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1932 Dodge Eight Coupe

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Between Keller St. & Forrest City Rd., 9:00 AM

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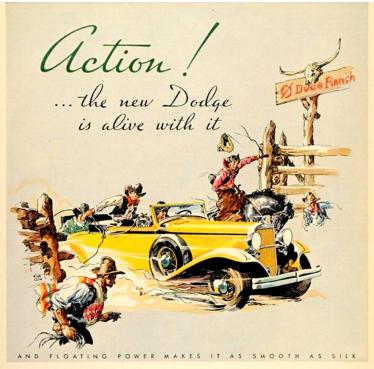
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Cover Car

This month's cover features the 1932 Dodge Eight Coupe. Dodge offered a Six and an Eight cylinder line of cars for 1932. The Six came on a 114.5 inch wheelbase and had a 218 cubic inch flat head six cylinder engine rated at 79 hp at 3,400 rpm. The Eight came on a 122 inch wheelbase and had a 282 cubic inch flat head straight eight cylinder engine rated at 90 hp at 3,400 rpm. Factory prices ranged from \$795 for a Six Business Coupe to \$1,395 for an Eight Convertible Sedan. Dodge produced 30,216 cars for 1932, placing them in seventh place for industry sales



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Happy Birthday

Howard Gilkes	Feb. 3	Nancy Gilbreath	Feb. 20
Pat Chamberlain	Feb. 4	Darrel Cole	Feb. 21
Larry Golub	Feb. 5	Gale Petronis	Feb. 22
Dana Schoppe	Feb.6	Kenneth Stuckey	Feb. 23
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Marguerite Stuckey	Feb. 12	Ann Verner	Feb. 25
Ray Eckhart	Feb. 12	Mary Frances Mathias	Feb. 26
Peter Foley	Feb. 15	Karen Anderson	Feb. 27

Presidents Letter

By: Darrel Cole / Florida Region AACA President

Good afternoon members, I hope everyone is having a great month so far. I look forward to serving our club as President for the next 2 years, and hopefully making new changes. I would like for everyone to come prepared with a least 2 suggestions on growing our meeting attendance, and recruiting new younger members during our February meeting. Just write it down on a piece of paper and bring it to the meeting. This is very vital that we make the necessary steps in preparing for our clubs future, so it will continue on with our children or grand kids through the years. Our club used to be very active and full of life, and that is something I would like to see once again.

As we all know, car show season is about to hit us full force once again. So lets try to attend several local shows as a club, and show Orlando the spirit of car collecting. We could have Mickey post on our club website, a list of some popular shows for all of us to polish up our favorite car, and bring them out for showing. A lot of cars shows have club participation awards, which we should be a part of this year. Lets bring the fun back in to owning these timeless treasures, and be a active car club all over again.

Just a couple of ideas to think about for future events and monthly meetings. Lets say we are attending a big local car show with 15 to 20 cars from our club. We should set up a table around the cars from our club, and promote the club and try to bring in new members. Have some nice hand outs from national and our local chapter. We could even have a couple of give aways at the end of the day for people registering that day to be new members. The sky is the limit on what we could do to recruit new members to our club. We should also consider opening the club up to Resto Rods that have been slightly modified for touring and long hauls. This would be a car that is mostly original on the outside, but with modern running gear and new components inside. Just think about it, and we can discuss it as a club at one of our meetings.

We are always looking for great new ideas for entertainment at the monthly meeting, so keep that in mind as well. I would also like to see some of our talented members give us a lesson on restoring a certain part of a car, that they have a real knowledge of preparing. This is always entertaining and beneficial at the same time. If you know of a company that sells automotive products that would be interesting to learn about, keep that in mind too. Lets

rack are brains and make the meetings fun and enjoyable no matter how young or old you might be.

Don't forget your loved ones this month, since Valentines Day is just around the corner!! Pucker up.

Best regards, Darrel Cole





Sunshine and Tidbits

By: Deana Holt

As I have been off-line for awhile, I first want to wish everyone a New Year of good health, happy times and contentment.

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Sunshine and Tidbits (cont.)

Congratulations to our Dot Clark and Ed Cooper who got engaged over the Christmas holidays and now we know who has been keeping that smile on Dot's face these past few month. God knows when two people are meant for each other.

It was delightful seeing Arlis Goff with us at the January Pot Luck supper as she has had her ups and downs with her health this past year but we are hopeful 2012 will be a healthier year for you Arlis.

On a sad note we were sorry to learn of Lou Coppola's daughter-in-law's passing over the Christmas holidays. Our condolences to your son and family.

After two months of surgery and rehab therapy, Rachel Veitch is up and about and joined us at the January Pot Luck Supper. And on a happier note, Rachel was recently given an NRA Life Membership (National Rifle Association of America) and they told her they are delighted she is still the "pistol packing" grandma at 93!

Also heard thru the grape vine that Lou Coppola will be celebrating his 80th birthday this month and still feeling like "39"! Happy Birthday Lou, enjoy the day and many more years.

Congratulations to our new Florida Region President Darrell Cole and know it will be a fun filled year for our Region so let us all give Darrell our support to achieve his goals for our Region.

Any news tidbits you can forward to me, will be appreciated.

Happy Birthday to all of our February members; enjoy your day, enjoy your year.



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1941	Cadillac Series 62	44,995
1948	Buick Super Series 50 Sedan	17,995
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1952	Ford 2-Door Custom	9,500
1957	Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, Red	49,950
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1967	Chevy Custom Pickup White	11,500
1972	Cadillac Eldorado, Blue Conv.Top	14,995
1974	Triumph TR6	6,995
1977	Rolls Royce Silver Shadow	16,500
1979	VW Volkswagen Conv.	13,000
1981	Mercedes Benz White 450 SL	8,000
1983	Mercedes Benz, 380 SL	13,500
1989	Mercedes 550 SL Silver Low miles	42,000
1989	Bentley Turbo only 10,000 miles	42,500
1989	Buick Reatta, White	3,500
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Florida Region Annul Audit

The Audit Committee of Bob Coolidge, Howard Gilkes and Marilyn Roy performed an annual audit of the books of the Florida Region on January 9, 2012. The books were found to be in good order.

Florida Region Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2012

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 9, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coolidge at 5:45pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were Tom Holt, Mickey Bryant, Howard Gilkes, Marilyn Roy, Gene Roy, Dick Gauchat, Jerry Eakins and Bob McMullen.

Marilyn Roy gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

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

There was a general discussion on our 2012 Florida Region Auto Show. West Oaks Mall was tentatively approved as the show site. Many dates were discussed in an effort to avoid conflicts with other shows and activities. Other topics covered were type of judging, Disc Jockey (yes or no), judging classes, plaques or trophies, Flyer, pricing, etc.

Dick Gauchat volunteered to take care of Auto Show receipts. Howard was asked to set up a Show Planning Workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Howard Gilkes, Secretary

Florida Region General Meeting Minutes January 9, 2012

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 9, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coolidge at 6:30pm. Fortynine (49) members and guests were in attendance. The meeting started with a Pot Luck Supper to acknowledge our Awards and Installation Celebration.

Kendra Gilkes and all the ladies were thanked for the fine food and all the amenities.

Marilyn Roy gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

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

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

Bob Coolidge reported that the Board decided to choose the West Oaks Mall as the site for our 2012 Florida Region Auto Show. A show date with the Mall is yet to be confirmed.

The membership was reminded of Melbourne's National Meet March 15-18.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dot Clark. Silver dollar winners were Art Finesod, Jerry Eakins and Al Atkins.

Howard Gilkes and Bob Coolidge presented awards to the Executive Board Members and Chairman. Bob Coolidge presented the President's Awards (2) to Gene Roy and Tom Holt for their tireless effort put on a very successful Founders Tour.

The 2012 Executive Board Members were introduced and asked to stand as the General Membership recognized each with a generous applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.



National Meets and Tours Finances

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

While hosting a National Meet and Tour is not designed solely to be a profit centered activity, it is nice to know that, when the last bean is counted, your Region or Chapter is on the plus side. It doesn't happen by accident. Careful planning and execution will insure a profitable activity. It starts with a budget. Each person should submit their estimated expenses to the Meet or Tour Treasurer, who will formulate the budget based upon income and expenses.

Let's discuss some income sources:

- The Host Hotel will usually provide a rate commensurate with the local competition. It may be a great rate, but in many cases there is room to negotiate for a better rate. If they offer a rate of \$110.00 per night and you counter with \$90.00 per night and they accept, you can offer it at \$95.00 per night for your function. You saved the participant \$15.00 per night and the difference of \$5.00 per night can be applied to your banquet cost. Caution: Do not jeopardize your use of Hospitality and Function rooms at no charge while negotiating.
- Banquet costs in most cases are pre-set and non-negotiable. Don't forget to add for gratuity and tax before arriving at your banquet price. A small markup per meal is acceptable. Consider the cost of your table decorations and banquet program, if you will provide these, when you figure your banquet costs.
- Promote the Flea Market vendors at National Meets. Except for the \$7.00 per space fee that National collects it is all profit and your attendees will appreciate the opportunity to purchase their wares.
- Merchandise, especially T-shirt sales should be pre-sold (include as part of your registration). You do not want a lot of unsold items, as they are hard to sell after the event conclusion, and will quickly destroy any profit that was realized.
- Whether you call it a basket raffle, silent or live auction, it can be a profitable experience for the bottom line, especially if you are able to get the items donated by Club members and/or local business.

- Program advertising should not only pay for your program, but should provide a profit for your event. Contact those local businesses that stand to gain by your presence, ex. Restaurants Parts Stores Service Stations Lodging Retail Stores Tourist Attractions. Offer a patron page in your program for your members to provide their support and for businesses that only want to provide minimal support. Contacting some national hobby suppliers can provide some additional advertising and items for you goody bags, if you intend to have them.
- 50/50 drawing an excellent way to generate funds to help offset expenses. You may even promote the following to garner support, ex. 50% to ticket holder, 25% to your Region, and 25% to a local predesignated charity. The best time to sell is at the Hospitality Room and on the Show Field. Having the use of a golf cart on show day is a plus.
- Trailer and motor-home parking National Meets and Tours are drawing more car trailers, which provide safe transportation and storage for our vintage vehicles. Charging a onetime fee for this service will help to offset expenses related to renting this space, or if provided gratis to the Region, will provide funding for those unforeseen expenses, such as providing EMS services on show day or security services for the trailer parking area.
- Spectator parking While the Policy and Procedure Manual does not allow charging the public to attend a National Meet, a per vehicle parking fee for the general public, is acceptable, especially if you have to rent the area to accommodate spectator parking. An acceptable fee would be \$5.00 or less per vehicle, regardless of the number of people in that vehicle.
- Specialty sponsors Again, the Policy and Procedure Manual prevents meet sponsorship. However, you can seek a specialty sponsorship for your Hospitality Room, Ice Cream Social, or entertainment that you may provide at one of your banquets. This can be done by providing program advertising in exchange for sponsorship opportunities, ex.

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Finances (cont.)

- Hospitality Room \$500.00 sponsorship = banner in room, ½ page ad in program, two banquet tickets and one flea market space. Your cost, less than \$100.00 equal \$400.00 profit.
- Local Tourist Bureau Be sure to personally visit them. You are bringing in dollars to the area for your Meet or Tour. They can provide you with promotional materials, items for your goody bags, and possibly some grant money to help offset expenses.

The "What did I forget? Factor – Unbudgeted expenses, especially at the last minute, normally occur. Add 10% to your budget to cover these unforeseen expenditures.

These suggestions are designed to insure that your expenses do not overtake your profit. You may have additional income producing ideas to share with your Meet/Tour Committees.

Hopefully, you will have sufficient profit to consider a donation to the AACA Museum, the AACA Library and Research Center, or your own local charity when all the beans are counted.



In Sopchoppy not far From Two Egg

By: Reginald Restorer

Some of this is true. I was there myself.

In 1981 Winter Park Florida made the national news because a large sinkhole opened up just off Fairbanks Avenue. It was behind a car dealer and swallowed a couple Porsches. This happened a mile and a half down the street from Raders Relics.

Not many years later Bob Rader, Dick Schoppe and I were in Sopchoppy Florida, not far from Two Egg (real places) to pick up a 1926 Ford Model T

Touring. The car had been stored for forty years in a barn across a large cow pasture. It had been raining for most of a week and we were prepared for anything. The mud and puddles were such that the long sandy driveway looked to be almost all water.

We arrived at the south side of the barn, but the Model T was located at the north entrance. Several tons of baled hay were between it and us. In the unlighted cavernous barn it looked like a pile of dirt carved into a shape resembling an old car. Scraping off some spots revealed a bright red body and black fenders. It was decided to push the car out the other side and around to the truck and trailer. Rader was elected to steer. He brushed away most of the cobwebs and climbed onto what was mostly loose stuffing. He dove out the door when a rat crawled out from under his crotch, ran up his chest and jumped off his shoulder. Outside there was a downgrade but no one was steering. This was both good and bad since the car got away from us and went in an unplanned direction. It went into a wide puddle and simply disappeared. We could not see it and venturing closer didn't seem intelligent at the time. Sinkholes opening that quickly can take a while to stabilize and it was raining hard again.

We retreated and returned a month later, but were not able to find the car. The owner of the property wouldn't return the \$3000 paid for it since he couldn't find it either, saying for all he knew we had it. Our legal adviser said we had a case to get a refund since the car was never taken off the property, but it would cost more in attorney fees than it was worth.





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