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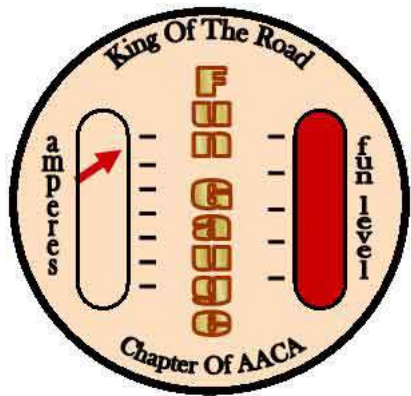
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Special Déjà vu Edition

DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN



In the words of the immortal Yogi Berra, "...this is Déjà vu all over again." Notice anything different about this issue of KOTR PINS? Those of you new to AACA won't remember "the good ol' days of yore" when Antique Automobile was produced in a horizontal format as is this issue. The idea being that the photos of automobiles could be bigger as most are horizontal in nature. There was much uproar from old timers in the club when our current editor changed the format to the now current vertical, traditional form we are most used to in periodicals.

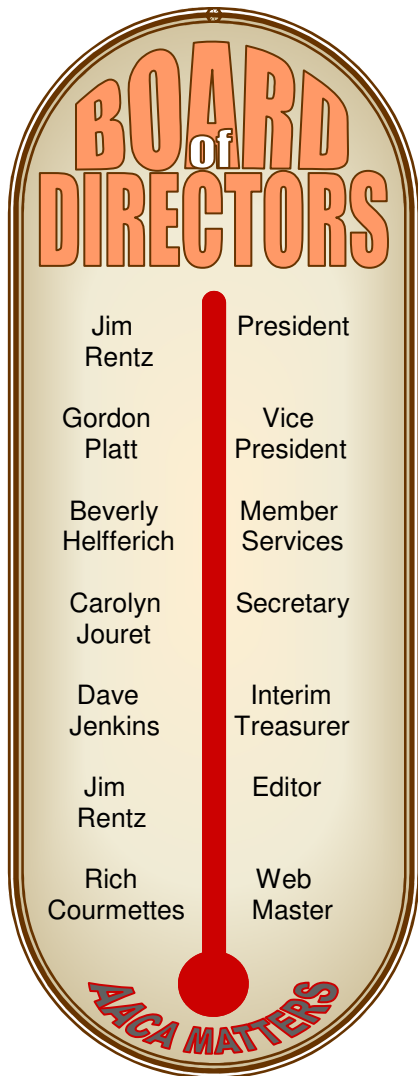
However if you can recall many if not most automotive brochures in dealers showrooms were and are horizontal to better show the features of the cars displayed there in.

I thought that it might be fun to go down memory lane once again and do this publication the way it might have been years ago. Let me know what you think.

AACA by nature is all about Déjà vu isn't it? Going back to an era that no longer exist if only for a short time as we "tool" down the road in our wonderful time machines. We've been here before, but without all the aches and pains we now experience as we age, the feeling is the same but with 50 or 60 years experience.

As most of you are aware by now, KOTR has lost it's meeting place at Paquette's but we did separate amicably and no feelings or egos damaged. Now we "start" over once again with some more knowledge behind us, as one door closes another opens to a brighter future for us where we can concentrate more on road activities as our name implies, King Of The Road. The major productions are over for the time being, time to get "...on the road again." Enjoy the cars and each others companionship as we redo KOTR.

Déjà vu all over again.



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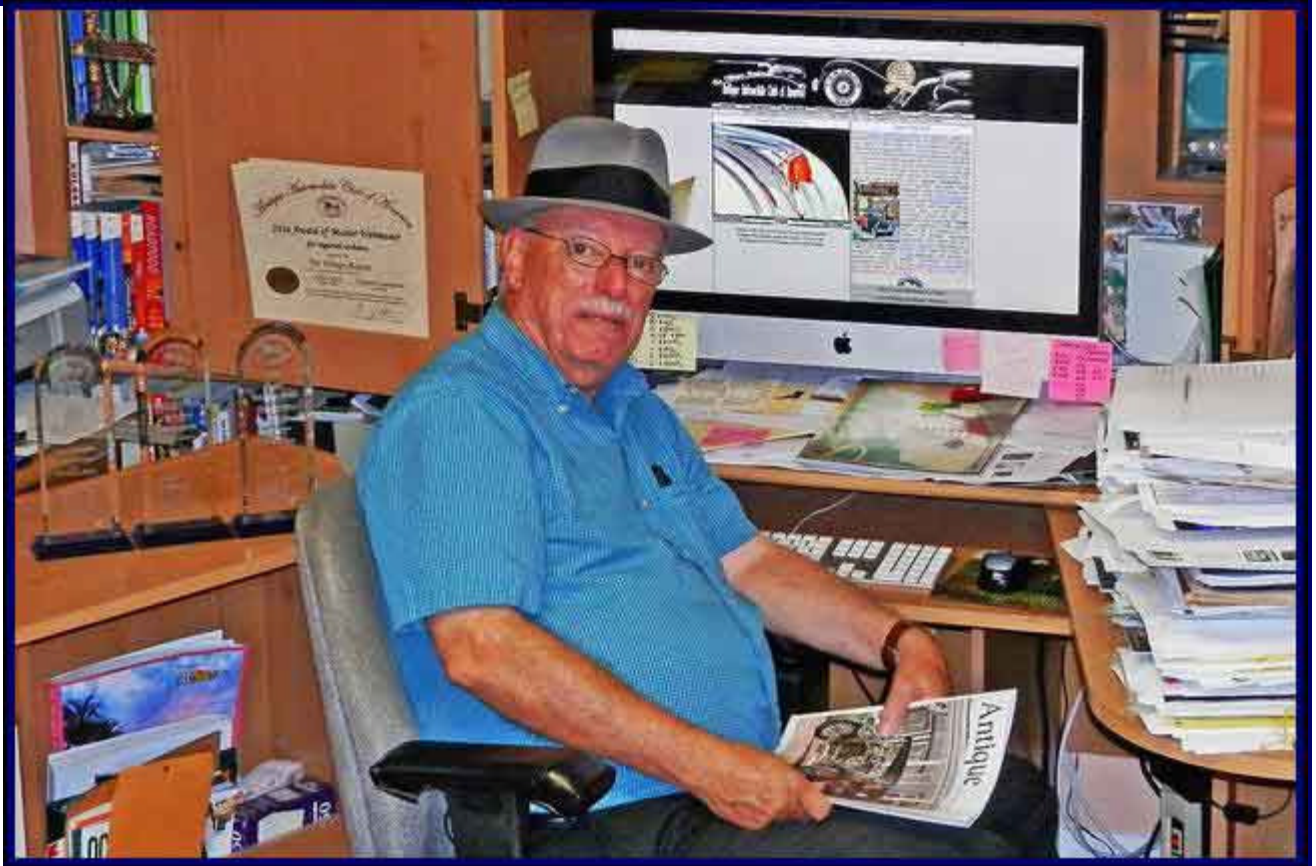
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It Takes All Kinds

Yes it does! It takes all kinds of folk to make the world go 'round. We are so lucky to have such a member here in KOTR, Rich Courmettes. Rich has been a member of AACA for decades and upon "retirement" in The Villages he has been a moving force that has made this area better for all his efforts both in and outside of AACA.

Rich is a web master supreme for TVRAACA and soon to be for KOTR as well. Here Rich is at work on his computer working on the web site for The Villages region AACA. Testament to his skills as a web master are the three MASTER WEB MASTER awards on his desk behind his chair. Those are awarded by AACA annually to the very best of the breed. From the very beginning of his tenure Rich has produced a very interesting and entertaining web site for all to enjoy and be informed on club activities both locally and nationally. If you have never been to the web site;

www.tvraaca.org



You owe it to yourself to be treated to a learning experience like no other. There are games and movies and calendars of activities and links to other region sites. All this to keep you up on what is happening in AACA.

As we speak Rich is working on a

separate web site for KOTR that also will be a national winner I'm sure.

Rich is just one of those kind that make this the best old car club in the world. We are so thankful that he has chosen to work for all of us to enjoy this fantastic hobby of ours.



Do you recall back in the late summer of 2016 when the US weather service noted a little tropical system way out in the Atlantic Ocean and to keep an eye on it. Later that little blip became a named storm and by the time it arrived on the coast it was a major hurricane steaming up north.

About the same time last Fall it was mentioned that a chowder party might be fun to do after the BIG SHOW in Ocala and kick back a bit. As the time neared for this now “Chowdah Fest” it was growing in size and popu-

larity. The menu kept growing daily it seemed. With concerns about the folks that do not care for seafood it was decided to add more of those chowdahs to the list. Then we went to a local eatery where good friends were performing and found that they would be willing to do our little fest for us to enjoy. When word got out about their appearance the size of the crowd grew. As the size of the crowd grew 100+ the capacity and quantity of food had to necessarily rise as well. How do we serve 100+ hungry folks in style and



grace. To keep the audience sated during the serving it was decided to add salad to the menu, something to do whilst waiting to be served. We added peanuts and pretzels and crackers and breadsticks to the items being served. Whew!

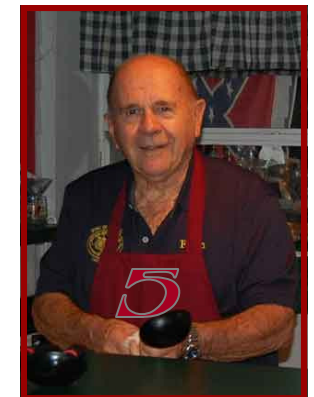
The crew got started at 3:00 P.M. for the 6:00 P.M. program. Five kettles of “chowdah” had to be brought up to temperature, nearly 15 gallons. Set the tables, make the salads and prep the coffee.

As usual KOTR membership pitched in and got the job done for everyone to enjoy this very special evening of song and good food with wonderful friends. Well done everyone.



As you can plainly see it took many of our members to put this program together. From Jack Armstrong doing the temperature checks to Dee Murray, Leif Drexler, Ellen Harcourt, Jerry and Linda Cheney on the serving crew. Gopher Jim Murray along with his wife Dee and Leif Drexler pose for a moment before the onslaught. The orderly serving of the people was paramount in our preparation even though there were some over eager diners among the throng. The view our entertainers "Patchouli" had from the stage at Paquette's Show Barn. One of our newest members Bob Brownlee offered to run the ticket booth for the evening and of course we had to clean up after all was said and done and that is where one of our mainstays in KOTR , Fran Helfferich jumped in.

The whole idea behind these BIG programs is to foster a sense of camaraderie among the membership to see that a job worth doing is done well, with style for all to enjoy. Mediocrity is the bane of KOTR, As Fred Astaire once stated "...do it big and do it with style." Mission accomplished.



MEET THE PACKARD CLUB

Our good friend and chapter member Ed Miller asked our area members and friends in The Villages region along with Ocala members to join in on the Florida Region of The Packard Club meet at his home in Leesburg on April 1st. No foolin'.

Combined we brought 28 eager car buffs to Ed's lakeside home where the cars were on display on a beautiful sunny day here in central Florida. Many of our group are not Packard nuts so this was a rare chance to see so many at one time. At one point Packards were among the best of the best in American automobiles.

We saw cars from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's. Anything from an unrestored 1925 phaeton to a fabulous 1933, 12, convertible sedan. Let the pictures speak for themselves about the glory that was Packard.

Below Leif Drexler from KOTR was spotted checking out the chrome work on the 1933 convertible sedan and the unique "V" shaped headlight, a Packard signature item. Note the "Cathedral" headlight on the 1955 model to the right and still carrying the Packard signature notched grill from the earliest days of the company.

"Ask the man who owns one" was the sales motto from those days.



Packard was also known for its use of up-beat color schemes on their products in the 50's to attract the "new" customer. They could no longer rely on the staid wealthy customer, they had to attract the younger crowd to the showrooms as sales were faltering. Much was attempted in those final years but to no avail, the market had moved on .



Following our time with the Packards we rumbled on down the road to the south side of Leesburg to the Yalaha Bakery. An eatery popular among locals for its fine pastries and German cuisine along with live entertainment. Performing that day was "Patchouli" also a favorite among Villagers and friends of Rich Courmettes and Ellen Harcourt.

Above you can see Merce Moncrief's 1957 Olds convertible and Larry Jacobsen's 1963 Buick Riviera. Behind that is Allen DeLosa's 1965 Chevy Malibu along with Ed Jouret's 1969 Chevy Chevelle. All toll we had ten vintage cars and a few modern wheels make the trip on a fabulous day



with good friends.

One patron at the restaurant was so impressed with the "mini" car show that he wanted more information on the club as he is building a truck up north in Ohio.

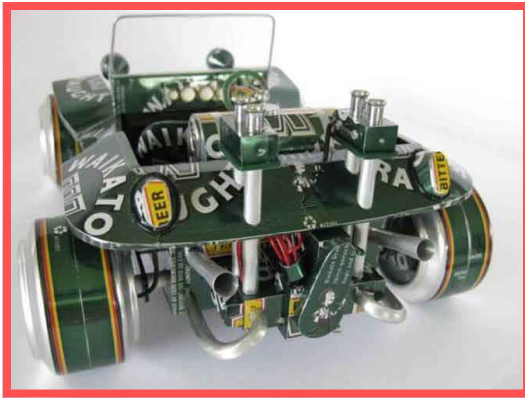
This is how we grow, one little step at a time. Always putting

our best foot forward and reaching out with a kind word and a handshake. "C'mon, this is fun and we'd love to have you join with us and our great cars." KOTR is On The Road Again. Beep! Beep!

FROM THE SUBLIME...

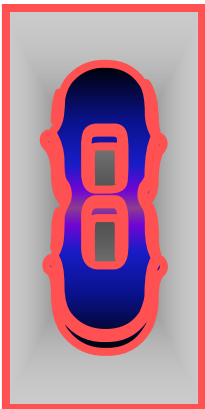


...From the glory and majesty that was Packard we now examine what can be called "mini marvels." These models are the imagination of a single artist, one that likes beer and the cans that it comes in. The cars were made by a New Zealander they call "Sandy Cancars," contrary to the e-mail going around attributing these to another individual.



The scale and detail of these miniatures is amazing. In my research I also found that you can

purchase plans for these. It would take me two years to get enough cans interesting sideline for even the simplest hobby for those of you one. For some of you a good weekend would do.



TVRAACA APRIL MEETING



The April meeting of TVRAACA found much of our membership already retreating to their homes out of The Villages around the country. Yet we still had 25 in attendance for an ice cream social followed by an informative program about ORBIS. A worldwide

necessary for those areas to continue the efforts of the volunteer doctors. Gordon is a retired Air Force and FedEx pilot helping these needy peoples all over the world.



We also brought back "The Car Of The Month" project. This time we heard Larry Jacobsen talk about his 1965 Buick Riviera and his 1957 Ford Thunderbird he found in The Villages tucked away in a

carport with four flat tires. Even in the land of dreams you can still find a diamond in the rough. Well done everyone!



program that seeks to treat preventable blindness where it is found. TVR president, Gordon Platt is a pilot for this mission group. They travel where they are invited to both heal and teach the methods

SHARE WITH A FRIEND

Do you want to share your AACA experiences with your friends else where? Feel free to give the address for this newsletter so that can see what you have been up to here in sunny Florida. Did you also know that we have a FACEBOOK page as well. You and your friends can like us at this address;

www.facebook.com/kotraaca.org - www.facebook.com/tvraaca.org

Spread the word about King Of The Road chapter and all of the other AACA programs you enjoy here in the heart of "Old Car Central" in the heart of central Florida.





Snow Bird Special Redux

Last summer KOTR and friends were invited to our good friend and fellow member Roger Hatton's collection in near by Lady Lake. Well I got such response from the "snowbirds" that they felt left out that we were once again invited to partake of Roger's hospitality. Some 50 members of KOTR, The Villages region and Ocala region took the opportunity to indulge themselves one more time in this redux of a fun day with great cars, good friends and wonderful food at Gator Joe's in Ocklawaha. Bon appétit, beep-beep.



AACA is all about friends getting together to have a good time, enjoying each other's camaraderie and of course our wonderful cars. We like talking about them and showing the latest doodad we've put on to make it even more enjoyable to *DRIVE!*

For this little get together for the *Snow Birds* we had more than 50 folk sign up. You didn't have to be one, just sort of a way to say that you are a part the group even though you're not here full time, you matter.

We met at Sam's Club parking lot in Lady Lake, both old and new iron for the very short two mile jaunt to Roger Hatton's garage. Sitting outside for our arrival was Roger's 1955 Packard Caribbean, resplendent in it's three tone paint job. This only served to whet the appetite for what was inside on this bright and sunny day just made for *Garage Hopping* with friends.



To do justice to this day more space is needed than a two page spread. With so many wonderful cars and people the stories could seemingly go on for ever.

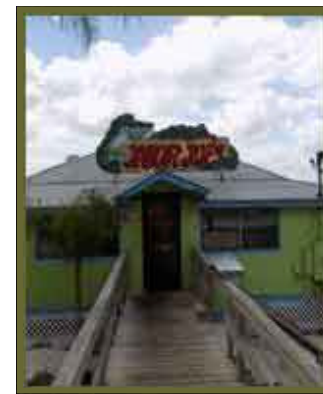
What we have tried to do here is to give those of you that chose not to go for one reason or another just what you are missing when you do not participate.

Our special thank you goes to Roger Hatton for allowing us to once again enjoy his hospitality and his cars. We always have a wonderful time there. His aide Bob takes the time to make treats for us to enjoy while we peruse the collection. What more could you ask for? An hour slips by so quickly. So soon it was time to go and make our appointment for lunch.

Just a short eight mile drive up County Road 25 and we were at Gator Joe's in Ocklawaha on beautiful Lake Weir. The caravan of iron cruised on in as did 50 hungry folks for a relaxing lunch lake side.

No one seemed upset at the setting or the food as

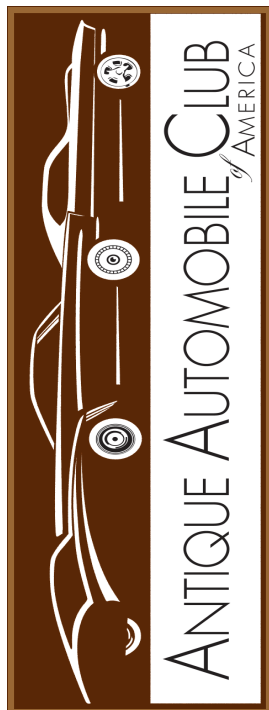
far as I could tell. Some of our membership had never been there before so this was something as was the collection. KOTR and TVRAACA try to make each activity a new experience for our friends, something they will remember and talk about for weeks and months. Anticipating the next adventure with the gang. We'll be here when the "birds" return in the Fall with a full slate of activities to enjoy.



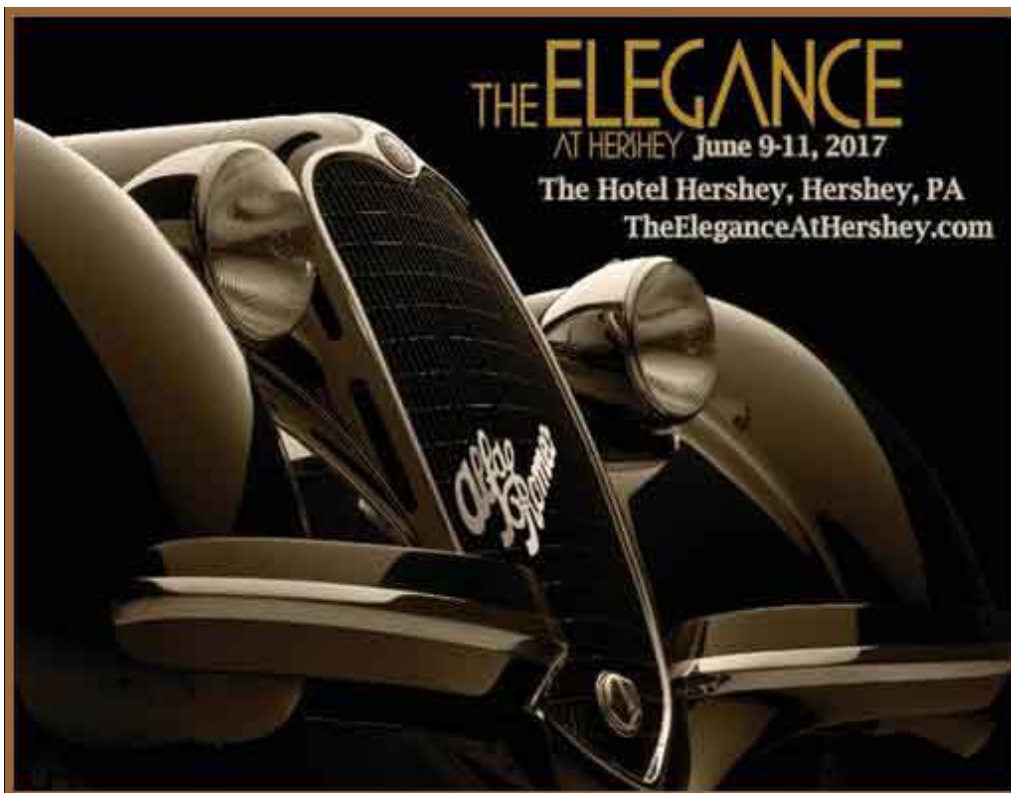


On The Road For The Summer?

You can stay in touch with your AACA roots at any one of the many events around the country these coming Summer months with your participation or simple attendance and report back to us in the Fall with pictures and a story. Stay in the groove!



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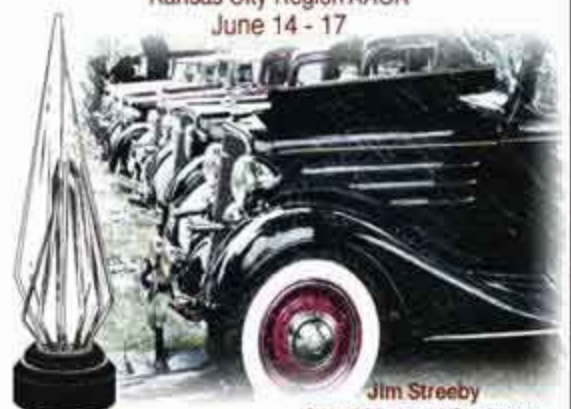
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*Here Are Three More
For You To Consider
This Summer... 13*

The Spanish Springs Cruise In of April

Most everyone in the region knows of my aversion to the Spanish Springs Cruise Ins, they are boring. Then on the spur of the moment I thought, while walking Ozzie the other day, why not have a tail-gate party, no one has done that before. The pizza shop is just around the corner. I put out a query to the membership and got a very positive response. So on show day we took a count and 16 hungry folks chipped in, we ordered three large pizzas for 5:00. and the rest is history with requests to do it again and we shall. A great time was had at the trunk rack of my 1932 Buick.





YOUR EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

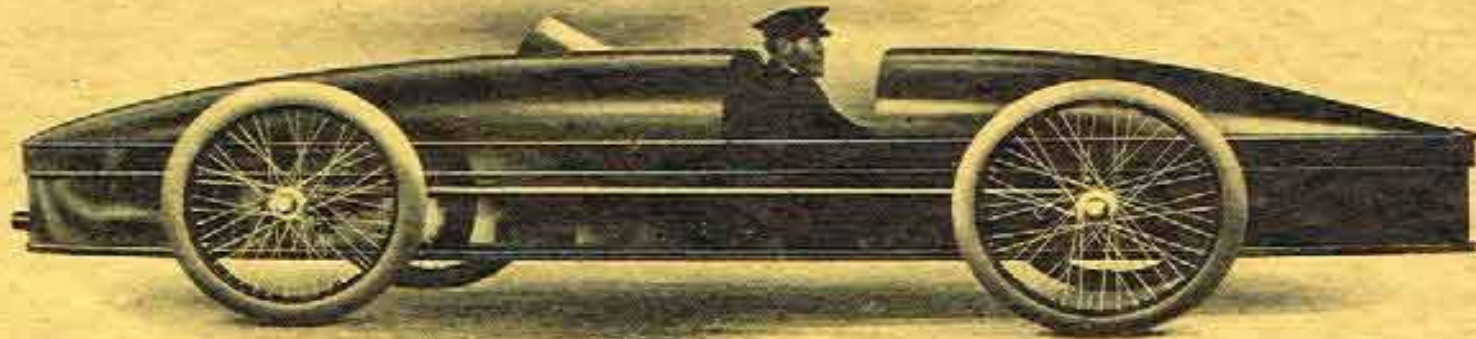
Nearly two years of meeting and planning
Allowed KOTR, TVR, NCFR and Ocala
Regions among others to produce perhaps
The best AACA Winter Meet.

The award above is for everyone that
Made it the smashing success that it was.
Working together we can make anything
Come to fruition. AACA at its best!

The membership of KOTR are truly the fortunate ones to have attracted some of the finest people in the old car hobby to our chapter. Roger Hatton, above explaining the details of his Studebaker to Brad and Elaine Werner and Jim Murray, has offered us the use of his garage in Lady Lake as a meeting site if we need one.

In the past we have taken a hiatus from monthly meetings during the Summer months because of the heat and lack of remaining members in the area. For those of you that find it difficult to attend the regular meetings perhaps we can arrange for a very special meeting so that you don't feel left out of the experiences with the others. Some of you have work and other obligations that deter you from attending. This may be an opportunity to get re-involved with KOTR. We want to make every effort we can to make your membership worthwhile and enjoyable. Together we can make this work for everyone's benefit.

S T A N L E Y S T E A M C A R



THE FASTEST CAR IN THE WORLD

(Rate of 127.66 Miles an Hour)

This car, at Ormond, Fla., Jan. 21 to 28, 1906, established the following World's Records:

| WORLD'S RECORDS | | FORMER RECORDS | |
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| 1 Kilometre | .18 | Darracq | .21 |
| 1 Mile | .28 | Napier | .34 |
| 1 Mile in Competition | .31 | | .41 |
| 5 Miles | 2.47 | Napier | 3.17 |
| 2 Miles (World's record for cars eligible under the rules) | .59 | | |

The 5-mile record was made in competition, with a scoring start, and was at the rate of a mile in 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, which is faster than any gasoline car built according to A. A. A. rules ever made for a single mile.

The power-plant in this car is exactly like that in the regular Stanley cars, except that it is larger, of about twice the power as the Touring Cars (Model F). It weighs 1,600 pounds, and has margin enough for another boiler of the same size (512 pounds) without passing the racing weight-limit of 2,204 pounds. The boiler is 30 inches in diameter and 18 inches deep. It contains 1,475 tubes, and has a total heating surface of 285 square feet. A steam pressure of 800 to 900 pounds is carried. The engine is 44 x 64, and makes 350 revolutions in the mile. The wheels are 34 inches in diameter, and make 600 revolutions to the mile. They are equipped with 3-inch G. and J. tires. The body is so designed that the largest cross-section it presents, including the wheels, is only 9 square feet.

ON THE COVER

Our cover car this month is an AC speedster from 1928. The picture was taken at the 2003 Hershey Fall meet and the crowd around this car was so large that I could not get a clean shot of the entire car. That can be so frustrating at times. So you move in close and get what you can. The hood was this spectacular polished aluminum with the deep red "wings." This is a British car and they call fenders "wings" over there. Much of the detail you don't see at the time of the shooting, but when you get home and look at what you have the image seems to come alive and is more than just a snap shot. Hope you have enjoyed this Déjà vu edition of KOTR PINS. What do you think of the retro format?