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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE
MEET LOCATION: BILL PENNEY MOTOR COMPANY
ABOVE BODY SHOP

JULY 26	Auto Related Movie plus Auto Body Patch Panel Repair--Leonard Brown
AUGUST 30	U pholstery Seminar
SEPTEMBER 27	How to Identify your "T'S"--Ernest Cross
OCTOBER 25	Report and slides or movies of Hershey
NOVEMBER 29	Election of 1974 Officers
DECEMBER 14 or 15	Christmas Party--Jack Stuart and Ernie Cross

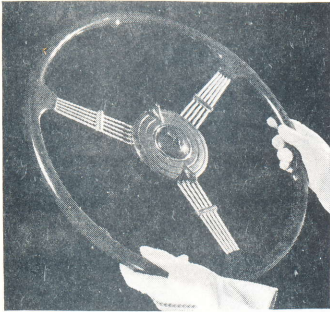
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 4-5	Gadsden Antique Auto Club Antique Car Show
	Noccalula Falls
19	NORTH ALABAMA REGION TOUR AND PICNIC
24	Florence Invitational, Florence, Alabama
SEPTEMBER 8-9	Red Boiling Springs
OCTOBER 4-7	Hershey
	3RD ANNUAL NORTH ALABAMA REGION FALL PICNIC
	ELK RIVER--BERNIE GIER
DECEMBER 14 or 15	CHRISTMAS PARTY--JACK STUART AND ERNEST CROSS
	CHRISTMAS TOUR--TODD TOWERS

A change in business venture has lured the club's secretary, Bill Penney, Jr., away from the Huntsville area. As a result an election will be held at the July meeting to fill the office of secretary for the remainder of the year. The club is most grateful to Bill for his time and effort in serving as secretary and we wish him the best in his new endeavor.

Monthly club meetings will continue to be held at Bill Penney Motor Company thru November 1973.

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9th Annual Noccalula Falls Meet
Gadsden, Alabama
August 4, 5, 1973

Schedule of events

Saturday, August 4	Free flea market
Noon til dark	
1:00 to 5:00 PM	Registration-Noccalula Falls
3:00 PM	Tour to McLendon Museum
6:00 PM	Free Hospitality party to registrants and flea market vendors
Sunday, August 5	
9:00 AM til	Free Flea Market
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Registration - Noccalula Falls
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Judging
12:30 PM	Lunch (by reservation only - closes July 28, 1973)
1:45	Fashion show
2:30	Awarding of trophies

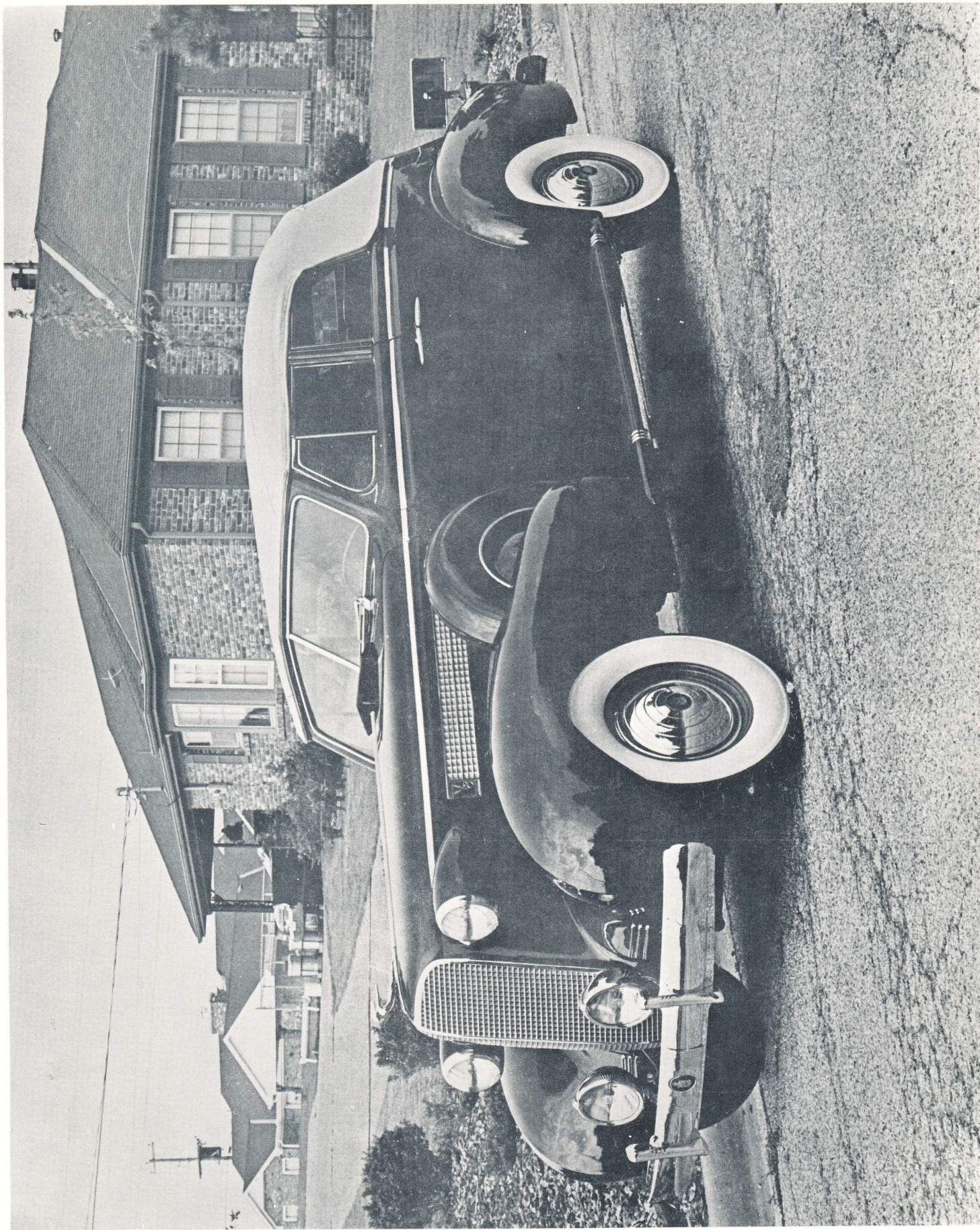
Shady show grounds - Headquarters Motel. Holiday Inn, Atalla -
Gadsden Show Chairman: J. S. (Red) Thomas, 303 Lester Street
Glencoe, Alabama 35905

JULY PROGRAM

The July meeting program was originally scheduled as an Auto related movie which Bill Penney, Jr. had ordered from GM intitled, "Changing Architecture of the Automobile Body". The movie, approximately, 30 minutes long will be shown as scheduled along with Leonard Browns seminar on auto body patch panel repair, postponed from the June meeting.

AUGUST PICNIC

The date for the August picnic tour will be August 19. If you do not have a hand crank ice cream freezer be looking for one to borrow. The club will supply ice and salt for a contest of the best home made ice cream. Complete details will be announced at the July meeting and a seperate flyer will be mailed prior to the picnic. Are there any volunteers for judges for the ice cream contest?



1937 CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE SEDAN

OWNER — W. E. WOOTEN

FEATURE CAR

1937 Cadillac Convertible Sedan

W. E. Wooten, president of our Tri-Cities Chapter, is the proud owner of the feature car which recently won a National AACA first prize at the Nashville spring meet.

W. E. and his son had gone to San Antonio, Texas in March 1971 to buy a 1936 Packard V-12 from a Mr. Don Sietsma only to be sadly disappointed about the condition of the car. They were ready to return to Florence when Don offered to show them a 1937 Cadillac. They immediately fell in love with the convertible sedan and for \$3050 had it delivered to Florence. The Cadillac was sold new in San Antonio and had been stored for 15 years by a Chrysler Dealer.

The frustrations of a restoration, especially a low production classic car, began for W. E. with discovery of water in the oil. Cracks were found in the heads and block. A 37 head was found in Tennessee after \$40.00 had been spent to repair a 36 head.

From head cracks to headaches. Paint was stripped from the body only to discover rust in the rocker panels that required 15 pounds of lead to repair. After all body work the car was taken to Leonard Brown's for final painting.

Spring of '72 found W. E. putting it back together. Wheels were found in Texas, Florida and Huntsville. Hubcaps came from Georgia and Texas. Woodgraining was done in Colorado. Many other states were represented in the search for parts.

W. E. said one mistake was costly. He forgot to take pictures of his top and after completion discovered one of the bows was reversed. This required fabrication of a complete new top since it was custom made to fit.

W. E. wishes to thank all the members of the Tri-Cities club and particularly Rusty, Elmer, Mike, Jerry, Mert, Bryant, and Sonny for all the help he received during the restoration. What's next? His 1930 La Salle Coupe.

MUSCLE SHOALS ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW

Muscle Shoals antique auto club is sponsoring their 4th invitational car show and flea market in Florence, Alabama, August 24 and 25 at Bradshaw High School. Hospitality party Friday night August 24 at 7:30, Holiday Inn. Flea market Saturday, August 25 8:00 - 6:00. \$3.00 per vendor. Registration 8:00 - 12:00, lunch 12:00 free with car registration. Judging at 1:00, banquet 7:00. Registration fee \$5.00 first car, \$3.00 second car. Trophies in 18 classes.

EDITORIAL

Antique Vehicle License

The flagrant misuse of antique vehicle licenses in the State of Alabama is increasing. There have been over 4000 antique vehicle license issued since the enactment of the law in 1965. Only about 2000 of these tags were sold the first five years and over 2000 the last two years. The tags were not available until 1966. The obvious increase in popularity of the antique vehicle license is the discovery by groups other than antiquers of the one time low price and the ease with which they can be obtained. Any individual with questionable integrity can apply and obtain an antique vehicle license for a pile of chrome and fiberglass called a 1923 T, etc. These pseudo antiques, a product of backyard blacksmith shop U.S.A., come complete with full race engines, 14 inch wide rear slicks, fiberglass body, rolled and pleated upholstery, shag carpets, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep metal flake paint with flames down the side, twin exhausts with tuned headers, a 24 gauge instrument panel, pistol grip shift lever, and \$800.00 worth of chromeplating, but most important of all is a genuine authentic reproduction radiator shell which (in the owners interpretation) qualifies his chrome on wheels to be licensed as an antique vehicle.

Why have an antique vehicle license in the first place? Do they serve any purpose? The antique vehicle license law was written as an incentive by our state officials to preserve our automotive history. An individual does not have to pay yearly ad valorem taxes nor registration fees on a vehicle he may drive less than a hundred miles a year. The law was not intended to be used as a dodge to circumvent payment of ad valorem taxes on vehicles driven daily on our streets. These taxes are a vital source of revenue of our state and local government.

It is strongly recommended that the North Alabama region AACA appoint a committee to meet with the local legislative delegation to discuss ammendments to act 116 which would require proof all vehicles issued antique vehicle licenses are bona fide antiques.

A copy of act 116 is reprinted in this issue. Suggestions are solicited for ammendments which would eliminate the growing misuse of the antique vehicle license.

Meade, Albea, Drake,
Nabors, Pennington,
Burnham, Burns, Owens,
Merrill, Vacca

ACT NO. 116

Enrolled, An Act, To provide for the registration and licensing as "antique vehicles" of certain motor vehicles; prescribing the fee therefore; providing for the collection and disbursement

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ACT NO. 116 CONTINUED

thereof; exempting vehicles licensed under this Act from other motor vehicle licenses and ad valorem taxation; and placing certain duties relative to the registration and licensing of such vehicles on the State Department of Revenue and the Commissioner thereof and on the several sheriffs of the State. _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: _____

Section 1. The owner of any motor vehicle which is more than twenty-five years old and which is owned and operated primarily as a collector's item, upon application to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Alabama on special application forms prescribed by the Commissioner and the payment of a registration fee of ten dollars (\$10), may register such vehicle as an "antique vehicle" and procure therefor permanent license plates or tags to be issued for and displayed on such vehicle in lieu of regular motor vehicle license plates or tags. _____

Section 2. "Antique vehicle" license plates or tags shall be of such size and design as the Commissioner of Revenue may prescribe, shall bear no date, shall have inscribed thereon the words "antique vehicle" and run in a numerical series commencing with "antique vehicle No. 1," shall be of a color different from regular motor vehicle license plates or tags and shall be valid without renewal. _____

Section 3. Should any license plates or tags issued pursuant to this Act be defaced, lost or destroyed the owner may apply for a replacement in the same manner as prescribed by law for the replacement of regular motor vehicle license plates and tags. _____

Section 4. No vehicle which has been registered and licensed as an "antique vehicle" pursuant to this Act shall be subject to the motor vehicle licensing requirements of Article 8, Chapter 20, Title 51, Code of Alabama 1940, as amended, nor any other law prescribing or requiring the payment of a license or privilege tax for the privilege of operating such vehicle upon the public roads or highways of this State. Such vehicles as may be registered under this Act shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. _____

Section 5. The State Department of Revenue shall make such rules and regulations as necessary to provide for the application for and issuance of such special tags. _____

Section 6. On or before the first day of January of each year the State Department of Revenue shall furnish to the sheriff of each county of the State of Alabama an alphabetically arranged list of the names and addresses of all persons who have during the previous year registered antique motor vehicles with the department, giving a description of the motor vehicle so registered and the number of the "antique vehicle" license plates or tags issued

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Act No. 116 Continued

therefor. It shall be the duty of the sheriffs of the State to maintain and keep current such lists for public information and inquiry.

Section 7. All moneys derived from the registration and licensing of antique motor vehicles shall be paid into the same fund in the state treasury that moneys derived from regular motor vehicle license taxes are paid. Such moneys may be used for the same purposes and disbursed in the same manner prescribed for moneys derived from regular motor vehicle license taxes.

Section 8. The provisions of this Act are severable. If any part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the part which remains.

Section 9. All laws or parts of laws which conflict with this Act are repealed.

Section 10. This Act shall take effect on the first day of October following its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

s/ Albert P. Brewer

Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Allen

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives
September 23, 1965

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in ~~and~~ was passed by the House September 15, 1965.

John W. Pemberton
Clerk

Senate

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Passed

No. 116

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s/ George C. Wallace
Governor

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, July 26, 1973

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Regular Meeting Place, Bill Penney Oldsmobile Body Shop
on Winston Avenue.

PROGRAM: Auto Body Patch Panel Repair plus Auto Related Movie

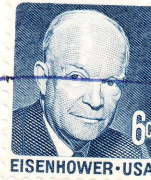
Leonard Brown will give a demonstration on fender and patch panel repair. He will also give a demonstration on leading techniques. Leonard is considered an expert on paint and body work in the restoration circles and he conducts a very informative seminar. Don't miss it!

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