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2022 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance "Best of Show"
1932 Duesenberg J Figoni Sports Torpedo

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Cover Photo

A 1932 Duesenberg J Figoni Sports Torpedo, the 2022 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance "Best of Show". Winner. The car is owned by Lee and Penny Anderson of Naples, Fl. Lee and Penny are members of the Naples-Marco AACA Region. See page 7 for lots more.

Photo courtesy of pebblebeachconcours.net

Additional contact information for Naples-Marco Region AACA members is available in the 2022 Membership Directory. Contact Drew Johnson.

President's Page

Hello and hope everyone is well and happy!

The Tri-Five Nationals that we attended had 2500 '55 to '57 Chevys running around. Never saw so many Nomads and station wagons in my life! Had a long drive to get there— Bowling Green Kentucky, but it sure was worth it. Sat and watched drags off and on for two days. The highlight was a 200 mph 57 Chevy funny car who ran the 1/8 mile strip in unbelievable time!!!

Paul has been working on cars. Chevy engines that will not start— carburetor problems. He says I will owe him forever for all this effort on MY car. He was informed that the pink stabilizer used in storing it can cause a lot of gumming and clogging problems Any comments ??

Our next trip is to Fairmont Indiana to the James Dean Mercury Show. September 23 to 25, 2022. Goal is to sell two of his 49 Mercurys. One is a mostly original champagne color sedan. The engine was completely torn apart- magna fluxed - and assembled by Don Garlitz with same of his special tricks!!! The other Mercury is a black 49 convertible.

As always I ask that you please help out our club by helping to bring in new members.

We have a very special mention of members.... Lee and Penny Anderson. Lee won Best of Show at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California with his beautiful 1932 Duesenberg J Fignon Sports Torpedo..... CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Thank all of you that joined us for our August luncheon at Don Tequila restaurant. We all had a great time!! Next meeting is September 12, 2022. We have a very interesting program scheduled! Looking to schedule a "tinker day" ...need volunteers 🤖🤖

Happy Trails , Paul and Yvonne



August luncheon at Don Tequila's restaurant in Naples

Editor's Note

Congratulations to Lee and Penny Anderson for their "Best of Show" award at Pebble Beach last month. If you missed the photo of their 1932 Duesenberg on the cover, go back and look again. On page 7, read a little more about the story behind their car.

You may have heard Marco Island is celebrating its 25th anniversary of becoming a city. There is a link on page to a local newspaper article about Keith Pershing and his Marco Island business (since 1979). Also, in this issue, there is a story about the first Mustang sold in the US. The Naples News ran a humorous column about buying a classic car that we can all identify with. See page 10 if you didn't see it in the paper. Read about Peter's experience about using a low cost, substandard air hose.

It's a busy month for Collier County Museums. See the Events page for more, but they will have programs on "Abandoned Vehicles in the Everglades", "Henry Ford in Florida", and a "Museum Day Live" event. A limited number of *pre-selected* AACA cars will be asked to attend (call Yvonne for more).

Go look at the revamped website if you haven't already (<http://www.naplesmarcoaaca.org>). We didn't get a good response from the request for pictures of you and your cars to include on the site. Take a picture with your car(s) and send it to Yvonne or myself.

Thanks to those that have contributed. Send future articles, comments, pictures, ads, etc. to ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com. Cut-off date is the last Thursday of each month for the next issue.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, take care, and be safe....
Ron

From Facebook, Twitter, etc.

It's been a strange day! First, I found a hat full of money. Then, I was chased by an angry man with a guitar...

Just found out the company that produces yardsticks won't be making them any longer.

If you don't look back at your car after you park it, you own the wrong car.

Get a new car for your spouse - it'll be a great trade!

If you see me smiling it's because I'm thinking of doing something evil or naughty. If you see me laughing it's because I've already done it



Events

Every Saturday... 8:00 am Breakfast at Perkins (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

Sept. 10... Opening Reception and Lecture "Abandoned Vehicles of the Everglades". 5pm-7pm, Lecture at 6pm. Naples Depot Museum, 1051 5th Ave. S, Naples, FL. See <https://colliermuseums.com/event/opening-reception-and-lecture-for-abandoned-everglades>

Sept. 12 ... Naples/Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

Sept. 13... "Henry Ford in Florida" Lecture by Edison/Ford Museum curator. 2-3pm, Collier Museum at Government Center, 3331 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, FL. Admission free. See <https://colliermuseums.com/event/henry-ford-in-florida>

Sept. 17... "Museum Day Live", Naples Depot museum. 10am-1pm. A limited number of *pre-selected* AACA cars to participate. Contact Yvonne if interested. 239-877-3228. <https://colliermuseums.com/event/museum-day-live>

Oct 4-7... AACA Eastern Fall Nationals. Hershey PA. See <https://Hershey.aaca.com> or <https://AACA.org> for additional detail

Oct. 8... Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club Cars of our Lives Show. 8am-2pm, 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd, Port St. Lucie FL. See also <https://treasurecoast.aaca.com/cool-show/>

Oct. 10... Naples/Marco AACA meeting, 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

Oct. 14-16... Lake Mirror Classic Concours. 121 S. Lake Ave., Lakeland FL. Car show on 10/15. For more info see <https://lakemirrorcarshow.com>

Nov. 5... San Marco Knights of Columbus Car Show. 9am-1pm. San Marco Church, 851 San Marco Blvd., Marco Island. Entry fee is \$20. Spectator fee is \$5.

Nov. 19... Rookery Bay Car Show. New location at Florida Southwestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive, Naples, FL. No shuttle required

Nov. 14... Naples/Marco AACA meeting, 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

Dec 2-4... Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance. Dec 2-4, 2022. *Applications are due August 1.* See www.GasparillaConcours.com

Jan. 15... Car & Art, Punta Gorda. At Peace River Botanical and Sculpture Gardens. Only invited vehicles (100). *Apply now*, contact hermannschaller@msn.com

Feb. 4... Cars on 5th. Naples, FL. Events include auction Feb 3, show Feb 4, Supercar rally Feb 5. Details to follow

History

The March, 1998 issue of the Running Board has an article by Lois Lane about their trip to Zolfo Springs. They went to Zolfo Springs to attend the Pioneer Park Days. Spent the first day wandering up and down the over 30 vendors in the flea market.

They ate at a favorite restaurant in Arcadia – Paradise Restaurant- that night then back to Zolfo Springs the next morning. Lois states they always see some unusual cars at this open show. There were over 50 cars that show up at this show that is in the middle of no where. They also attended the tractor show and parade. There were so many tractors they encircled the whole area of the tractor and engine display when the parade was held.

Lois ended by telling the members it is under a two hour trip up to Zolfo Springs more should put it on the calendar for next year.

Cutie invited/ Varsity Hop/ Guy full of Whiskers/ Party a Flop..... Burma shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

Legislative

UPDATE: CALIFORNIA ADVANCES RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AUTOMOBILE CRUISING'S HISTORY AND CULTURE TO SENATE

- A.C.R. 176 celebrates the history and culture associated with automobile cruising. This resolution encourages local officials and law enforcement to work with local car clubs to conduct safe cruising events.
- A.C.R. 176 endorses the important economic and civic value that car clubs and the automotive hobby provide to the state.
- A.C.R. 176 seeks to reward automotive enthusiasts and continue expanding opportunities for prized lowriders, vintage vehicles, and customs to be enjoyed.
- A.C.R. 176 recognizes that the collection and restoration of vintage and custom vehicles is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of California as well as the United States.

Overview: California has introduced a SAN-supported resolution (A.C.R. 176) celebrating the history and culture associated with automobile cruising. This resolution encourages local officials and law enforcement to work with local car clubs to conduct safe cruising events. Highlighting the automotive community's positive spirit and cultural contributions, the proposal recognizes the vital roles of legendary cruising strips and car club activities spanning the state. The resolution passed the House and now awaits consideration before the full Senate. Remind lawmakers of the automotive hobby's importance to California—as well as American society—by respectfully voicing support for this effort and requesting further action.

Grant Simon, Legislative

The story behind the Best of Show winner at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

A 1932 Duesenberg owned by Naples residents (and Naples-Marco AACA members) Lee and Penny Anderson, won the 2022 Best of Show award at Pebble Beach. Below is an article that appeared in the 8/22 Monterey Herald providing some background on the car. This article (written by Mason Bloom) is reprinted here with the permission of the Monterey Herald.

PEBBLE BEACH — It's not the most conventional math problem, but for Lee and Penny Anderson one plus one equals won.

After a painstaking, three-year restoration that literally joined two ultra-rare Duesenbergs together to make one, the Anderson's 1932 Duesenberg Model J Figoni Sports Torpedo was named Best of Show at the 2022 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.



"[This is] terrific, very exhilarating," said Lee Anderson of Naples, Florida. "You don't take these things for granted! This is once in a lifetime. For most people, to just win once in a lifetime, is just amazing. So, we just feel very lucky to be able to do that."

The car's journey to Pebble Beach Concours is a victory akin to long-lost twins reuniting after a 70-year separation. Seven decades ago, the body of one Model J was separated from its chassis by its owner and put on another chassis. Years later Anderson reunited the original body with the original chassis to form a single, pristine Model J. The one plus one approach proved victorious. The Andersons' victory marked the first time an American car has won Best of Show at Pebble Beach since 2013. Duesenberg, which produced cars from 1920 to 1937, is Pebble Beach's winningest American car brand with seven victories to its name. All entrants at Pebble Beach Concours have a special story behind them, but the Andersons' may have topped them all. And that was a key element in taking Best of Show, according to Concours Chairman Sandra Button.

"This rare Duesenberg marries American might with European style," Button said in a prepared statement. "It did well in some early rallies and concours. Then, its history took a turn, with chassis separated from body. The story of its resurrection is one of pure passion."

Duesenberg Automobile and Motors Company was founded in 1920 by brothers Frederick and August Duesenberg. Their cars were a combination of speed and luxury and several did well on

the track, becoming the first American automobile to win the French Grand Prix in 1921 and capture the flag at the Indianapolis 500 in 1924, 1925 and 1927.

The Duesenberg brothers were well regarded for their automotive chassis and drivetrains which provided a revered combination of power and stunning appearance. Other members of the automotive world would work with the Dusenbergs to design the vehicle's body. In the case of the Andersons' car, renowned Italian custom coachbuilder Giuseppe Figoni designed the body of the vehicle.

"When this original car came to America from Peru, the owner then wanted to change the fenders on it, so he took the body of that car, built a different body, and then sold that [original] body to somebody that bought a chassis and motor," said Lee Anderson. "So now there's two French speedsters (the Andersons would buy them both), but there really wasn't because they were of different parts. Everything has to be original to be the original."

Winning Best of Show was a multi-year process. Previously, Anderson entered it in Pebble Beach Concours, winning its class one year, third in class another, and second runner-up to Best of Show in 2015. Anderson's Model J won at The Amelia and Keels & Wheels Concours D'Elegance in addition to Pebble Beach.

None of these, however, compare to its Best of Show honor at the 2022 Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance. Moving forward, Lee Anderson will make sure there will never again be any question about how many Duesenberg Model J Figoni Sports Torpedos are out there.

"I don't ever want anybody to be confused by, 'how come there's two French speedsters,'" Anderson said. "There really aren't."

Marco Island 25th Anniversary / Island Automotive

If you live in or around Marco Island, you may have seen the Coastal Breeze local newspaper's special edition issue commemorating the 25th anniversary of Marco Island being incorporated as a city. The special edition includes an article about Keith Pershing and his Island Automotive business which has been on Marco since 1979.

Keith talks about the history of his business and experiences on Marco Island over the years. Since most of our members live outside Marco, and many haven't seen it, you can access the article via the following link.

https://www.coastalbreezenews.com/special_editions/page-b-02/page_c183a990-cdf6-5409-b900-98445f895321.html



Vicki and Keith Pershing and the Island Automotive Team on Marco Island.
Photo from the Coastal Breeze.

Birth of the Mustang...submitted by Tom DeSchane

The following article appeared in the June-July issue of AARP magazine. It was contributed by Tom DeSchane This article is reprinted with permission of AARP.

Gail Wise, 80, a former schoolteacher, on a car story like no other...

On April 15, 1964, I went with my parents to Johnson Ford, a car dealership on Cicero Avenue in Chicago, to buy a new car. I was 22 years old and had just graduated from Chicago Teachers College. I'd gotten a job in the suburbs, but I still lived at home, so I needed a car to get there.

"I want a convertible," I told the salesman. "Come in the back room with me," he said. "I have something special to show you."

We went into the back room, and there was this car, under a tarp. He pulled off the cover, revealing this marvelous skylight blue automobile. It looked sporty and small, and it had bucket seats. I loved it right away.

The salesman explained that he wasn't supposed to show anyone this car, that it was going to debut two days later. But he let me buy it. It was a convertible and had all the bells and whistles, and I paid \$3,447.50. My parents loaned me the money. Many years would pass — decades, in fact

— before I would learn that I was the first person in the U.S. ever to buy a Ford Mustang. That day, when I drove out of the dealership, people were waving and asking me to slow down so they could see the car. Even police officers. The day after that, when I drove to my job, the seventh- and eighth-grade boys gathered around the car. They were so excited! I felt like a movie star. I wrote a letter to my boyfriend, Tom, now my husband of 56 years, about the car. He was in the Navy, out at sea, and when he wrote back to me, he told me he had never heard of a Ford Mustang.

On April 17, two days after I'd bought my car, Ford Motor Company debuted the Mustang at the New York World's Fair, in a ceremony with Lee Iacocca, who became known as the Father of the Mustang. Suddenly there were Mustangs everywhere. The car became so popular that Ford could not make them fast enough.

My husband and I drove that car for 15 years. Then one day he came home from work and said, "There's something wrong with the car." He put it in the garage and said he would fix it "next week." That next week turned into 27 years. Tom saw a guy online claiming to be the first Mustang owner. He said he had bought his Mustang on April 14, 1964, in Canada. But I had bought mine on April 15, and I had all the paperwork. Eventually, Ford verified that my Mustang was the first one sold in the U.S.

Tom and I still drive our Mustang The purchase in 1964 was just a chance encounter that has turned into a wonderful adventure. It feels like I won the lottery.



"Buying a classic car can be more than you bargained for"

Contributed by Rudy Socey

The August 9 issue of the Naples Daily News includes an entertaining column from Ray Magliozzi, one of two brothers in the former NPR radio program "Car Talk".

The title of the column was "*Buying a classic car can be more than you bargained for*". It talks about experiences that we're all too familiar with. It's a bit lengthy and copyrighted, so it's not reprinted here. However, you can find it on the link below if you missed it in the newspaper. Enjoy... it's pretty good.



<https://www.cartalk.com/cars-content/dear-cartalk/buying-a-classic-car-can-be-more-than-you-bargained-for>

Coil Hose Caution.... Peter Blackford

Recent mention of a "*low-priced tool retailer*" reminds me (I will never forget...) of a recent garage incident: Had been using one of the common yellow coiled air hoses as the connection between my shop air tank and the rubber lines deployed as needed around the garage. Primary reason was that the tank exit is vertical, and I used the coil hose as a gentle way of redirecting the exit downwards.

Pressurized to 112 PSI, we were standing in the front office when we heard what sounded like a rifle shot in the shop. What the????

Ensuing hiss led quickly to the tank, where we saw the remains of the yellow hose (about four inches.) spewing air. The rest of the hose was (no exaggeration) scattered up to 20 feet away, with pieces ranging from almost a coil to smaller shards everywhere. Just yesterday, moved something and found more...Thus, the hose didn't simply "break", it exploded.

No, we don't leave the hose pressurized, just turn on the tank when needed. Others have reported similar incidents, so for those who have not seen it, be aware that it's apparently not a unique situation.

BTW, have changed our "*favorite toy store*"....for many reasons, just add this to that list!

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For Sale. 1956 Ford Thunderbird slowly restored over a 25 year period. I am no longer showing my cars. This car is ready for an AACA Junior and Senior Award before you make it into a pleasure car for driving. I do all my own work except for the \$20,000.00 paint job!

Please leave a message or stop at 4585 progress Ave. unit 1-3 to see the car. Roger Donald cell 508-737-8083.



For Sale. 1965 Triumph TR4. I purchased this car in late 2020. The actual mileage is unknown (odometer broke at 89K). Recent improvements include a new interior (dash, carpet, door panels), fuel pump, tires, radio, battery, floors, and inner sills. The car starts and runs well with good compression. It exhibits the typical British car oil leaks. Contact Ron Schlechtweg if interested. 239-571-5146



Wanted - I Need try and restore my 1932 5 Window coupe body., Does anyone out there have any body patch panels of any type ??? Any help or leads appreciated Tom Gormley e-mail t27sedan@aol.com or cell 203-233-5901. Many thanks Tom Gormley.



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Sept. 12 ... Naples/Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples



Oops – should really say “Get an E-mail box”.....for fast, free and colorful Running Board delivery!