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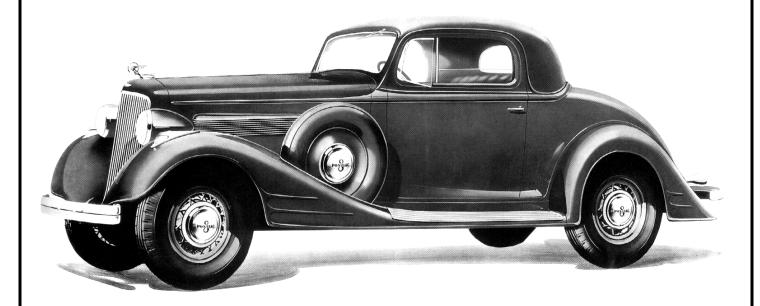


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1934 Pontiac Eight Sport Coupe

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Cover Car

This month's cover features the 1934 Pontiac Sport Coupe. This year Pontiac only offered an eight cylinder car. The engine was an L-head inline, had a displacement of 223.4 cubic inches and was rated at 84 hp at 3,800 rpm. The cars rode on a 117.25 inch wheelbase. Factory prices ranged from \$675 for a business coupe to \$805 for a trunk sedan. Cars with standard equipment came with a braves head hood ornament and the deluxe equipped cars came with an Indian maiden hood ornament. The factory price for the Sport Coupe pictured cost \$725 and had a shipping weight of 3,260 lbs. Pontiac sold 79,803 cars during the 1934 calendar year. This dropped them to seventh place for industry sales for the year (down from fifth place in 1933).



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Marguerite Stuckey	Feb. 12	Karen Anderson	Feb. 31
Nancy Gilbreath	Feb. 20		

President's Letter

By: Bob Coolidge, FL Region President

The Installation of Officers Pot Luck Dinner was a great success. All the food prepared was extraordinary and certainly reflects well on our culinary abilities. Thank you Mark Regnier for coordinating this event. Mark no doubt has a future as an event planner.

Thank you Bill Morris for serving as Vice President, Don Allen as Treasurer, and departing Board of Trustees members Earl Beauchamp and Marilyn Roy. Your service to the Florida Region has been greatly appreciated.

Dick Gauchat was presented with the Brent Ferguson Award. Dick assisted by Millie scheduled and coordinated multiple events for the Region during 2010. Thank you Dick and Mille.

Incoming as Vice President is Gene Roy; Treasurer is Marilyn Roy and Board of Trustees members Tom Holt and Jerry Eakins. We welcome these veteran members of the Florida Region and the antique vehicle hobby to these positions.

Board members who will be responsible for one monthly program each will coordinate the monthly programs during 2011. Despite our threats and offers, Larry Cole has decided to take a break from providing our monthly program. Thank you Larry for handling this task for many years. Ideas for a program at least somewhat related to the antique vehicle hobby are welcome.

The schedule of events for the 2011-year is being planned. I would like to hear from more of you as to exactly what type of activities you would like to see the Florida Region schedule and conduct. There were several fun events held during 2010 and it is our plan to have more of these during 2011 but please let me hear from you.

I am pleased to report that Florida Region member Charlie Steffy was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Antique Studebaker Club. This club focuses on Studebaker built vehicles through the 1946 model year and Studebaker M series trucks produced through the 1948 model year. Charlie's father was a Studebaker dealer in Pennsylvania and Charlie restored his first Studebaker at age 15. Congratulations Charlie on this appointment.

The AACA Winter Meet in Homestead, Florida is now only a little over one month away. I hope we will have a good turn out from the Florida Region. I am looking forward to this show again. Following the second year in Homestead, the Winter Meet will be held in Melbourne, Florida in 2012 and Lakeland in 2013.

The Florida Region's show is scheduled for March 13th, as part of the Apopka Fair and one month later will be the AACA 2011 Founders Tour, which our Region is also hosting. We have a busy spring coming.

Thank you Howard Gilkes for all of your assistance and guidance in the operation of the Florida Region. Also, to all of our members who step up volunteering with their time and participation.

Best Wishes Bob

Sunshine and Tidbits

By: Dena Holt

Love is in the air....Marilyn and Gene Roy's granddaughter Amanda Roy's boyfriend surprised her with a beautiful engagement ring on New Year's Eve. What a wonderful start for the New Year. Congratulations; be happy.

Cataract surgery seems to be the fashionable thing these days amongst our club members as in December, Kendra Gilkes had cataract surgery on both eyes, all went well and her vision is right up to par. Then in early January Earl Beauchamp had cataract surgery on his eyes and told us there was nothing to it and he is doing just great. From what I hear the worst part of this surgery is the drops before and after for a lengthy period of time. For sure, we can count on it that both Kendra and Earl's eyes won't be missing a trick from now on!

Our condolences to Sally Cole whose mother passed away on Christmas Eve. The loss of a parent brings a difficult closure in our lives. Sally, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We wonder how much bad luck can one person have well our Shirley Dawson found out when she recently fell at home and broke her shoulder and arm on January 8th and had surgery on the 9th. She is now home and recuperating with weeks of exercises ahead of her. We had hoped 2011 was going to be a banner year for Shirley with good health and so it will be; as this is just a bump in the road and soon will be behind her and on to many happy times to enjoy with Russ.

Lee Duncan is to have a cornea transplant on January 31. Good luck wishes heading your way Lee and a speedy recovery.

Happy Valentine's Day to all our members. Enjoy the day with your favorite gal and fella.

Happy Birthday to our February members and a year of happy times and good health.

Florida Region History - January 2011

Gus Hicks Antique Gas Station

Many rare antique items make up this authentic replica of a late teens, early twenties gas station. Thousands have taken a nostalgic trip into the past by browsing through the relics of motoring antiquity housed within this completely moveable old gas station which was designed and built by it's owner, Paul Holt, and used to be erected at shows during the 70s. Paul Holt was our 1977 Florida Region President.

This photograph was scanned and printed from a Post Card provided by member Gary Patterson. Thanks, Gary.

Howard Gilkes, Historian



Florida Region Board Meeting Minutes 1-10-2011

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 10, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coolidge at 5:30pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were Mark Regnier, Mickey Bryant, Howard Gilkes, Marilyn Roy, Bob McMullen, Dick Gauchat, and Bill Morris. General Members present were Jerry Eakins and Gene Roy.

The Minutes of the December Board Meeting were approved as published in 'The Running Board'.

Gene Roy reported that over one-hundred National Members have requested the application form to participate in our Founders Tour on April 17-22.

Mickey Bryant made a motion that we pay \$115 for a quarter page ad in Cruz News for our Apopka Auto Show on March 13th. Howard second the motion. Motion passed.

A motion was made to hire a DJ for our Apopka Auto Show. The motion failed.

Bob Coolidge reported that we need a Program Chairman for 2011. Howard suggested that each Board Member take a month and be responsible for that one month's program. The Board agreed. Howard volunteered for February, Marilyn for April and Mark for May.

Jerry Eakins announced that the next 1st Sunday Breakfast will be on January 30th.

Dick Gauchat volunteered to have our Christmas Party at his Clubhouse again. However, we will need volunteers to help prepare before the party and other volunteers to help clean-up afterwards.

The upcoming monthly activities schedule is as follows:

January 30th First Sunday Breakfast

February 7th Founders Tour Committee Meeting (Gene Roy and Tom Holt)

February ${\bf 14}^{\rm th}$ Board and General Meetings (Bob Coolidge)

February 14th Program (Howard Gilkes)

March 13th Florida Region Auto Show (Mickey Bryant)

March 14th Program (?)

April 11th Program (Marilyn Roy)

April 17-22 Founders Tour (Gene Roy and Tom Holt)

May 9th Program (Mark Regnier)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

Howard Gilkes, Secretary



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Florida Region General Meeting Minutes 1-10-2011

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 10, 2011. The meeting was called to order by

President Bob Coolidge at 6:30pm. Forty-one (41) members and guests were in attendance. The meeting started with a Pot Luck Supper to acknowledge our Awards and Installation Celebration.

President Bob thanked Mark Regnier, Kendra Gilkes and all the ladies for the fine food.

The Minutes of the December General Meeting were approved as published in "The Running Board".

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

Bob Coolidge reminded the Membership that dues are due and payable for both Regional and National.

Mickey Bryant made flyers for the Apopka Auto Show on March 13th available to the Membership to distribute.

Gene Roy requested that Ads for the Founders Tour Program be completed by March 11th.

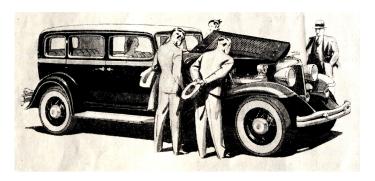
Awards were presented to the Executive Board Members and Chairmen. The President's Brent Ferguson Award was presented to Dick Gauchat. Congratulations were extended to Dick for the many functions he volunteered to chair.

Larry Limmel reminded everyone of the up-coming 86th Annual East-West Shriner's football game on January 22nd in the Citrus Bowl. He encouraged attendance for a worthy cause.

Jack Swain said he still has battery tenders for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Howard Gilkes, Secretary



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1936	Dodge Bros. Coupe	6,500
1941	Packard Business Coupe	26,950
1941	Cadillac Series 62	44,995
1948	Jeepster	20,000
1948	Studebaker Truck	5,995
1950	Farm All Tractor Red OUT FRONT	3,500
1951	Mercury Custom,Red	21,500
1952	Daimler DB18 Saloon	4,500
1960	Ford Thunderbird	28,000
1964	Chevy Impala LOW Orig. Miles	33,000
1966	Studebaker Cruiser	5,995
1969	Oldsmobile Delta 88	3,995
1970	Oldsmobile Cutlass	3,295
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A Guide to Florida License Plate Alphabetic Codes, 1938 – 1980

By: Mark Regnier, Florida Region AACA Member

Between 1938 and 1980, Florida license plate tags (sometimes) in addition to (or in place of) the county code included an alphabetic code that indicated the weight or use of the vehicle such as, automobile, motorcycle, commercial truck, mobile home, auto dealer, etc. See my article in the January 2011 "The Running Board" for the 67 Florida county codes. Some of these letters were stacked on top of each other. So, those stacked letters are represented in the list below with a forward slash between the letters.

No Code – Passenger Vehicle between 2501–3500 lbs.

A – Motorcycle, Private over 500 Lbs

B – Heavy Trailer, Private (1932–1975)

B/B – Light Trailer, Private (1939–1975) between 501 – 1050 lbs

C - City Bus

C/V – Commercial Vehicle, payload over 2000 lbs.

CONV. – Convention Motorcycle, for Shriner or other organization

CONVENTION CAR – Convention Car, for Shriner or other organization

D – Passenger Vehicle between 2001–2500 lbs.

DV - Disabled Veteran

E – Limousine / Bus for Hire (rental)

FHP – Florida Highway Patrol

FO – Half year trailer for Hire (rental) over 4001 lbs.

FPP - Florida Press Photographer

G – Commercial Truck, less than 2050 lbs.

G/F – Truck for Hire (rental), Full Year

G/H – Commercial Truck between 2051 – 3050 lbs.

G/K – Commercial Truck between 3051 – 5050 lbs.

G/W – Commercial Truck / Heavy Equipment over 5050 lbs

H or H/T - House Trailer

H/F – Half Year Semi Trailer, for Hire (rental), over 4501 lbs.

HORSELESS / CARRIAGE – see definition below

HP– Handicapped

K - Hearse or Ambulance

L - Semi Trailer

M - Auto Dealer

MEMBER OF CONGRESS or **MC** – Member of Congress

MF - Franchise Auto Dealer

MH – Mobile Home

MI – Independent Auto Dealer

MT – Independent Auto Dealer

MICCOSUKEE / INDIAN – for tribal members only, located in south Florida

N – Rental Trailer over 2000 lbs.

NN – Rental Trailer under 2000 lbs.

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O – Semi Trailer for Hire (rental)

P - Farm Truck / Harvest Truck / Off-Road Vehicle

Q – Antique Car (25 years old at year of issue)

R – Motorcycle, Private under 500 lbs.

RB – Ringling Brothers, circus troupe located in Sarasota, FL

RP – Real Property (Mobile Home converted to Fixed Asset)

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License Plate Codes (cont.)

RV - Recreational Vehicle

ROLLING/STORE

S – Bus for Hire (rental)

SEMINOLE / INDIAN– for tribal members only, located in south Florida

SHERIFF

SRD - State Road Department

T – Passenger Vehicle under 2000 lbs. (1934–1961)

TA - Semi Tractor

TAF or T/A/F- Semi Tractor

T/B/F – Semi Tractor

TD or T/D/F - Semi Tractor

TE - Semi Tractor

T/E/F - Semi Tractor

V – Private / Light Trailer under 500 lbs.

W – Passenger Vehicle between 3501–4500 lbs.

WW – Passenger Vehicle over 4500 lbs.

X – Non Profit Owned / Tax Exempt

One interesting new thing I learned while doing this research is the license plate code for mobile homes can change from "MH" to "RP". A mobile home converted to a fixed asset and taxed along with land had the "RP" (Real Property) designation with the county code on right side of the tag. For example, the Florida tag "1234RP17" indicates a mobile home converted to real property ("RP") located (and taxed) in Seminole County ("17").

Some other Florida license plate trivia...

A "Horseless Carriage" is defined, by the State of Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, as "an automobile, truck or motorcycle weighing 5,000 pounds or less, for private use, manufactured in 1945 or earlier. The license plate is permanent and valid for use without renewal as long as the vehicle is owned by the same owner/registrant."

Florida issued **pairs of license plates** (installed on front and rear of vehicle) only in the years 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921!

The oldest state of Florida issued license plate photo I could find online was dated **1912**! There were Florida vehicle tags issued before 1912 but they were issued by the county (not by the State of Florida) and had no year of issue indicated.

Information for last month's article and this article came from... <u>www.floridaplates.com</u>, <u>www.plateshack.com</u>, and www.floridalicenseplates.com



This 1966 tag is registered in Hendry county ("49") for a Commercial Truck weighing between 3051 – 5050 lbs. ("G/K")

The Most Important People in AACA

By: Don Barlup, VP National Activities From: *The Rummage Box*

Whom, do you consider to be the most important people in AACA, not just today, but years ago and for many years to come? Please continue to read this article to find the answer!

Have you ever considered what it would be like if we did not have any National Meets or Tours to attend. Well, you say, I have my local Region activities to attend! True, but how many people do you have the opportunity to meet and enjoy the hobby with on the local level? Undoubtedly, some of your best friends!

For those of you who attend National Meets and Tours across the country, how many new friends have you made over the years that do not belong to your local Region? I'll bet many, especially if you are involved in the AACA Judging Program. Have you considered what the hobby would be like if you didn't have those many friends and acquaintances all over the country.

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Most Important People (cont.)

While traveling this great country of ours, what unforgettable sights have you seen as a result of attending an AACA National Meet or Tour? How many private collections and antique shops would you have missed if you had stayed home?

What about all those super vehicles that can only be seen by visiting other AACA Regions and Chapters throughout the country. Keep looking and traveling, there is always another treasure down the road.

Are you starting to get the picture? To me the most important people in AACA are those chairpersons who take the lead in hosting our National Meets and Tours. Don't you agree? Would you like to be one of the most important people in AACA? Contact me today and learn how to make it happen.

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Heres a "Guy Thing" You Might See on an AACA National Tour

By Earl D. Beauchamp, Jr., Orange Blossom Region From: *The Rummage box*

Why spend the money to go on a National Tour, you might ask. The true answer to this, is that you can see things in distant places that the average tourist can and will never see. There are museums, from art museums to historical museums. There are car collections to historical airplane and train museums. There are restoration shops to junkyards. There are antique stores to theatre's, where the host Region or Chapter have arranged for some kind of great entertainment. There are private collections you would otherwise never see and private homes that double as historic places that the average tourist can never enter. I guess what I'm trying to say is that to Judy and me, when we become satisfied to sit in one place and have lost our interest in seeing things we've never seen before or revisit things we have seen before, we feel like we've stopped living but are still breathing. Add to that, "what we might see" or "who we will see". By attending tours over the years, and otherwise participating in the antique car hobby outside of our own tight little box, we've made friends all over the United States. Some of these friendships have spanned as many as forty-five years.

Traveling with friends, sharing laughs, enjoying meals and entertainment of all kinds, and doing it in or with old cars simply adds to the joy of travel. Traveling otherwise can be lonesome and sterile, but making new friends and enjoying the company of old friends that you can only see once or twice every year or two makes traveling so much more enjoyable. One of the things, after all, that most of

us seek as part of the old car hobby is companionship and friendship with others in the old car hobby who enjoy a similar interest.

There is one couple with whom we made a friendship, first by correspondence back around 1968 and then by visiting them with our children, for several days back in 1973. They live in Northern California. Judy and I bought a new Plymouth Scamp that year and I took five weeks off from work. Our daughters were 12 and 16 and we took the trip of our lives. We spent time from one to three days with various old car acquaintances all across the United States on that trip. One of the places where we spent several days was at the home of Bob & Ruth Trueax, who lived in Danville, CA near San Francisco. Bob took off from work and gave us a tour of the city in his 1954 Buick station wagon. Years later, they came to Maryland, where we lived, and went to Carlisle and Hershey with us.

Both families had been active in another club, one which I co-founded in 1966 for newer antique automobiles, the Contemporary Historical Vehicle Assn., (CHVA), and although Judy and I weren't yet able to get away from work and do a lot of touring, the Trueax's began a saga of touring that has now taken them to the far ends of the USA the last fifteen years, around 189,000 miles of which has been done in a 1951 DeSoto station wagon.

Most recently, after becoming more active in AACA, Bob & Ruth have driven the DeSoto to the 2004 Sentimental Tour in Woodbridge, VA, and in 2010 that same car to a tour in Kerrville, TX. They drove it to the AACA Founders Tour in Midland, TX, and if Bob's health is still strong, I fully expect to see that DeSoto at the 2011 Founders Tour in Lake Mary, FL., or the CHVA Annual Tour that will also be in Florida next year. In 2006 they flew to Florida and used our 1939 Buick convertible sedan on the Sentimental Tour. On one trip to a tour in Texas, the DeSoto was hit broadside and couldn't go on. Bob bought an old Buick LeSabre from a fellow club member and drove it back to California. He had the DeSoto shipped home and repaired in time for the next tour the following year.

That's the 1951 DeSoto as the backdrop. Judy and me are on the right, Bob & Ruth Trueax are in the middle and another old friend and former CHVA President, AJ & Ruth Berg (formerly PA, now of TX) are on the left. We all got together on the 2009 AACA Founder's Tour out of Midland, TX. We've all been far flung friends since 1967. The old car hobby is what brought us all together for many years of friendship.

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A Guy Thing (cont.)

Judy and I have done a lot of tours since 1994, but we're neophytes next to our California friends. Yet, in our time of touring, we've met so many people, made so many new friends, seen so many new and fun things, that we find it hard to sit home and wait for another tour we can afford to attend. Really, you need to give it a try. Tours give to you; both something to look forward to, and something to remember. And the new friends you might make add to the worth of the trip. Now if you have a friend, it's even better to have a travel-mate. Judy and I often travel to events and tours with Gene and Marilyn Roy of Orlando. Old cars traveling together is friendship in numbers and it makes the trip more enjoyable.

During the tours we've seen all sorts of things from the Luray Caverns of Virginia to a car dealership in Texas who has kept a lot of old cars he couldn't sell and now has a junkyard kind of collection out back, where he doesn't sell any parts, but just enjoys watching the cars molder away in the sunlight. We've been to Luckenbach, TX, the town that was the subject of the famous Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings million-seller hit song. I personally chaired the first prototype Sentimental Tour, where we took people to the birthplace of George Washington and the boyhood home of Robert E. Lee. We've seen a shop in Florida where standard sedans were being remade into convertibles. We've ridden a boat on the Wisconsin Dells, and visited an old Air Force Base in TX where B-17s and Liberators were cut up following the end of World War II. We've been down into a defunct Pennsylvania Coal Mine and seen the home of the founder of Kodak in New York. Judy remembers best visiting the Cabbage Patch Doll factory in Georgia. None of these things would have been possible without our going on AACA tours.

No matter what your choice in old cars, AACA has a tour for you. If you like brass cars, there is the Reliability Tour that covers 1916 and earlier. If you like a 1927 Dodge there is the Vintage Tour. If you like a 1939 Buick there is the Sentimental Tour, and the Glidden Tour® covers all of the previous cars. If you like a 1958 Pontiac or a 1932 Ford there is the Sentimental Tour, but if you like a 1965 Chevrolet, a 1985 Cadillac or a 1960 Mercedes there is the Founders Tour for you, and all five of them can go on a Founders Tour because it covers back to 1932. AACA doesn't leave anybody out of the tour scene.

Another thing you'll find on an AACA Tour is, AACA people really do like to eat! Good food, often and plentiful, is the mark of a good tour. Tourists often say happily of some tours, "Wow, that was a 10-pound tour!"

Why do we belong to AACA anyway? We belong to have friends and make friends with others of a like interest, and we don't have to be limited to our local fifty-mile radius

either. The opportunities are endless. Indulge yourself in the camaraderie you can find on a tour.



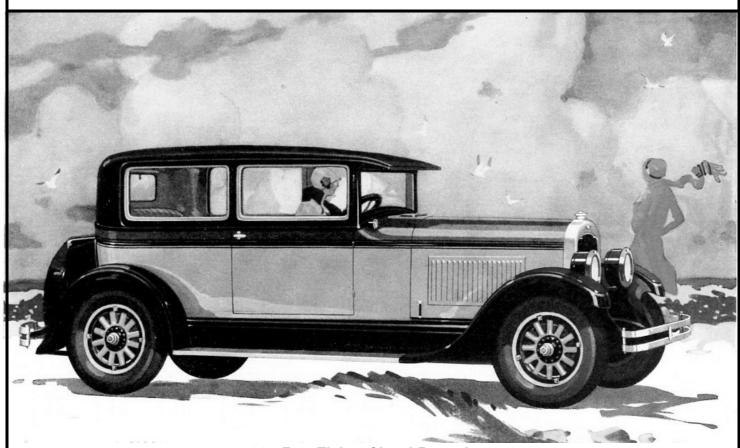
O'Hara Restorations Annual Car Show, Sat. Feb. 19

O'Hara Restorations will hold their Annual Car Show on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 AM to 3 PM. The event will feature cars, vendors, a flea market, bands/music, and food. Please RSVP by calling 863-635-9008 if you plan to attend. O'Hara Restorations is located at 10S. Scenic Highway, Frostproof, FL 33843.



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