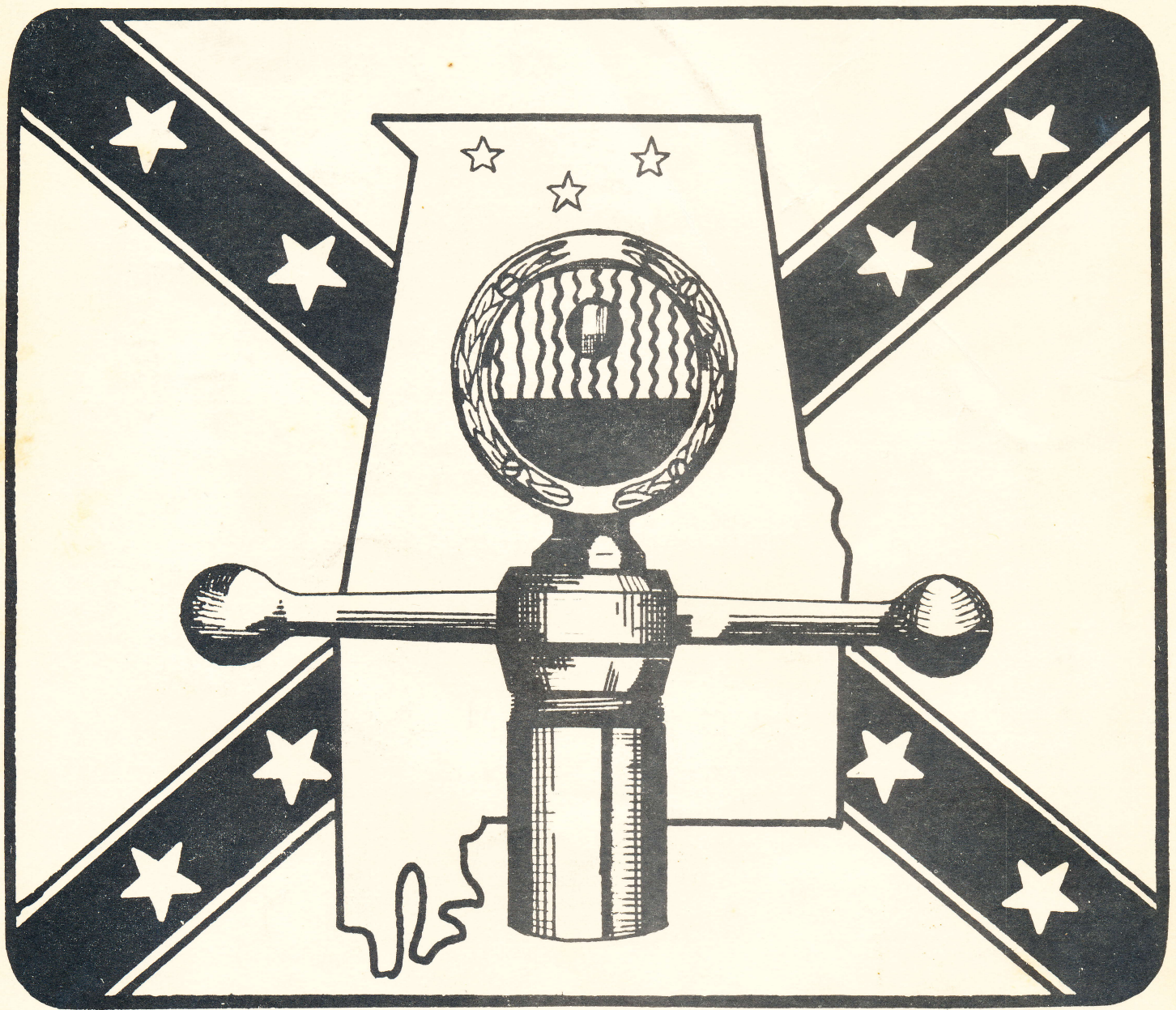


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## NEWS SECTION

### "From the Driver's Seat" (Director's Column)

The Heart of Huntsville Shopping Center Car Show was another tremendous success. This is the opinion of the Shopping Center Association. In fact, it was such a success, that they have already indicated a desire for the show again next year...during Washington's birthday weekend. The credit is given to the North Alabama Region members who participated, either with exhibits, or with hard work toward producing the show. The show was so very, very well planned and implemented that the advertising didn't stop until midweek after the show was over. I personally express my thanks to Dan Shady for a job well done.

The next major event is the June show. Let's continue to press forward so this event will be equally successful.

A lot of 1971 members have not paid their dues for this year. Please send them in...so that the membership roster can be up-dated.

Tom Holley, Director  
North Alabama Region AACA

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### "The Lube Rack"

To everyone who helped in the many details and the loaning of their cars for the Heart of Huntsville Show, of February 18th-21st, I would like to express my appreciation. Other than the unexpected...of having to borrow a wrecker to retrieve a car from Woody Anderson's Garage, on Saturday morning, everything worked smoothly.

The merchants reported a satisfying business for the weekend, and, automatically gave their approval for the show the same weekend in 1973. It would be impossible to mention the names of all who willingly helped in making this show a big success. To these people, again... I say "Thank you?".

Dan Shady



NEWS SECTION, continued

DUES ---- Spring has sprung,  
The Grass has riz.  
I've Been wondering  
where your dues is!

A poet I'm not....  
I'm sure you'll agree  
So, if you'll just pay your dues,  
You'll hear no more from me!

Seriously, folks, there are many of you who still haven't paid club dues for 1972...so, act TODAY! Send \$3.00 to Chris Ellingsen, 1101 Parcus Road, S. E. Huntsville, Alabama, 35803

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE - 1954 Ford, 2-door sedan - Approx. 70,000-miles  
W. C. Mitchell  
2021 Stanford Drive, S. W.  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Phone - 534-7752

FOR SALE - 1925 "T"  
Floyd Jackson - Mobile, Alabama

FOR SALE - '39 Iasalle  
Ted Dukes - Mobile, Alabama  
Can be located in phone book

FOR SALE - 1957 Cadillac  
R. E. Varner  
Route 5 - Box 348  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Phone - 852-5069

PARTS FOR SALE - 18-inch Chevy spoke rims  
Bud Berry - Phone - 881-0967

PARTS FOR SALE - Recently purchased large inventory of new, old stock engine and chassis parts. Late 20's to late 40's. Reasonable prices.  
Chris Ellingsen, 1101 Parcus Road, Huntsville  
Phone - 883-8262

PARTS WANTED - 1950 and 1951 Studebaker taillamp lens. These are glass. Will pay \$2.00 each...new or used.  
M. H. Elling, 3603 Williamsburg Drive  
Huntsville, Alabama, 35810  
Phone - 859-2949



## "Mile-O-Meter"

(A Gauge of Reaction)

As you have probably guessed by now, via the view "From the Driver's Seat", the Heart of Huntsville Shopping Center Car Show was very successful. From the time the doors slid (pushed, pulled and tugged) open to admit the cars, on February 18, until they closed behind them on the 21st, everything went closer to plan than could be hoped for.

The initial spotting and parking was very efficient..... including Mr. Ellingsen backing that Pontiac all the way down the west lane. (I can't believe he backed the WHOLE way!)

The manner in which the cars were grouped gave ample opportunity to view, and compare, and yet, afford maximum protection against inadvertent molestation.

The 1906 through 1972 (at ten-year intervals) Ford display was unique and seems to be a good idea for an annual feature.

The 1913 Cadillac wrecker, from Holmes Wrecker Co., Chattanooga, Tennessee, and brought to us courtesy of Bill Clemons, was a welcome addition to the display and generated a lot of interest from club members and shoppers alike.

When you have 40-plus cars on display, it is difficult to compliment each and every one individually....so, we say "thank you and everyone should be proud of the way the North Alabama Region and its associated chapters pitched-in to make it the success it was."

We thought we would pass on some comments overheard from the "viewing audience" and reported to us by our club members.....

So, that's a national 1st prize winner.

Man walking up to 1957 Ford, with wife at side..."Boy, that's a clean Chevy!"

Elderly lady talking to her husband..."This reminds me of the Ford Museum."

As Mr. Fore was entering the mall, a gentleman asked...

"How is that car moving without the motor running?"

I can't see spending that much money on a car and then not be able to drive it.

Yea, Honey, why don't you clean-up your car and bring it down here? It looks better than that ol' rough one with all the trophies.

A man studying Tom Holley's Packard chassis asked the question..."Where do you find a motor in that condition?". Grandad used to have one just like that...and, it was in that good of condition, too.

Man looking at Russ Vizzi's '38 Pontiac, and, talking to anyone within hearing range..."I bought one of them brand-new...best d----- car I ever owned!".

Charlie Mullins '06 Ford should have a few more miles on the tires. Everyone just had to feel that white rubber.



To enable us to get to know each other better, we plan to run biographical sketches in each issue of Auto Antiquarian News.

### "The Nut Behind the Wheel"

Tom Holley

Heralding from the west-central Alabama countryside, Tom has all the traits of a true antiquer. The background of "take apart" and "put together" has been with him since childhood....when, according to his mother, in the backyard or near the barn, he would scatter his first red wagon. This process of trial and error has been repeated many times...with many different objects...including John Deere tractors, an Elgin bicycle, and a '20 Chevy, to name a few.

After high school graduation, in 1951, and with these qualifications, Tom joined the U. S. Air Force. There he applied his curiosity within the Aircraft Maintenance field... under supervision of other "take apart" artists. These being highly trained as instructors, however. After completing extensive training, Tom also became an instructor. He came to be a world traveler and a speaker of the G.I. Japanese language...courtesy of Uncle Sam.

With this technical experience and a '51 Ford, he and his tote and getter (wife) moved to Birmingham in 1957... where his skill was transformed to writing technical manuals. The office frustrations were released through his shade tree mechanicing during afternoons and on Saturdays.

He accepted a job in Huntsville in 1962 (thereby acquiring a home at 2602 Gamma Circle) and, so turned his enthusiasm upon the Space Industry. His adeptness is still shown in this field as Supervisor of the Technical Publications Branch at Federal Electric Corporation.

The antique seed of collecting was watered by the 1966 National show at the Huntsville High School. He then began following the antique auto hobby a week later by buying a blue 1946 Chevrolet.

His hobby has culminated with the purchase of a '35 Packard (in process of restoration) and a '41 Chevrolet (now with a genuine Holley paint job.). The interest is still growing, however, and who knows what day or place their could be a Duesenburg or even a nice '57 Chevy.

Lavana Holley



"Back Seat Driver"  
(Board of Directors)

Ed Baltz

Ed Baltz was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on October 13, 1919. His father wanted him to be a dirt farmer...but, a hoe didn't fit his hand. So, he opted for a job as airplane driver, used car lot operator, auto-mechanic and similar get-rich-quick schemes...without much success.

After one-year of college at Bensselaer, Indiana, and a course in diesel engines, in Memphis, he was learning the rudiments of sewer cleaning and pipe fitting, as a plumber's helper...when Uncle Sam offered him a better job...or else.

Finding a home in the Army, Ed stayed twenty-years...touring Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas, Northern Ireland, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Korea...and, points in between.

He met his wife, Betty, in Bayreuth, Germany...where she was a displaced person, from Czechoslovakia and Ed was on occupation duty. They were married in 1948 and have two children...Lt. Dietwald A. Gerstner, U.S.N.R. and Timothy S., a student at Grissom High School.

Ed's hobby is tinkering with antique automobiles...an avocation not much shared by the rest of the family.

Ed has owned a 1929 Ford Phaeton, since 1941...at which time he paid \$15.00 for it. Ed still hasn't gotten it restored...but, is still working on it.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The most expensive automobile ever built is the presidential Lincoln Continental Executive built in 1960 (a so-called 1969 model) and delivered to the U. S. Secret Service. It has over 2-tons of armour plate, weighs 12,000-pounds and cost over \$500,000. If all four pneumatic tires were shot out, it could still travel in excess of 50 m.p.h. It is rented to the U. S. Government for a nominal \$1,200 a year.



## ARE YOU AN EXPERT?

How well do you know your history of motoring? Try this series of questions; if you can answer more than half of them, you are well on the way to being an expert.  
(Answers at bottom of page.)

1. How did the name of General Jellinek's daughter become immortalized in 1901?
2. What was the cheapest car ever made and how much did it cost?
3. F. B. Simms took out patents in 1905 for car accessories that are now standard fittings. What were they?
4. The initials FIAT do NOT stand for "Fires in All Temperatures", as a veteran joke has it. What DO they mean?
5. One car was in production for 19-years...a year longer than the Model T Ford. What was it and what were the years?
6. The first of six cars that were the world's biggest was produced in 1927. It was over 22-ft. long. What was it called?
7. In what year did U. S. motor car production exceed 1-million for the first time?
8. Who were Wilbur Gunn, Marc Birkigt and Henry Leland?
9. In what year, and in what city, was the first Packard completed and driven under its own power?
10. Which division of General Motors is the oldest...and, the cornerstone on which the huge industrial empire is founded?
11. What year was the first Glidden Tour held?
12. What car was the first to cross the United States under its own power?

### ANSWERS TO "ARE YOU AN EXPERT"?

1. The Mercedes car was named after Mercedes Jellinek, daughter of the Daimler representative in Nice.
2. The Model T Ford. In 1917 it cost \$360.
3. Bumpers

(Answers are continued on next page)



ARE YOU AN EXPERT? Answers continued:

4. Fabrica Italiana d'Automobili Turin
  5. The Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost, 1907-1926
  6. Bugatti Royale, type 41
  7. 1916
  8. Founders of Lagonda, Hispano-Suzia and Cadillac, respectively
  9. 1899, in Warren, Ohio
  10. Buick
  11. 1904
  12. 1903 Winton
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#### FLIVVER FUNNIES

##### When Talk is Expensive

"Hey, Bill, your doctor's out here with a flat tire, and, he wants to know what it's going to cost him," announced the garage owner's assistant. "Diagnose the case as flatulency of the perimeter, and charge him five-dollars," came the answer.

##### This Gent was Quite a Wisecracker

A gentleman, who was visiting his lawyer for the purpose of making his will, insisted that a final request be attached to the document. The request was, that the family Ford be buried with him after he died. His lawyer tried to make him see how absurd this was, but failed, so he asked the man's wife to use her influence with him. She did the best she could, but, she also failed.

"Tell, John," she said finally, "tell me WHY you want your Ford car buried with you."

"Because I never have got in a hole yet but what my Ford could pull me out," was the reply.

##### TIN CAN?

"We drive a red Ford because the state law says all tin cans carrying gasoline have to be painted red."

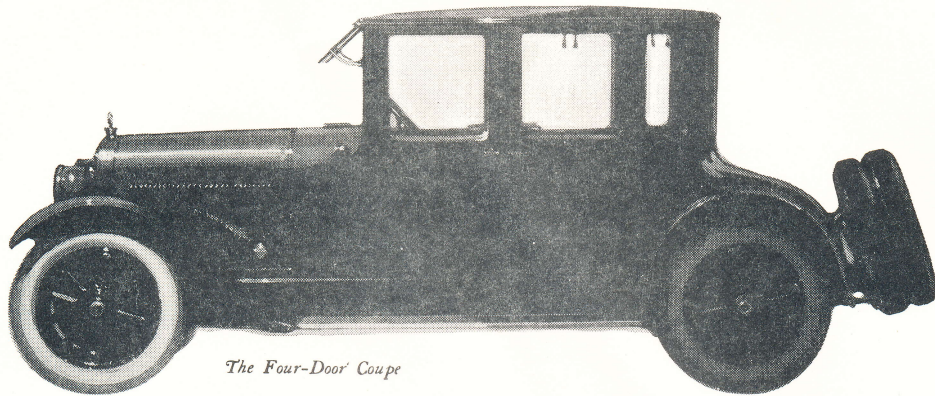


## THE ROAD MAP

### 1972 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25-26	Antique Auto Show and Swap Meet-Columbus, Ga.
April 7-8	Southeastern Division National AACA Meet- Fort Lauderdale, Florida
April 9	Kyana Region Swap-Meet-Louisville, Ky.
April 9	'72 Antique Car Show-Tuscaloosa, Ala.
April 14-16	Florida Region Spring Tour-Mount Dora, Florida
April 28-29	Antique Autorama-Jackson, Tennessee
May 6-8	Chickamauga Region Invitational Meet- Chattanooga, Tennessee
May 20-21	Dixie Vintage Auto Club's 10th Annual Antique Car Show and Flea Market-Birmingham, Alabama
May 27	Southeastern Region Indian Springs Meet- Indian Springs, Georgia
May 27-28	Land of the Sky Chapter, N.C. Region Meet- Asheville, N. C.
May 27-28	10th Annual Trade and Trophy Day and Antique Car Races-Caruthersville, Missouri
June 3	Mid-Kentucky Region Meet-Glasgow, Ky.
June 9-11	North Alabama Region Show and Swap Meet- Huntsville, Alabama
June 9-17	Southeastern Region-See GA.-VA. Tour
June 23-24	Eastern Division National AACA Spring Meet- Seven Springs, Penna.
July 1-2	Mountaineer Chapter, N. C. Region Meet- Maggie Valley, North Carolina
July 28-29	East Tennessee Region Meet-Gatlinburg, Tennessee
August 21-25	AACA Reliability Tour-Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
August 25-26	Muscle Shoals Antique Auto Club AACA Chapter 3rd Invitational Car Show and Flea Market- Florence, Alabama
September 8-9	Mid-Tennessee Region Meet-Red Boiling Springs, Tn.
October 5-7	Eastern Division National Fall Meet-Hershey, Penna.





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If you have any suggestions for meeting programs... or, if you can at least express a desire as to what kind of a program you would enjoy...please contact Bob Thurstone, 1401 Toney Drive, Huntsville, Alabama, 35802. Phone 881-9142.

This is my first attempt at publishing Auto Antiquarian News...so, I would appreciate your comments...pro and con.

I would also appreciate it if all members would help me with future issues...by forwarding any article they feel might be of interest to other club members.

This could include articles on the history of antique cars, restoration, motoring fashions, etc... as well as a biography, or any item concerning your family...such as a new addition...child or car!?

If you have any suggestions...or, can provide an article...please contact Bill Constable, 4813 Mastin Lake Road, N. W., Huntsville, Alabama, 35810. Phone - 859-1996.

Bill Constable

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: March 23, 1972

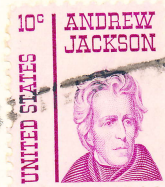
Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Room 325, Madison County Courthouse  
(Enter through basement)

Program: An interesting program is being  
planned by Bob Thurstone...but,  
details are not available at this time.

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