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1930 DuPont



1920 Studebaker

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"Orphan" Display
Hershey, PA
(See Note - Page 2)



1933 LaSalle



1940 Mercury



1928 Olds



1957 DeSoto



“Orphan ” Display (See Cover)

For those Sarasota area folks who don't get out of Florida much, these are pictures of the current "Orphan Cars" display at the museum. As Hershey Region members also we get to the museum frequently and decided to send examples of some of the exhibit for you to see.



~~~Cliff Wilson

### **The One Favorite Car That I Have Owned**

Bob zuHone wrote an article for the August Stutter 'n Sputter about which car he had once owned that he would like to own again if he could only pick one. That got me to thinking about the same question. I bought my



first car in 1953 and my latest one in 2016. During these 60+ years, I have purchased 74 more cars. Forty-Eight of them were my every day cars (aka daily drivers) and 28 of them were collector cars. I'd sure like to have back some of my daily drivers like the 1963 Lincoln Continental convertible sedan I owned in 1965 and the 1966 Mustang convertible I owned in 1966. But if I could only have one of the 76 cars I have owned, it would have to be a car I bought back in 1985 - a 1941 Cadillac 7519 sedan - the end example of traditional "Classic Era" luxury. I thought then, and I think now, it was a most handsome motor

car. This car truly seduced me. I bought the Cadillac from a friend in 1985. At that time I was living in Colorado. In the seven years I owned it the Cadillac and I toured an estimated 15,000 miles with the

CCCA visiting California, Missouri, Washington, Oregon, New York and Canada (twice.) It was a very faithful motor car that never let me down. I picked this car as the one car I would like back because every other car I owned, I sold because I wanted to buy another car. Not so with this car! I only sold this one because I let a friend talk me out of it. I didn't want to sell it but he really wanted it, so in a weak moment I let it go. I regretted the sale almost immediately, and it was several months before I found a replacement (a 1938 Packard Super 8 Formal Sedan) but that's a story for another time.

~~~Joe Malaney



Sayville NY 2022 "Summerfest"

I'd like to share photos with the club from a car event I attended on 7 August. One of the villages located on the south shore of Long Island is Sayville, NY, a maritime village with an active Chamber of Commerce which conducts an event referred to as "Summerfest". It's held the first weekend of August every year, other than two recent COVID related cancellations. It's a two day event, and it takes over the downtown village. The event includes a carnival at one end of town, including food trucks, and a series of numerous independent vendor tents which line up on two blocks selling many different types of items, from clothes to locally brewed liquor. On the second day, in addition to the aforementioned activities, they shut down Main Street to make room for every size & shape of collector cars.



1959 Edsel Retractable Hardtop

I've taken the liberty to photograph a dozen or so different cars, and tried to limit it to cars not typically seen at other shows. Regards,

~~~Tony Piazza



1959 Pontiac



1953 Studebaker

## Breakfast Drive to Myakka City: 18-Aug-2022

The Breakfast Drive on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, started at Stottlemeyer's parking lot, with eight cars and 11 people. A perfect number to keep us all together on our way to breakfast. Oops, Bob zuHone got an SOS call from a friend who was fretting over an engine light on. Now seven cars and 10 people en route to Silver Star East Restaurant. Once we turned off Fruitville Rd onto Verna, the drive became calm and peaceful in contrast to the go-to-work crowd of the morning. Earlier Bruce & I sat through traffic piled up because of two accidents, so we were glad we had decided to drive our Jaguar XK8 with the comfy seats. Jim Wilson in his TR6 was waiting for us, after he had encountered another accident on the ramp while exiting I-75. Brad & Jane Hindall exited their house and found they had a flat tire, so they arrived in their everyday driver. Joe Malaney arrived in his Jaguar XK8 and took some

group photos. Gerry & Irene Corbino showed up in their MG-TD, Linda Langenegger drove her Studebaker, and Mike Bohardt was in his TR3. I was pleasantly surprised and grateful for how many had made it to breakfast. The day before, I had cancellations due to doctor appointment changes, unexpected pet needs, and house cleaning schedules, so I was somewhat dismayed about lack of attendance. But as they say, all is well that turns out well, which it did with great people, great cars, great conversations, great food, and a great deal of fun & togetherness. After breakfast, Jim Wilson offered to lead us on a fast but longer route back to Fruitville Rd, in contrast to the slower route we originally took. Four cars took the fast pace route. It's so much fun enjoying our cars and each other. Please join us on our next drive.

~~~Carolyn Skaggs


Membership Meeting: 17-Aug-2022

The monthly meeting of the Sunshine Region was called to order by President John Cavanaugh. He led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Twenty-six members were in attendance at Hot Sands Bar & Grill. Bob zuHone welcomed returning members Jim & Doris Goese.

REPORTS

Treasury report was given by Joe Malaney.

Secretary, Carolyn Skaggs, read the July minutes. They were approved as read.

Jacki Kaiser, Membership Chair, reminded everyone that she still has name badges that need to be claimed.

Bruce Skaggs, Legislative Chair, reported that SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association that serves the motor after-market) is asking members to contact their congressmen requesting support for bills allowing individuals to customize their cars.

Carolyn Skaggs announced that Spanish Point is now under Selby Gardens, and the operating procedures are no longer favorable to our membership for a tour at this time. In 2023, Spanish Point is slated to receive multiple-passenger trams with prerecorded audio tour information that will eliminate need for individual docents, thus a new less expensive ticket fee structure, more favorable to our pocketbook.

EVENTS

Thursday, August 18th Breakfast Drive to Silver Star East in Myakka City. (Carolyn Skaggs)

Monday, August 29th Ringling Museum Tour and Lunch. (John Cavanaugh)

Thursday, October 13th Legacy Trail Presentation and Lunch. (Jacki Kaiser)

Thursday, December 15th Holiday Lights Trolley Tour. 6pm (Carolyn Skaggs)

Linda Langenegger encouraged members to attend the Ringling Tour that will go along beside the bay on interesting roads. She reminded everyone that wheelchairs are available at the guard station.

SPEAKER

John Kefalonitis gave an interesting and informative talk about Auto Appraisals

The Speaker in September will be Tom Hauser, general manager of Sahib Shrine Center.

Linda Langenegger handled the name tag drawing which was won by Joyce Tone. She received an AACA Clock made by Jim Wilson.

Our next meeting will be 21-Sep-2022 at Hot Sands Bar & Grill, with lunch at 11am and meeting at 12 noon,

The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,
 ~~~Carolyn Skaggs, Secretary.

## Calendar of Events

**\*\* Wed, Sep 21, 12 Noon: Membership Meeting.**

Shriners Hot Sands Bar & Grill, 600 N Beneva Rd, Kitchen opens at 11AM for lunch orders

**\*\* Thr, Oct 13: Legacy Trail Presentation & Lunch**

Event Planner - Jacki Kaiser

**Sat, Oct 15, 10AM-3PM: Lake Mirror Concours**

d'Elegance & Car Show. 121 S Lake Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801, <https://lakemirrorcarshow.com>

**Sat, Oct 22, 9:30AM-2:30PM: BOPC Car Show & Swap**

**Meet.** Downtown City Park, 119 W Park St, Auburndale, FL. \$25 Registration, - Pat Whissel 727-744-5689 or [patwhissel@gmail.com](mailto:patwhissel@gmail.com)

**\*\*Wed, Nov 2: Powel Crosley Estate**

Event Planner - Linda Langenegger

**Fri-Sun, Dec 2-4: Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance.**

TPC Golf Course, 5300 W Lutz Lake Fern Rd, Lutz, FL 33558, <https://gasparillaconcours.com>

**\*\* Thr Dec 15, 6PM: Holliday Lights Trolley Tour**

Event Planner - Carolyn Skaggs

**\*\*Every Monday, 11:30AM: Lunch at Papa Nick's.**

4940 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 (in Shopping Piazza) Questions? Guys call Bob ZuHone (941) 371-9339, ladies call Carolyn Skaggs (239) 281-6288.

\*\*AACA Sunshine Region Events

## AACA National Meets & Tours

**Sep 10-16** ● Sentimental Tour ● Gettysburg, PA ● 1928-1958 Vehicles only ● Buzzards Breath Region

**Sep 23-24** ● Cadillac Fall Festival ● Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 W. Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, MI 49060 ● ● West Michigan Region

**Sep 25-30** ● Revival; AAA Glidden Tour ● Princeton, NJ ● 1942 & Earlier ● New Jersey Region

**Oct 4-7** ● Eastern Fall Nationals ● ● 100 Hersheypark Dr, Hershey, PA

## Restoration Tips & Tricks

A little background..... I have been restoring antique autos and airplanes since I was 14 years old, I will be 76 this month. My first car (1929 Packard) when I was 14 and the second (1933 Rolls Royce) when I was 16. My last airplane restoration was a 1946 Stinson 108 about 15 years ago. I will not say I am the best restorer in the club (I will defer to Gene Cohen and probably others), but I have had a lot of experience. I even wrote a multipage article for Vintage Airplane magazine about 25 or so years ago that was nothing but restoration tips & tricks that I had learned over the years. These are not necessarily original, but rather what I have learned from other restorers in addition to what I have read and my own experiences.

Here are just a few of the dozens and dozens I have in my head:

- If you need to shorten a bolt buy cutting off part of the threaded area screw a nut on the threaded portion first below the area to be cut off. Cut the bolt to the desired length, grind or file the new end smooth and chamfered and remove the nut. The nut will act as a die to straighten out the thread.
- Never put any anti-friction oil additives (STP, etc) in a model T crank case/transmission as this will cause the bands to slip way too much.
- Hard starting of cars particularly having updraft carburetors (or potentially any engine with a manual choke) many times is caused by the choke valve not closing completely. This is especially true if cold starting is difficult and easier if the engine is warm. A simple adjustment of the choke cable may fix the problem.
- In antique vehicles careful

inspection of the fan blades and points of attachment to the hub is very important. If the fan blade breaks while driving the damage to the radiator can be extensive.

- Re-gluing a wooden steering wheel where the joints have come apart can be aided by using worm drive hose clamps to hold the glued area until dry.
- To prevent a gasket from sticking to its mating surfaces apply a light coat of anti-seize to both sides of the gasket prior to installation.
- If an open or box end wrench does not fit snugly on a hex nut because the nut is rounded off, wedge a thin, flat screwdriver between the nut and the open wrench jaw and twist the wrench. Many times, this will allow you to remove the worn nut in the usual manner. Remember, when possible, pull on the wrench rather than push it to avoid injury if things should slip.
- If a recessed hex nut becomes rounded and a socket does not hold, hacksaw a slot in an extra socket and use Vice Grips on the socket to close the slot and loosen the nut. Obviously, this technique can be used on a fully exposed hex also.

This is just a very small portion of tips I have. I don't know if you have any interest in using any of these or the dozens of others I could come up with. Most of them will be geared to the vehicles I have most interest in 1900-1930's and not so much in the 1960-80's. Hope this helps.

~~~Brad Hindall

Editor's Note: I have asked Brad to send more of his "Tips & Tricks" which to be published from time to time in future publications. I would like to hear your ideas as well.

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M1 Concourse: Pontiac, MI

Concourse Complex



A little of 10 years ago General Motors filed for bankruptcy. Part of the process was the closing and demolishing unused factories. Such was the case of the old GMC truck plant on Woodward Ave in Pontiac. It sat as an empty lot for several years until Brad Oleshansky developed a plan. The plan developed into 250 luxury condominium garages and a 1.5 mile race track. As of this date all 250 condos have been sold and occupied by car lovers and their cars. Numerous events take place monthly, and next up is the famous Woodward Cruise, followed by the Speed Festival with vintage, Indy, historic stock cars and super cars. I wrote an article several years ago when it was just getting off the ground for the newsletter. You need to go to M1Concourse.com to view all the facilities and

activities. A new banquet center building was just completed. Last year Peter Brock was inducted into the Motor Sport Hall of Fame at this site. On the first Saturday of each month in the summer months they sponsor a Cars & Coffee. This must be one of the largest in the country with about **2000 cars** arriving at 8AM when the gates open. A local Chrysler dealer provides the coffee!

~~~Al Ruckey, Snowbird Member  
Waterford, MI / Ellenton, FL

*Note: M1 is the designation for Michigan highway number 1 (which is also Woodward Avenue) and runs from downtown Detroit to Pontiac, MI.*

Saturday Cars & Coffee



## President's Corner

Our Sunshine Region AACA Club had a fabulous monthly meeting August 17 at the Sahab Temple. John Kefalonitis was our guest speaker regarding auto appraisals with a most interesting background. He was very emphatic that he maintains a position of neutrality in making judgments.....wish that we could have such neutrality in our political arena. Carolyn Skaggs will have more detailed notes regarding the presentation and meeting in her Secretary's report.

The Ringling tour, I was volunteered for it. The first two times were run with my friend Valerie Di Pasquale and three times with Linda Langeneger. Valerie had lived in Sarasota for over 10 years, Linda had lived in Sarasota for over 45 years, and I have lived in Sarasota for 50 years. In preparing and determining the tour, we saw

many areas for the very first time. My friend, Sandy Sandgren, former Sarasota County Commissioner, had lived within view of the Ringling complex, but I never ventured beyond where he lived.

We have a guest speaker for September, Tom Houser. He is the manager of the Sahab Temple. He is 5th generation from Sarasota. His Father, Tommy Houser was part owner of the Adams & Houser Hardware store in the 1980's.

Our October guest speaker will be Pedro Reis. He is the CEO of the Circus Arts Conservatory. Who knows, who remembers, when was last that we visited the Solomon's Castle? May be of interest to visit it again.

~~~John Cavanaugh


Movie Set-Up: Washington DC



My daughter & granddaughter (Kelly & Maggy O'Donnell) live in Washington DC. They were walking their dogs 15-Aug near the Eastern Market and came across these classics being set up for a movie filming. Of course they thought of Dear Old Dad (AKA Papa).
 ~~~Jimmy Mayne

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'53 Chevy



'49 or '50 Mercury

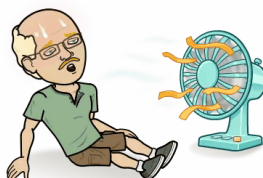
Editor Comments

August & September are slow months for Car Shows here on the Gulf Coast of Florida, mostly due to the hot weather and afternoon rain. My A/C has been running constantly, and the electric bills are at a new high. But my Man Cave is air conditioned, so all is good Chez Mayne.

A special thanks go out to our Northern friends who submitted material for the Newsletter. Not only does it keep us informed of what's happening in their Summer venues, it helps fill the pages of the S'nS. This month we have contributions from Cliff Wilson (Pennsylvania), Tony Piazza (New York), Al Ruckey (Michigan), and my daughter Kelly O'Donnell (Washington DC). I don't mean to demean the efforts and contributions of our full time Sarasota folks. You all know who the real workers are. They are truly the heart of our club, and without them we would cease to exist.

Please keep those pictures, articles, and comments coming!

~~~Jimmy Mayne  
 maynejc@gmail.com



## Birthdays



|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Doris GOESE        | 03-Sep |
| Bill LESSIG        | 14-Sep |
| Karen KNUESE       | 17-Sep |
| Jane HINDALL       | 24-Sep |
| Gene COHEN         | 27-Sep |
| Maurice* DEVEREAUX | 28-Sep |
| Matthew ZUHONE     | 29-Sep |
| Steve ESTOK        | 29-Sep |
| Kathe HUGHES       | 03-Oct |
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| Maggie KRUGER      | 11-Oct |
| Ben BERMAN         | 11-Oct |
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| Dan KENNEDY        | 11-Oct |
| Randy HALL         | 12-Oct |
| Shirley WISE       | 16-Oct |
| Bob TONE           | 20-Oct |
| Peter LINDEMANN    | 21-Oct |
| Linda HALL         | 24-Oct |
| Julia ZUHONE       | 25-Oct |
| Diane LEE          | 30-Oct |

\*Deceased

One person's car is another person's scenery.

~~~Jonathan Ive

Anniversaries



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|------------------------|-------------|
| Joan & Frank BOWLES | 22-Sep-1962 |
| Susan & David FIGLIOTI | 12-Oct-1986 |
| Sharon & Gene COHEN | 16-Oct-1966 |
| Elaine & Ed SMITH | 22-Oct-1966 |
| Karen & Jack KNUESE | 22-Oct-1960 |
| Marge & Randy HALL | 29-Oct-2009 |

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