concourse coming up November 11. Darrel is still looking for a few more 1950's cars for the event.

It was noted that the Lake Mirror show in Lakeland is coming up October 20th.

Darrel reported on a recent trip to West Palm

Beach and a visit the John Staluppi private museum. The museum is an all encompassing museum. The collection is being put up for auction December 1, 2012. Darrel also reported on a **Model A Ford** collection/museum. It is located at 137 US 1, North Palm Beach, FL 33048. The **Model A Ford museum** Curator is Dennis. His telephone is 561-704-1543 for those wishing to visit the collection.

Howard Gilkes announced that Rachel Veitch is requesting a ride to attend the monthly meetings. If you could help bring Rachel to a meeting, please contact her. Rachel lives at 541 Hibiscus Way, Orlando. This is just east of St Rte 436 between East Colonial Drive and the East West Expressway. Her telephone number is 407-273-7742.

The upcoming Shrine Car Show was mentioned. The show will be held on October 21st.

Mickey Bryant spoke about the FL Region web site. Please send in a photo of your antique vehicle which can be used on the site.

Gene Crawford joined the FL Region. He owns a **1987 Chevrolet El Camino** and a **1956 Chevrolet sedan delivery**. Welcome Gene, we look forward to seeing your collector vehicles.

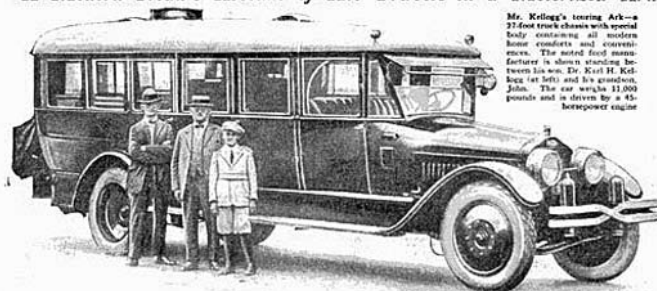
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary*

SUNSHINE AND TIDBITS

Sunshine and Tidbits is on vacation this month. It will return in the December 2012 issue.

"No Place like a Home on Wheels" *A Modern Noah's Account of His Travels in a Motorized Ark*



November Birthdays

Marlyn McMullen	November 4
Gene Crawford	November 5
Annette Morrison	November 18
Joseph Hoffman	November 24
John Parsons	November 26

A CLASSY LADY AND HER 1930 PACKARD

In an online article, dated September 15, 2012 the story of Margaret Dunning of Plymouth, Michigan is told as she cleans her **1930 Packard 740 Roadster** at the 2012 Glenmoor Gathering of Significant Automobiles in Michigan. Some amazing facts about her and her Packard in the article:

- ◆ She's 102 years old and still changes her own oil and spark plugs in her Packard.
- ◆ Her Packard was the first vehicle to be awarded a perfect 100-point score by the Classic Car Club of America.
- ◆ Started driving at age 8 on her family's dairy farm!
- ◆ Got her driver's licence at age 12 (90 years ago!)

Click on the link below to read the full article.



Historic Shell gas station, Raleigh, North Carolina



JUNKYARD FINDS



1959 Ford Galaxie at a Tampa area junkyard, missing V-8 engine and transmission, July 2012



SOURCE: <http://www.ohio.com/news/local/her-car-is-82-she-s-102-both-still-going-strong-1.334973>

COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

Wayne Bostak's 1957 Ford Thunderbird

Owner: **Wayne Bostak** Florida Region member

1) Wayne purchased this car from a local friend who did a frame-off restoration in the late 1970's. This car is painted in Ford Starmist Blue. Around 21,380 Thunderbirds were produced in 1957. The 1955, 1956 & 1957 are known as the first generation T-birds or "Little Birds".

2) It's a snug fit in this two seat "personal luxury car". This car features power steering, power brakes, power seat and a "Fordomatic" 3 speed automatic transmission.

3) The 312 cubic inch (5.1 liter), 245 horsepower, overhead valve, Y Block engine comes with a four barrel carburetor. The engine compartment is "1957 correct". It includes the optional engine dress up kit: aluminum valve covers and chrome air cleaner.

4) The round taillights harken to the "space rocket exhaust" look of the late 50's. The exhaust comes out both of the bumper openings. The spare tire is mounted vertically in the large and spacious trunk.

5) The removable hardtop has "porthole" windows to improve rear quarter visibility. Wayne also has the convertible top frame (without cover) and real Kelsey Hayes wire wheels (not hub caps) for this car. Due to other car interests at the moment, Wayne's car is now for sale.



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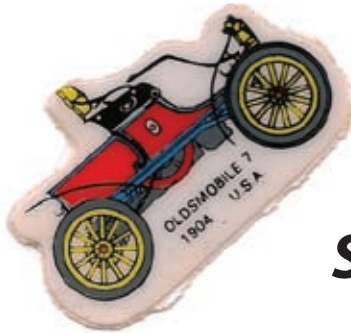
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THE GLIDDEN TROPHY & TOURS

by **Jim Prior, Part 2 of 2**

with thanks to the AAA (American Automobile Association)

Apart from the Glidden Tour, women were a part of the adventure of early touring. In the summer of 1909, Mrs. John Ramsey and her three women traveling companions drove 4,500 miles from New York City to Oakland, California, in 35 days. The car was a **Maxwell-Briscoe**. Among the reported provisions, other than considerable luggage, were cooking equipment, shovels, picks and rope. The report did not note where they got gasoline, tires, and other essentials for travel during those days. In comparison, the Pathfinder team for the 1909 Glidden, albeit traveling in the wet month of April, took 38 days to get from Detroit to Kansas City. Go Girls!

The rules were changed for the Glidden in 1910. An article in the American Motorist, AAA's publication at the time, provided details of the "fixed penalty schedule" which would result in the award of the Glidden Trophy to the car with the smallest penalty. Among other things, the cars had to pass an inspection at the end of the run. This led to a post event lawsuit by Premier, contesting the AAA Contest Board decision, who claimed that an oiler was a stock item when, according to the New York State Supreme Court, by dismissal, it wasn't. Things were getting serious! (There is a whole file on this dispute.) Penalties were awarded (is that the right term?) for being late at a control point, for working on the cars, for failing to meet specified operational test specifications after the event and for having various things break, shake, fail, or leak. I could extract the details from this article, but I am afraid that someone in our hierarchy might decide to use these as a basis of scoring in a CARavan. However, I will have a second article on the new rules.

1910 had 14 touring cars running 2,851 miles from Cincinnati, OH to Chicago, IL through Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa and western Illinois. The award had two results.

The referee awarded the prize to Ray McNamara in a **Premier "6"** and the Contest Board awarded the prize to Mr. Bolger in a **Chalmers**. Premier protested, see above. The trophy went to **Chalmers**.

1911 required a change in route. Originally, this was to be routed from Washington D.C. to Ottawa, Canada in June. It finally was run from New York City to Jacksonville, FL in October. (The first of the CCCA snowbirds?) The route covered 1,454 miles and had 18 teams of three cars entered. The Tarrytown Team (**Maxwell**) won. The Anderson SC Trophy, initiated this year, was awarded to the Honorable Hoke Smith of Atlanta GA. This trophy was awarded to the individual car making the best score on AAA reliability tours.

The 1912 event was canceled. Originally, it was to be run from the 7th through the 22nd of October. It was postponed a week, then abandoned entirely due to the "Spring floods and the bad conditions of the roads as a sequel to the floods." According to the records, Mr. Glidden made the trip anyhow in the company of another car. The AAA National Touring Trophy was initiated for this event.

The last Glidden Tour was held in 1913, covering 1,300 miles. It drew 25 automobiles for the route from Minneapolis to Glacier Park, Montana. The prize went to the Boston Team driving **Metz** autos. The AAA Touring Trophy, originated this year, went to Dr. J. D. Park of Duluth in a **Locomobile**. The citation for the award reads: "The first part of the journey was strenuous on account of the nature of the soil, clay and gumbo in many sections.

Touring in the Northwest is very much a weather proposition, rain rendering the roads so difficult of navigation that even skillful and careful driving does not always keep the car in the tracks. The roads were soft and treacherous on the first day and the first night found some of the drivers well worn from the unusual exertions of voyaging through the inland seas." The Perpetual Automobile Touring Trophy went to a **Hupmobile** after a draw in a five-way tie.



1909 Glidden Tour Parade at Belle Isle (Detroit, Michigan) Source: <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2007662583/>

The Daily News cup went to a **Metz** after a tie and a draw.

People who shall remain nameless have made comments on the discomforts from failures of their cars during CARavans. Today we have paved roads, although we also have somewhat increased traffic volumes. I don't think that we would want to take one of the nicely restored Full Classic™ cars through a Glidden route. We might never get the mud out of the wheel bearings.

For those who develop the route and plot the directions for a contemporary CARavan, the planning for the 1910 Glidden Tour may be of interest: "June 15 is the probable date for the tentative route which starts from Cincinnati via ----- to Chicago. While the distance is approximately 2,300 miles, this mileage may be increased or diminished according to the conditions met with during the official path-finding tour, which will begin its work about April 15." (American Motorist, Vol II, No. 3, April, 1910.) The routes were marked with paper streamers to designate proper turns. (I guess that they didn't have car-mounted GPS systems to record the route to 0.1 miles, plus or minus 30 feet.)

For a full story on the Glidden Tours, see "Fill 'Er Up' by Bellamy Partridge, McGraw Hill.

In 1914, AAA determined that the promotion of reliability and technical development of automobiles was going to be better in racing and they switched their sponsorship to the Indianapolis 500.

The Glidden Tours were revived in 1946 by M. J. Duryea, son of the early automobile builder. AAA joined in the sponsorship of the event in 1962, its 60th anniversary. Other clubs involved with the revival included the VMCCA, AACA, and the HCCA.

AAA moved its headquarters to Heathrow FL a few years ago. If you want to see the trophies in the photos, exit I-4 at Exit 101-A, CR 46-A, and head a half mile west to Heathrow International Blvd. The AAA headquarters building is about a mile south, to the right, at 1000 AAA Blvd.

I want to thank Laura Reed, AAA Auto Club South, Public and Government Relations, and Melissa Phillips, AAA National, Research Librarian and Library Manager, for their assistance in preparing this article – Jim Prior

Florida Region AACA Christmas Party

**December 1, 2012 (Saturday)
starts at 6:00 pm**

Carrabba's Italian Grill
5820 Red Bug Lake Road
Winter Springs, FL 32708
(407) 696-6600

Bring 1 unwrapped toy for local charity.

**Bring 1 wrapped gift per person or
1 gift per couple to participate in the Chinese gift exchange.**

AUTOMOTIVE LOGOS REVEALED

Ferrari Prancing Stallion

The black prancing stallion emblem adorned a number of World War I fighter planes piloted by Italian Count Francesco Baracca, an accomplished equestrian known as “the cavalier of the skies.” After the pilot’s death, the count’s mother presented the emblem to Enzo Ferrari, who added the canary-yellow background and the colors of the Italian flag across the top. It has been the symbol of Ferrari ever since.



SOURCE: <http://editorial.autos.msn.com/the-history-of-car-logos-revealed#4>

YOU TUBE WATCH



Leno’s Garage Makeover

DIY Network’s series “Garage Mahal” helped renovate Jay Leno’s 17,000-sq. ft., six-car, three-room home garage (with garage basement!). The full episode is 40 minutes long. Will Leno’s 153 inch wheelbase 1931 Bentley 8-Litre be able to fit in the garage? Watch the video to find out.

SOURCE: <http://www.diynetwork.com/diy-garage-mahal-episode/videos/index.html>

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1948 Dodge Pickup, No trans/motor Black Primer	2,500
1950 Farmall Tractor	3,500
1951 Mercury Custom, Red	15,000
1952 Ford Tractor with accessories/implements	3,495 OBO
1954 Plymouth Savoy New Arrival	12,500
1953 MGTD RED	22,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, 2-dr Yellow	40,000
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, Red	49,995
1962 Harley Davidson MC	Make an offer!
1966 Chrysler Convertible 300	19,500
1968 Pontiac Firebird ,Veduro Green	
Featured Car!	24,000
1968 Jaguar XKE	59,500
1969 Mercedes 280 SL Black	37,500
1972 VW Frame with Bradley Body	4,495
1972 Chevy Pickup, yellow	9,995
1972 Buick Centurion	12,500
1979 VW Volkswagen Conv.	7,995
1980 Shay Model A Roadster	14,500
1981 Mercedes Benz White 2 Tops	7,000
1989 Bentley Turbo only 10,000 miles	34,900
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Crane Cams Factory Tour

by Mark Regnier, TRB Editor

This October, I was fortunate to take a factory tour of the Crane Cams facility located in an industrial park about 5 minutes from the Daytona International Speedway. Crane Cams makes valve train parts such as camshafts, lifters, rocker arms, etc. and ignition systems such as distributors, coils, spark plug wires, etc. for all kinds of internal combustion engines



What was amazing about the Spintron was that it is powered by 480 volts(!) and is computer controlled, so that entire race laps can be programmed into the motor. The engine block has part of the cylinder sleeve cut out so the Crane Cams engineers can point lasers at the underside and above the valves to look for potential problem areas.

Our last stop on the tour was the factory floor where they hand make all their camshafts. I was forbidden from taking any of my own photos on the shop floor, The photo below is from Crane Cams Facebook page of a tour later that day.



Jerry was the the informative tour guide (in the black shirt) for our group. On the table above are the steps to make a camshaft. From raw metal bars, to rough machined part, to semi finished, to final product. Crane Cams have no CNC machines.

The actual camshaft grinding machines were really interesting. They are modified Italian crankshaft grinding machines and are accurate to within 0.001 inches. They can work on camshafts up to 44 inches long! We spoke to one machinist as he was working on a tractor camshaft. He seemed very passionate about his work and seemed to be a true craftsman.

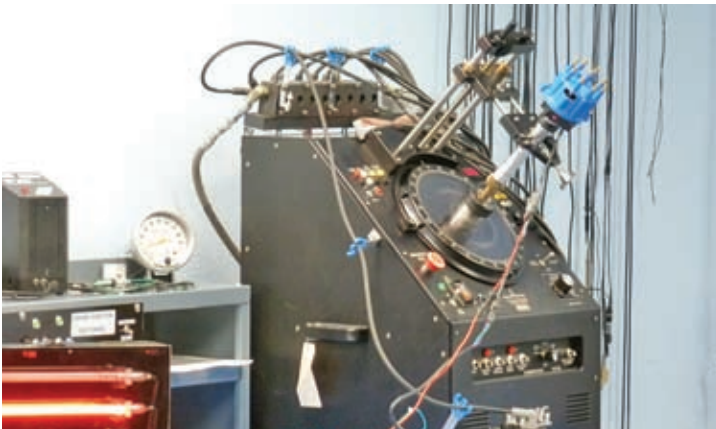
I am trying to arrange a factory tour for our club.

SOURCE: <https://www.facebook.com/cranecams>

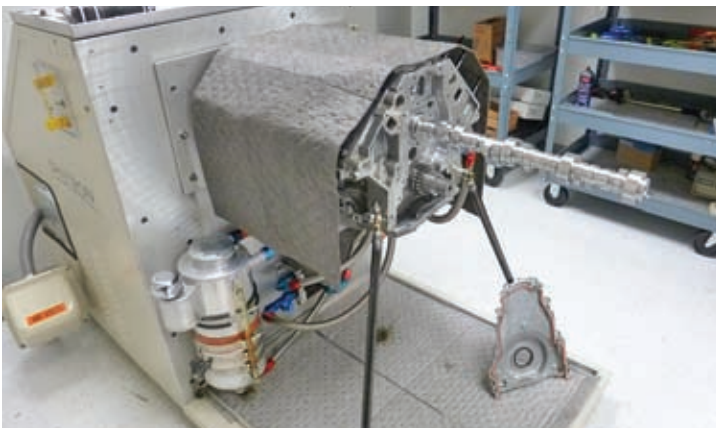
CRANE Cams®

(automotive, marine, racing, farm equipment, etc.). They just moved into their new building in January of 2012. This was their first factory tour in 5 years.

A group of us 8 gearheads were led into the first room which consisted of a fancy distributor tester.



The second room had their “Spintron” tester where they can run a camshaft in an engine without a crankshaft or pistons, powered by an electric motor.



The Running Board

Attn: Editor

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Maitland, FL 32751

Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

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- December 2** Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**
- December 10** Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**
- December 10** Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**

November 2012 Car Events

- November 3** **Ancient City** Region AACA, car show, St. Augustine, FL, Contact: Mark Young 904-687-3894
- November 8-11** **Zephyrhills Fall Autofest**, Festival Park, US 301, Zephyrhills, FL, Contact 717-243-7855
- November 10** **Treasure Coast** Region AACA car show, Port St. Lucie Contact: Gary Felker 941-493-3780
- November 11** **Winter Park Concours d'Elegance**, Contact: Tim Webber, 407-649-9190
- November 11** **Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene**, Annual Thanksgiving Service, Dinner and Antique Car Show. 9 am to 2 pm, Contact: 407-889-2148
- November 23-24** **Volusia Region** Gaslight Parade & Car Show, Ormond Beach, FL, Joan Beck, 386-672-7762
- November 22-25** **Daytona Turkey Run**, Daytona Beach FL, Contact: Rick Finzer 386-767-9070

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