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2008 Dates to Remember

Aug.28 Monthly meeting at clubhouse, supper starts at 6:00 pm, meeting follows at 7 pm.

August 30, 2008 Pascagoula, MS 1st Annual Webelos Open Car Show. 7:30 am until 1 pm in the Walmart Parking lot at 4235 Denny Avenue, Pascagoula, MS. Hosted by Pack 18 Webelos Scouts, Grand Bay, AL. Registration 7:30 am until 10:00 am; awards at 1:00 pm. Information: 251-232-0197.

September 27 Keesler AFB, MS 5th Annual Cruisin' Keesler Open Show at Marina Park on Keesler Air Force Base. The time will be from 9am to 4pm. Judging at noon; awards Ceremony at 3pm. Dash Plaques, top 25 Awards Best of Show/Engine /Paint/Interior/GM/Ford/Mopar/Bike/Street Rod/Peoples Choice Trophy Venders Great Oldies Music and Cash Prizes . Entry Fee is \$15.00 and includes a free T shirt before September 1, or \$20.00 including a free T shirt after September 1, 2008. For more information call (228) 377-3160 or (228) 596-5158.

Oct. 8-12 Crusin' the Coast...need more be said?

Oct. 8-11 HERSHEY!!! 'Nuff said!

Oct. 18 DSR Blood Drive & Car Show at Clubhouse

If you didn't see it at the top, here it is again!! Please read Page 3 and follow instructions. You don't want to miss a good meal with lot of pictures of a Model T tour to be seen afterward along with some from the articles on Pages 4 & 7



The Sparkplug



Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Newsletter Vol. 42 No. 8 August

What a Par-Tee !!

By Debbie Bright

When I was asked to write this article for our club newsletter, I spent many hours pondering how to tell this story. I knew I could simply give all the statistics – 978 vehicles registered and 45 states as well as nine countries represented. However, the real story is the relationship people have with these automobiles. The love and the sweat that went into planning and carrying out this gigantic 100th birthday party for Henry's Ladies was incredible!

Jay and Barbara Klehfoth, along with the Board of Directors of the Model T Ford Club of America spent over two years planning this event. Edsel Ford and his staff at Ford Motor Co. were there supporting them every step of the way. But one of the most amazing facts was the dedication of the people of Richmond and Wayne counties in Indiana. Richmond is a small town of approximately 1700 people and is surrounded by farmland. There were 1,000 volunteers from the local community making sure that everything ran smoothly. Talk about Hoosier hospitality!

On our first day of touring, our 1925 Model T Tudor ran hot. Many stops and many gallons of water later, we did make it to Hagerstown for the antique aircraft show. What a sight! Hundreds of Model Ts lined the field as their owners enjoyed the air show including a working replica of the Wright Brothers airplane. Afterwards, we limped home and back at the coach were pouting over a very stressful day. About that time our friend, Ray Harper, knocked on the door to tell us a fix had been found for our car. While we were pouting, several members of our local club had diagnosed our problem as a clogged radiator. Unfortunately, the only radiator brought to the centennial by Lang's Auto Parts

had already been sold. Not to worry – Eric (Gator, as he is known to most people) Gould had contacted the Model T Museum just up the road and we borrowed a radiator from a fire truck displayed there. So a couple of hours later, we were ready for the next day's tour. Later in the week after the flea market opened we were able to purchase a new radiator from one of the vendors. As we were leaving his booth, he volunteered to come over and help John install it. Talk about service!!

Our story is just one of hundreds. If anyone had problems, you could always count on having plenty of help. This was especially true at one of the most popular areas of the fairgrounds – Gasoline Alley.

NAPA Auto Parts sponsored this area and provided tools to anyone who needed to work on their car. The idea was that you park your car, check out the necessary tools and do your own repairs. Instead, as soon as you drove up, a dozen or more fellow Model T owners would jump on the problem and have you back on the "go"

before you really knew what had happened. It was truly a labor of love for them.

On Thursday following the touring, we lined up for the parade to Richmond's historic district. The objective of this parade was to break the Guinness Book of World Records for having the most antique cars in a parade. The previous record was 177. Our parade had 375! Thousands lined the streets, cheering as the cars rolled by. Businesses had closed; day care centers brought the children outside and even nursing homes made sure their residents got to see history in the making. The parade ended with a street party down in Richmond's Depot District.

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John and Debbie outside one of the covered bridges on the tour



From the President's desk...

My message this month is not about cars in general, but about concern. It is not about antique cars but about lasting friendships. I want to take this opportunity, once again, to thank the many loyal friends Reecie and I have in DSR. We are so grateful for the cards, calls, letters and most importantly, prayers, that have come from all of you. We have both belonged to a lot of organizations and our friends in DSR among the best we have.

At the present time, I am back at Cogburns, once again just down the hall from Reecie. On Thursday, Aug. 21st, I walked to her room assisted by a walker only. We are both making slow progress; she is eating on her own a little better by the day and I am getting plenty of physical and occupational therapy.

I am so proud of all of you who are keeping the club going in my absence. It was heartwarming to learn DSR will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive. Having been on the receiving end, more than once, of getting blood transfusions to essentially keep me alive, I have personal knowledge of what it can mean. Although I doubt that I will be able to get out and do much physical work to help, I can sure use my telephone to spread the word.

We are looking forward to the day when we can be back with you and our old car hobby once again.

God bless each and every one of you.

Lambert Mims, President



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The *Sparkplug* is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. DEEP SOUTH REGION meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse located at 951 Forest Hill Drive. Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this Region. Annual local dues are \$15.00; AACA national dues are \$35.00. *Ownership of Antique a vehicle is not a requirement for membership.*

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Want to buy or trade state quarters

Need to finish four of the second volumes of the state quarters for “Grands”. Missing 2004: 4 MI, 1 TX and 1 IA; 2005: 4 MN; 2006: 1 CO; 2007: 4 WA, 5 WY and 6 UT; 2008: 6 OK, 6 NM, 5 AZ, 6 AK and 6 HW. If you have any of these, I would love to hear from you so we can “work a deal”! Call me at (251)661-4009 and thanks! Patt Paquet

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a friend.





From the Editor...

Who knows what gets one thinking about things in the past? Maybe it was when Patt was talking with Buddy Givens and I overheard her side of the telephone conversation. She said something about his continuing work on building "Olde Town". It niggled around in brain until I knew what it was. I recalled our having enjoyed something similar at an AACA friend's home back in 2003. Seeing him and his wife over the years, we learned what they had created was continually growing. Today it is something extraordinary.

Patt and I met C.C. and Alice Wheeler so many years ago, I truly can't recall exactly when. I judged with the two of them on numerous occasions. C.C. took over Chairman of the AACA's new Drivers Participation Class in 2000 and when I began serving as an Instructor for the Judging School, we worked together. We have shared meals, stories, joys and sorrows over the years.

We met Charles (Chuck) Pergl and his family when we began doing remote registration for AACA meets. We'd get their applications for various meets in the mail and nearly always there'd be a nice little note or a picture of a car or something personal. When they arrived at the Meet to pick up the registration packets, it was always fun to trading jibes about us attempting understanding their "Yankee fast talk" and their trying to figure out our "Southern drawl".

This past year when one of the Meets was held in Binghamton, NY, they hosted a get-together for those in by Thursday night. Although we didn't get to go, they shared a part of it with us via a Christmas card that tells me they are just like the rest of us...we've never outgrown our love of the past. It was fun for me to learn what brought about Chuck replicating a gas station that was a part of his past.

Both Buddy Givens and Jim Henderson have works in progress that will make fine additions to their old car hobby. Buddy is actually putting together what could be called "Buddy's Olde Town" and Jim will have the front facade of an old time service station disguising the office, kitchen and lunchroom in new museum location.

Popcorn & a movie it ain't...but supper and a slide show it will be !

It's free!!! Can it get any better than this? All you have to do is pick up the phone and make a reservation. It will be a light fare of build-your-own sandwiches or make your own salad; both if you want. Iced tea and soft drinks along with desserts and coffee will round out the menu.

Call Lycyle Crowdus (661-8486) after 1 PM or leave and message and she will return your call. Please make your reservation no later than noon on Wednesday, Aug. 27th so there will be ample time for preparations. The meal will start at 6 o'clock and the buffet will remain open until after the meeting is over.

The slide show will consist of lots more pictures from the Pergl and Wheeler articles plus a Model T load from John and Debbie Bright's trip to Indiana for the 100th Anniversary Model T Ford celebration.

We will talk more about the Red Cross Blood Drive/Car Show as well as a couple of other things. First and foremost, lets have a good time with good friends.

This is sort of an "FYI" for those who might not know. The club's proceeds of the 50/50 Pot are used to cover cost of these meals as well as other refreshments. That's the reason for the 50/50; that and to put a little jingle in a member's pocket each month. So...if you are in charge of refreshments for a particular month, keep all of your receipts and turn them in to our treasurer for reimbursement.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mobile Police Family Fun Day at Henderson Farm has been deferred until 2009. The MPD has an extraordinarily heavy schedule during the last three months of this year with so many activities taking place in the City.

Also, "Mr. H" has a killer schedule starting in September.

A date that would work for both MPD and Jim just wasn't available.

Look for it to be back on the calendar next fall.

Building replicas from the past is another part of the hobby

By Buddy Paquet

C.C. Wheeler has spent a lifetime in the construction trade. He began at the grand age of 17 with the Army engineers in Alaska where he was stationed for three years. That was a long way from where he grew up in Glendale, SC. But he liked what he was doing so when he received his discharge from the Army in 1950 he enlisted in the Navy SeaBees Reserves because he knew the SeaBees were builders. He never suspected what the future held for this 20-year-old Southern boy.

He was in the beginning stages of trying to start his own construction business. C.C. knew he had a one-weekend-per-month obligation with his Reserve unit but didn't know it wouldn't be long until an Admiral was going to make him his chief "problem solver" for the next 13 years. This turned into two or three "Command Visit" weekends each month. By this time he was wondering just what he had gotten himself into. Along the way, he got himself into marriage with his wife, Alice, his life's partner.

The Wheeler Construction Co. was doing reasonably well due to the new home building boom going on in the 1950s. He continued on this path until the early 1980s when he felt 30 years with the SeaBees was enough so he retired. The new home building had slowed so he turned to remodeling which he did until 2006. But his life had already started to change.

He had spare time on his hands that he didn't know what to do with but he had to do something. Actually, he did two things. First, he started building things at home beginning with a gazebo. Second, he and Alice joined AACA back in the early 1980s, which has been a pleasure for both of them for over 20 years. After being around "old cars" for a while as well as a person who enjoys reminiscing about what some refer to as the "good old days" he wanted to combine the two. This combination produced what could be called "Wheeler Village"

now, but started out with the Bivensville garage. Then came a drug store, a barber shop and a general store. The name "Bivinsville" came from the Bivinsville Cotton Mill which finally went bankrupt. Thus the township name was changed to Glendale to remove the stigma of the mill having gone broke.

As time passed, he and Alice became judges in the AACA system and they liked showing their cars, too. Spending some time enjoying as well as maintaining their lake house not too far from where they live in Spartanburg, SC and going to AACA meets cut back, but not out, the spare time building.

By now they had a granddaughter, Taylor, who love to spend time with them and needed a playhouse which is only a part of the "community". Today there is a church; the Glendale school (Est. 1917) where C.C. attended classes; a blacksmith shop and a seed and feed store.

There is a *HUGE* rock in the compound that C.C.'s good friend and currently an AACA Director, Hulon McCraw, brought him from Horseshoe Mountain in a dump truck. It fits in nicely as a waterfall, thanks to much use of a backhoe and a lot of hard work.

Fortunately, the Wheeler property is of sufficient size to accommodate all the "spare time building" plus a fair amount of parking space. . They average having tours of the village on a weekly basis and opened it and their home to those attending the AACA Spring Meet held in Greenville, SC in 2003.

There is a Victory Garden anchored by a 15 feet tall Statue of Liberty acquired from Adair, GA. C.C. tells me that another AACA friend, Bud Layton put him on to the place in Georgia which is owned by a friend of Bud's. C.C. and Alice stopped there on one of their trips and the statue caught his eye and gave him the idea for the garden. After they returned home, he sent her back in the truck to get it. He remembers that each family (Cont'd on Pg. 5)



Hobbies in the hobby

was required to have a Victory Garden and the cotton mill village company store furnished the seeds so there was no excuse for not having one. His recollection is that during the 1940's, if "you didn't grow it, you didn't eat it".



This moves into the reason he built the Canning Shed. Almost everyone in those days knew how to preserve food through canning and you can get a hands-on lesson by simply walking in.

What would these days have been if not for a "smithy"? There's no spreading chestnut tree but the "Farrier's" will show anyone not familiar with the much earlier years what was required to keep one's horses well shod.

C.C. had a total knee replacement a few months back. Part of his therapy (for him) was for Alice to push him in the wheelchair out to his shop to work on a new project, a John Deere Carousel wagon. It and the cover is all wood, although it may not seem so. It will be interesting to see what his next project will be.



And just in case you are wondering, yes, there is the requisite Outhouse. But this one is just a "one-holer" though...sort of take a corn cob and wait, I guess.

The Wheelers attended all the AACA National Meets for four years. Now, as with many of us, they stay closer to home but remain active with their local Sparkle City Region which was chartered in 1988. This year C.C. is President and Alice is the Secretary and Membership Chair. Twenty years ago the City of Spartanburg asked the club to do a car show downtown in conjunction with the May Spring Fling Festival which is still going on. This is excellent exposure for AACA and their club.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit the area, give them a call. They are always glad to have "old car lovers" pay them a visit.



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Wedding bells are ringing!!

We have been asked to assist a young lady who is to be married Oct. 11, 2008 in getting her from the church to the reception. The time frame will be from about 4:30 – 5:30 pm and she would very much like a white convertible of older vintage. The wedding will take place at Brookside Retirement Community Chapel which is located on Pesnell Court. This is between Cody and Hillcrest Roads off Cottage Hill Road. If I understand correctly, the reception will be at a location on Hillcrest road.

If you can help, or know someone who can, she can be reached at kathleengkehoe@hotmail.com. Please title your E-mail "Wedding Transport". The fee will be between the driver and Ms. Kehoe.

Par-Tee

We met so many wonderful people and heard so many terrific stories it would be impossible to tell them all. Tell them all. One that was especially impressive was of the man who drove his car from California. It took him 17 days. Another couple drove a mail truck that his grandfather had driven for the U.S. Postal Service. Several people not only drove their cars long distances to get there but stayed in their antique campers along the way. Once there, they camped out in the center of the fairgrounds. My personal favorite was the town car that had been built using only a photograph! It was beautiful.

From the opening banquet, where every table was adorned with a birthday cake and Edsel Ford so graciously thanked us all for keeping up his grandfather's legacy to the closing banquet where we listened to Jay Leno wish he could have been with us for the entire event, it was a fabulous week. It didn't matter if you drove a speedster, a dump truck or a touring car; whether it was an unrestored original or a pristine show car, all oil leaks led to Richmond, Indiana the last week of July. It was truly the party of the century and would have made Henry proud!. We wish all of you could have been there, too.

How many Model T facts do you know?

- The first two Model T prototypes were built in 1907.
- The first production Model T was assembled in 1908
- The car was introduced at \$850, but later sold for as little as \$260 after mass production reduced the cost.
- The Model T had several nicknames, but was best known as the Tin Lizzie. One theory has it that Elizabeth, or Lizzie, was a common name for a sturdy reliable workhorse.
- It got about 13 to 21 miles per gallon.
- About 15 million Model Ts were built and sold

School bells have rung!!

There are three very happy teachers in classrooms this year. Following the July meeting, checks were sent to MaryElla Crowell, Cathy Goren and Laurie Martin Shearer to help with supplies in order to make learning more fun for their students.

MaryElla ordered the things on her wish list for teaching her geometry and algebra classes. She purchased "anglegs" that will help teach about different angles and shapes, overhead pattern blocks in various shapes like squares, hexagons, etc. to match the set of 500 classroom pattern blocks she also ordered. A set of 1,000 cube blocks will help with 3D visualization of shapes, area and volume and with the little \$ left over, she plans to get either a couple of math posters and/or a math video.

Cathy Goren was heavy into DVDs to give her students a better understanding of the Earth Science she teaches. "Schoolhouse Rock", "NOVA - Killer Quake", three "eyewitness" type DVDs called "Oceans", "Volcano" and "Weather" to name a few plus "Bill Nye, the Science Guy VHS Video Earth's Seasons and Climates" which will have to be re-ordered. "Popular Mechanics for Kids" is one other she purchased.

Laurie Martin Shearer ordered a piece of software called Finale. She can input a song and then play it on the computer freeing her to direct and give more attention to her students. She says she can also put the music she creates onto a CD. Generally, she had to be the accompanist *and* the director.

All of our teachers want DSR members to know how much they appreciate our monetary support of them and the generosity.



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The older you get, the more you want to play

By Buddy Paquet

There must be something about men, and maybe women, too, that when bitten by the mechanical bug, it migrates to all sorts of other areas of your life.. Hang with me here. For instance, take Charles (Chuck) Pergl. After high school, he became a toolmakers' apprentice at Schenec-tady General Electric in 1955. Three years later, he married a beautiful young woman named Marilyn and started a family. After graduating from that, he went into engineering at GE in the Binghamton area where he remained until 1965. He then changed employers, going to IBM in Endicott, NY where he was a mechanical engineer for 28 years, retiring in 1992. Now let's get those "other areas" I mentioned previously.

Chuck and Marilyn, acquired a 1924 Buick touring car in 1964 and joined AACA in 1965. Excepting the upholstery and top, the restoration was a family affair with his father restoring the engine. The car cost \$900 and about \$2600 to restore. He doesn't know what the 5,000 hours over the 40 months' of work would have cost. He does remember three cupboards and four drawers in the kitchen being full of finished parts; the top bows, dash and steering column were in the living room and four finished wheels were under the bed. Down in the cellar parts were hung from the ceiling and the space was filled with parts covered with bed sheets.

He entered the car in the Eastern Fall Meet at Hershey in 1967, taking a First Junior Award. He got a Senior Award the next year. This got the entire family (one son and two daughters) hooked as they still are today.

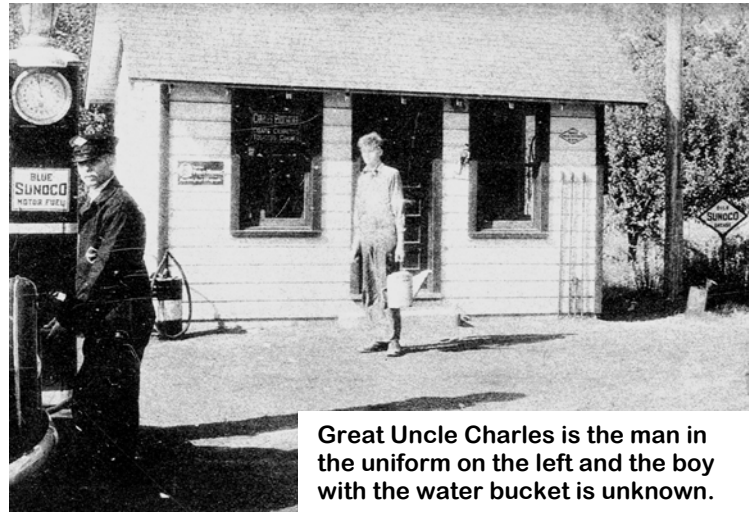
After that it was another 1924 Buick, this one a roadster which was also mostly restored in the base-ment. Then came three 1956 Chevys and a '61 Vette. Along the way, there was a Whizzer motorcycle he and his oldest daughter restored plus five Whizzer bikes. All of the Pergl vehicles have taken many of the much sought-after presti-

gious AACA National Awards.

Back in the 1920s his great uncle Charles Prochazka built a gas station on frontage property of the family farm along Route 146 in Albany County, NY. It was 12 x 16 feet and always sold Sunoco products. He operated the station until his death in 1940. After that, his sons and various renters operated the station, but the Sunoco brand never changed.

As a youngster, Chuck remembers visiting the family farm and loved being around the gas station; he was always intrigued by it. The building is still standing and was at one time updated and used as an apartment. After he grew up and began his life as a young man it wasn't quite as important, but he never forgot about it.

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Great Uncle Charles is the man in the uniform on the left and the boy with the water bucket is unknown.



The Pergl Sunco replica is 8 x 15 feet and the outhouse in the right background has been added just recently.

DSR Red Cross Blood Drive/Car Show changed to Oct. 18th

By Patt Paquet

Hey, DSR members, we have an opportunity to polish up the image in the near future. "Idea Man" Ross Sloan offered a suggestion at the July meeting for a fall outing (using that term loosely) that can be exceptional. It's something we've never tried before but don't forget, the saying goes "There's a first time for everything!" and this can be it for us.

Earlier this month, there was an E-mail sent to those who have it and for those who do not, a hard copy was mailed so no one would be left out of what's going on.

It seems I was charged with taking this idea to the Red Cross organization to get their view on it. After the meeting I spoke with several representatives of that organization. Buddy and I met with Ms. Elaine Howell at the clubhouse on Aug. 20th to see if our facility would suit the need so as to eliminate the need for them to bring the Bloodmobile. Ironically, she grew up just off Forest Hill Drive and remembers, as a young person, the original clubhouse being brought in and set up. She will be at our Sept. 25th meeting to explain exactly how a blood drive works and answer questions.

There are a number of things to be done between now and then. Help is need to work up a registration form we can send in bulk to car clubs between Pensacola, FL and Biloxi/Gulfport, MS and north to Jackson, AL and points in between. The Unit here services all of the Gulf Coast area. Then, around Oct. 1st DSR members will be needed to start getting out posters and flyers furnished by the RC.

Let's back up for just a moment to the date. The organization already has a blood drive on the schedule for Oct. 25th, our original date. Normally, they do not do back-to-back drives but thanks to Michelle Troxler, Assistant Manager of this Red Cross Blood Services Region, she was able to clear the new date.

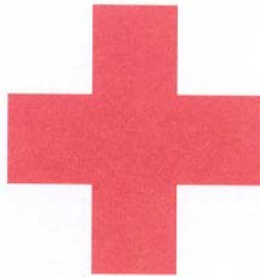
Some of the things I know at this point are that the event will be open from 10 AM until 3 PM. In that time period we will need two volunteers to staff the medical history table. This can be done in shifts. The canteen (where you get your juice and cookie after you've given your all) needs one volunteer per

bed and we will have at least four and possibly six beds. Again, this can be done in shifts. I *think* we will need another two to man a table setting up the collection bags. This task might be done in advance.

The Communications Specialist (don't you love that term?) will take care of getting Public Service Announcements on radio/TV as well as getting the info out to the print media. We need someone to design an eye-catching 8" x 11" flyer with some graphics, the info as to what, where and when and also the other things that will be going on such as the costume contest, the "trunk or treat" for the younger set, a "Cake Walk" that Pam Glenn has volunteered to coordinate and possibly the appearance of the local Model Train club.

Ms. Howell with the Red Cross is hoping we can have enough donors to get 25 pints of blood for the day. If we can get enough eligible donors out to the site to double that, wouldn't that be over the top?

It appears to me we need some chairpersons, i.e. "Blood Drive Volunteers Coordinator" "Poster & Flyer Volunteers Coordinator" "Car Show Registration Chair" (easy...no money to deal with) and no doubt there will be other needs that will come up as the time nears. Please think about what you can do to help and be prepared to raise your hand at the August 28 or September 25th meeting. And thanks!!



Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to **Jim and Nancy Henderson** the above milestone as of August 22, 2008. Your editor has been told that Jim and Nancy were 16 and 14 years of age, respectively when the deed took place. They have four children; 2 sons and 2 daughters and have been blessed with several grandchildren and one great grandchild to date.

Can you imagine a 16 and 14 year old couple getting married today and it lasting 55 years??

Keep playing

Later on, he decided he would like to build a replica of that gas station. This dream went on for years but he didn't have a place for it. He eventually sold the original family home and bought



Chuck Pergl behind the candy counter in his replicated Sunco gas station.

14 acres and built another residence. Over a 15-year period, he along with the help of kids in the neighborhood, pulled out overgrowth, picked rocks and cleared a spot for him to build a reproduction of great Uncle Charles' Sunco gas station.

He had the builder and crew that built his new house erect the gas station. It replicates what it might have been like in the mid-1930s. It contains tools, toys, household items and penny candy of the period and

none of the money in cash register is newer than 1935. (The contents of the building are not for sale.)

The candy counter is 18 inches by 4 feet and was acquired from an antique shop in New Bern, NC when Chuck and his son, Jeffrey, were there in May 2007 for the AACA Eastern Spring Meet. The candy comes from a California company and much of the other bits and pieces in Pergl's Sunco Gas Station have been found at antique shops and flea markets or given by friends.



The inside ceiling is tin and shelves up near it hold copies of various specialty globes Pergl Globes has done. A few years back, the company made a number of AACA globes.

Chuck and his brother, Leon started the glass gas pump globe business in 197. He worked part time in the new venture until he retired from IBM. In 1992, he began devoting full time to the business of providing high-quality gas pump globes reproductions and the company is now the premier provider for retailers and hobbyists. The globe faces are made of glass as they were when used by the oil companies starting back in the early 1900s up until the 1960s. The glass is screened with a ceramic paint and fired, just like the old days. In keeping with environmental concerns, non-lead ceramic-based paints are being used.

In 2004, "Mr. P" as many know him, and his son Jeffrey formed Pergl of Binghamton and his brother, Leon, formed the Confederate Pump Company in Atlanta.

The company has no showroom locations but merchandise can be seen/ordered on line at their website (www.perglgaspumpglobes.com) and is displayed five times annually in major flea markets across the U.S. The gas station is open to tours by appointment but the occasional passerby has been known to get a peek.

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Message from the President

by Sharon lee AACA President



Hello Everyone,

By the time you read this issue of the *Rummage Box*, we will have already had our last 2007 board meeting where outgoing 2007 President Dave Berg, said good-bye to retiring

board members, attended the 2008 AACA Annual Meeting, introduced the new board members you voted in for a three-year term, had the first meeting with the new board of directors, attended the annual awards banquet where your new president for 2008

I was presented and the 2008 AACA board was introduced with their assigned positions for the year. We have started our year filled with exciting meets and tours.

This year, in addition to the above, we attended the Southeastern Winter and Annual Grand National dual meets in Melbourne, Florida; the Southeastern Spring Meet in Charlotte, North Carolina; and by the time this is printed we will have already traveled to Tucson, Arizona for the Western Spring Meet, followed not far behind by the Eastern Spring Meet in Cumberland, Maryland. So as you can see there have already been quite a few activities for everyone to enjoy in 2008. All our tours and several more meets are still to come. Please refer to the national calendar in *Antique Automobile* or contact any of the Directors in your area for an activities card.

You know, it might be easier becoming or at least remaining president by NOT stating all you plan to do during the year and just go about doing things for the members. I want to remind each of you that I, as AACA President, and all the directors in their various positions are AACA members, too. We were elected by you, the members, and are here

to serve you. I did divide the VP Regions position; each of the four divisions (Eastern, Central, Southeastern a Western) has its own VP Regions - Development and Support, with a large committee established to be working with our members. This committee is working diligently to contact every region and chapter to inform them of all the programs available to strengthen the core of this organization. They are working with the VP Membership and VP National Activities and all the committees to help spread the word that we're here for you. Don't hesitate to contact them if you need help.

The *Rummage Box* is another tool to let everyone know what is going on in AACA. We see a lot of the articles reprinted from the *Rummage Box* in your Region/ Chapter newsletters. Newsletter editors; let us know what material you think would be helpful for the members to read. At the membership roundtable in Melbourne, Florida, we were asked once again when members would be able to pay for meets and tours online with a credit card. I have instructed our Executive Director to expedite this, and have been assured it will happen this year. We will be working with Regions and Chapters who are hosting 2008 events to coordinate online payments soon. We will continue the four free memberships to each Region and Chapter in good standing to entice new members never before belonging to AACA to join a Region or Chapter and be given a free AACA membership, hoping that once they see all the fun and benefits of belonging, they will renew year after year.

Remember, AACA Headquarters is staffed for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please call. There is also a board of directors address list in the front of *Antique Automobile* and on our website at www.aaca.org. Watch for many more exciting things throughout the year as we enjoy this great hobby together. Better - yet become involved and be an active member - AACA wants and needs you.

**Deep South Region AACA
General Membership Meeting July 24, 2008**

The meeting commenced at 7:03 PM beginning with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business: **President** Lambert Mims is still hospitalized but business was brought up via his column in our newsletter pertaining to our need for someone to serve as Chaplain as well as assistance in activities planning while Don Dillehay, Chairman, is ill. The **Vice President** noted the club had received a nice letter from the Mayor's office thanking the club for participating the "Mobile Celebration Parade in June.

Secretary Cathy Goren made a motion the June minutes be accepted as printed in the newsletter, motion was seconded and passed. **Treasurer** Metclaf is on vacation and in his stead, the VP asked for a motion to approve a \$75 memorial to the American Heart Assoc. in memory of Charlie Lyles brother who passed away in June. Motion made by S. White, was seconded and passed. The **Editor** had no old business. **Webmaster** Herb Thoms announced there are pictures of the new Car of the Month on our website. **Member-at-Large** Walt Fuller thanked DSR for the \$100 Club Participation Award from the May car show that the Gulf Coast Model A Ford Club won.

New Business: The **Vice President**, standing in for the President, stated that a motion was made at a previous meeting that a Car Show Review Committee be established to look at improving our Mother's Day Car Show.. A committee had yet to be formed and she asked for volunteers to assist Scott Henderson, the '08 Chairman. Kevin Crowell, Walt Fuller and Clyde Smith agreed to work with Scott on this. She also noted it is time for a review of our Region's Bylaws for not only our benefit but it is also an AACA requirement. Walt Fuller will take this task and report back at a later date. Lastly, a Nominating Committee for the 2009 Officers needs to be in place by the September 25th meeting. Members were asked to think about working on this committee as well as consider holding an office in the coming year.

Patt referred to a column she wrote in the July newsletter about our club about providing some monetary assistance to those members or immediate family of members who are teachers in view of the severe cut-backs in the school system's budget for the 2008-09 school year. Her motion for each to receive \$100 was amended by Walt Fuller to make the amount \$200. The motion was approved unanimously. The **Secretary** had no new business. The **Treasurer** was absent but the printed report was handed out. A motion to accept was made and passed. **Editor** Buddy Paquet mentioned that in the near future there will be a need to purchase paper for the newsletter after nearly 10 years. Several members will look into donating paper. The presiding **VP** asked for suggestions for activities in the coming months. Ross Sloan suggested a Halloween Blood Drive & Car Show. He moved to make it an official club event for Oct. 25, the motion was seconded and passed. The 50/50 drawing was held, won by Herb Thoms, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Cathy Goren, Secretary



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