

# SAVANNAH CLASSIC BRITISH CAR CLUB

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## CAR CLUB RETRACES 1908 GRAND PRIZE ROUTE

**D**rivers from the Savannah Classic British Car Club retraced the route of the 1908 Grand Prize of the Automobile Club of America, that was held on Thanksgiving in Savannah.

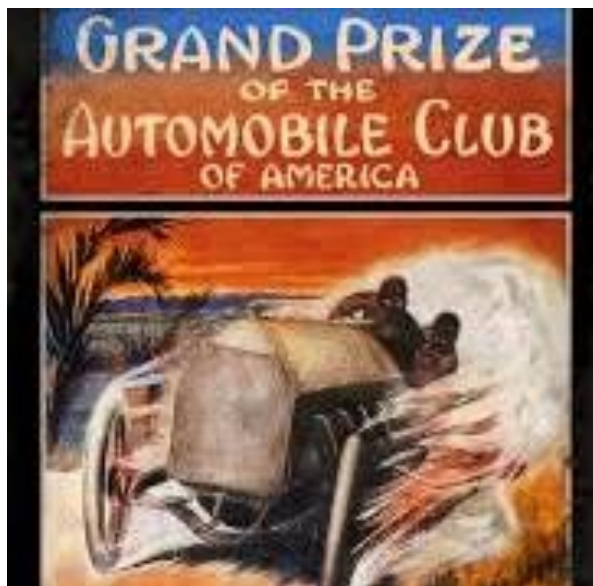
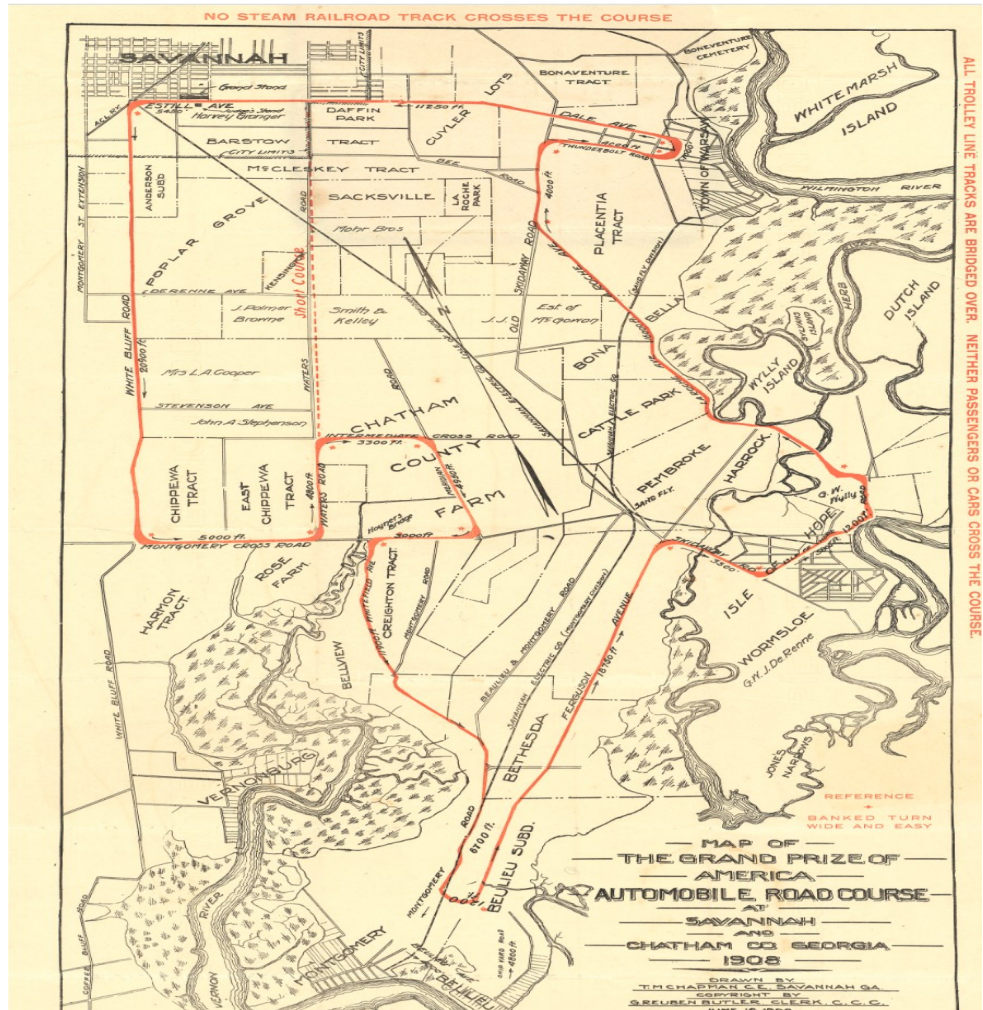
The race was one of the first major open road races in the country. The winner, Frenchman Louis Wagner, averaged 67.111 mph over 16 laps of the 25.13-mile course.

Our group met June 15 at Habersham Village, heading out on Victory Drive near the site of the race grandstands.

We did one lap of the course at a more leisurely pace than Wagner, enjoying spectacular scenery.

A few details from that first race: According to *The First American Grand Prix: The Savannah Auto Races, 1908-1911*, 250,000 spectators attended.

They included Horace Dodge, Henry Ford and Harvey S. Firestone.



Only nine of the 20 drivers completed the race.

Our small but mighty group finished with coffee at Habersham Village.



## MEET A CAR CLUB MEMBER



**Who:** Jon Brown, right, with son Ian.

**Car:** 1959 Glacier Blue MGB. He also has a red '62 MG Midget.

**Job:** Jon and wife Nicki crew yachts around the world. They've logged 180,000 sea miles in the 30 years they've been crewing. Jon captains for clients and Nicki serves as the chef. An upcoming destination is the Northwest Passage. They've also dropped anchor at ports in exotic spots such as Tahiti and Chile.

### IDEAS for FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES\*

- Hilton Head Cars & Coffee, every 3rd Saturday. Campus of USCB, Bluffton, Hwy 278.
- Roebing Road Raceway in Effingham County, <https://www.roebingroad.com/rent-roebing-road-raceway.html>
- Picnic
- Hilton Head Island Concours d' Elegance & Motoring Festival, Nov. 1-3

Other ideas? Please share!

\*Family members & friends are always welcome!



From left: Brad Bryant, Jason Brown, Jim Halley, John Golas, Jon Brown and Donald Ray at an Isle of Hope pit stop.