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The Preservation of Old Cars

The Suwannee River Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, is a family friendly organization, located in North Florida. We love old cars, good food and enjoy above average comradery with each other. Our members are involved in local, state and national events.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month currently at The Lake City Moose Lodge and starts at 7:00PM. Door opens at 6:30PM. We cover necessary business, but the meetings are always light, interesting and involve all members and guests.

If you have an interest in old cars, please consider joining us. You do not have to own an antique car to join our region or AACA.

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I can't think of a better gift to give someone who loves this hobby than an AACA membership. Do you have friends and family who aren't current members and enjoy antique cars as much as you do? With the benefits of *Antique Automobile* magazine and the Library & Research Center alone, how can you go wrong?!

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



It is an honorable person who plants an apple tree, knowing he will not be around to eat any of the tree's fruit

Anonymous



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

Harry McGinnis

Please remember to play up and promote our GREAT CLUB to your friends that may share our interests and enjoy what we do!



Shirley McManus

A Message from Our President

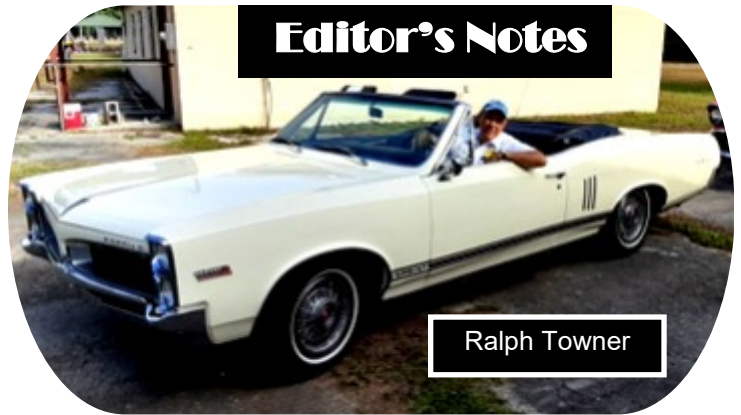
I have to say last month's meeting at the Moose Lodge really gave everyone HOPE. Let's face it we are all getting older and think about what's going to happen to our car hobby. Will the younger generation be interested to keep it alive? But when Wayland Gray took the floor and spoke from the heart about restoring his project Corvette, we all sat back and listened. To be only 13 years of age and know more than a lot of us know about working on cars was amazing. His passion for cars will just continue to grow and we all can be such a big help to him and other young folks too.



There is so much knowledge in our group. Share that knowledge with a child or a grandchild or neighbor; you never know what spark you will light within someone. Thank you Wayland, you are an inspiration to us all.

Another month full of fun and you can read about the Moose Lodge and the Chili Cook-off outings on pages 8 and 9.

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Surprise! This is Ralph. I'm back in the saddle again, so to speak. Last month, Don reported the March issue would be his last and that Katrina Gibson would be our new Editor. It seems Katrina was assigned more responsibilities at work and was unable to put in the time required to produce a quality monthly newsletter.

Shirley & Don informed me on Sunday, March 26, that Katrina was not going to be our editor. Don did make the offer that he would put something together for April. However, I know that Don needed to move on. For those who do not know, I was "The Oil Can" editor for five years prior to Don Downs. I offered that if I knew for sure by the end of the day, I would throw together the April issue & continue through the end of 2023 as a minimum commitment. I had only a week to prepare this issue. So this is my "thrown together issue".

Don assisted me by giving me a memory stick with helpful information that I immediately put to use. Sunday evening, I worked for two hours and got this issue started. Something new I added is our calendar and a new column with our club's website updates. You may notice some changes in future issues, but our basic format is established. I seemed to be able to pick up right where I left off. You know how it is; like riding a bicycle - once you learn how, you never forget.

I must admit, I made a major mistake. I thought of Ted Shiska, as a feature article since I could interview him right away. He has a unique story to tell, not to mention a great 1961 Corvette to show off. **But, I forgot he had been featured in a previous issue.** I got a great story and photos and had the article virtually done when I realized my blunder.

My article uses a different style. It contains some info Don had not used, and vice-versa. I had so much work in it, I had to publish it. We have many new members who will enjoy it and perhaps some of you may have forgotten the first article as well, So I encourage you to read it and get to know Ted. Great guy!

Happy Motoring!

Ralph



SRRAACA Meeting Minutes

Alex Fardales
Secretary/Correspondent

There was no March Board Meeting

March 2023 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Our monthly meeting for the month of March was held at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, Fla. on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023.

There were 42 members present. Don Downs distributed the current "Oil Can" newsletter, and "Cruise News" magazine. After our opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, our meeting was called to order by our President, Shirley McManus, at 7:05pm.

We had a guest, and quite possibly new member of our club. Harry McGinnis. Harry has a beautiful '69 Olds Cutlass 442, and a BIG DOG. Several new members were approved at our last meeting, two of which were present tonight, Chuck and Diana Partington. Welcome Chuck and Dianne !

Roy Spurling gave the current Treasure's report, which was received and accepted by all members present. Ralph (Sonny) and Mary Owens presented a gift to Sherman of Sherman's Auto in recognition for helping his sister with car problems. Actual New York Weber's Sponge Chocolate was presented to Sherm. Congratulations Sherman, and thank you !

Shirley mentioned birthdays and anniversaries of our members, as well as a "sunshine report". We wish well to our members; get well soon. There are no anniversaries this month, but there are some

birthdays. Happy Birthday members !

Shirley spoke of February events, which were well attended . Please see the "Oil Can" for details of our February events.

Don Downs gave his "Oil Can" report. Katrina Gibson will take over the task of being our newsletter editor, Don will be working on our website.

This Saturday will be the monthly Wellborn Breakfast, but also, the Moose Lodge Car Show. The show was originally scheduled for February 11, but was postponed due to bad weather. It is to take place this Saturday, March 4.

March 11, we will have a gathering at Cannon Creek Airport for a Pancake Breakfast at 8:30AM. There will be a car display; tickets are \$5 each. On that same day, the Circle R Ranch will have a car display on 441 South, and will be going on starting at 9AM.

March 18th, The Gainesville Street Rodders are having a big event at Santa Fe College. Also on the 18th, is the Shamrock Fly In at Cannon Creek, approximately 10:30AM. Saturday, March 25th is the VA Domiciliary display from 11-2. Shirley asks that you please bring out your cars to display for our Veterans. We will have lunch there as well.

A new event Shirley learned about today. A gathering in McAlpin at the Country Restaurant. We were there last September, and it was a very successful event. Members voted to participate once again. March 26th in McAlpin from 11AM – 2PM (approximately). No problem if you show up past 11AM.

We will be doing the Blueberry Festival in June this year, more details to follow. Shirley also spoke of a Fords Garage in Gainesville. They do have a restaurant. Future details will follow.

Wayland Grey, the 13 year old son of Chet Grey, gave a very impressive power point presentation of a 1984 Chevy Corvette he is restoring. Chet is our youngest member, and we are all so very proud of him. Ralph Towner also gave us a presentation of Fire Extinguishers. Be sure to read his report in our current newsletter President's message on page 3.

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Self Made Man

Text by Ralph Towner
Photos by Ralph Towner & Ted Shiska

It's been almost two years since, while at a Friday evening Hardee's cruise, a sharp looking 1961 Corvette entered the parking lot and backed in next to my '57 Pontiac. I had never seen the car or driver before. As he exited the beautiful machine, I extended my hand, welcoming him.



Ted Shiska

and used plaster, paper machete and anything else he could find as a filler, and created a sports car body. He had it fiberglassed. This early love for sports car styling, led him to Corvettes. He has owned many of them, starting with a 1957 model.

Ted has been involved with aircraft all his life as well. He claims to have flown several times in a neighbor farmer's Piper 140 Cherokee. He learned the basics and flew solo, at age 13.



He introduced himself as Ted Shiska, informing me he had just moved here from Murdocksville, Pennsylvania about 25 miles from Pittsburg. As we talked, I could immediately tell that Ted is a salt of the earth, patriotic American, with a story to tell. We have been friends since. I titled this story, "Self Made Man" as Ted is a true example of what that reference means.



One of Ted's planes, a 1969 Cessna 172 with a Lycoming engine

Ted grew up on a farm and gained his work ethic from all the chores that are a necessary part of farm life. However, he had a natural interest in anything mechanical or electrical.

Ted got his first car at age 13, a 1950 Austin A55, similar to the vehicle on the right. The four cylinder engine was seized, but soon, he was able to get it to turn over and with a little trial and error, got it running.



Ted disliked the boxy, Austin sedan body, so he removed it from the frame. He took measurements and put his young brain to work. He devised a mold

During the early semester of the 9th grade, Ted and some friends, watched the movie. "Where the Boys Are". Winter was coming on and the boys thought that Florida would be a good place to be that time of year.

One of the boys was 16 and had a car, so Ted quit school and they headed to Ft Lauderdale. They were able to find enough work to sustain themselves through the winter. In the Spring, they returned to PA. The boys repeated this every winter until Ted was 19. He then joined the Army, and after basic, became a Military Police Investigator.

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Ted left the Army at age 23 and got a job as a welder. This paid the bills, but he knew he could do better. Ted showed an aptitude for electrical basics and was accepted into a 2 1/2 year electrical engineering program. After two weeks, he was talking with a man in the back, who after a few minutes realized Ted knew much more about electrical fundamentals than just the basics and offered him a job without the 2 1/2 year course. This began a 43 year career in electrical engineering, which led to major engineering and design jobs all over the USA and abroad.

Ted learned basic machining abilities well enough that he showed me a mold that he built to produce the plastic case for a product he patented, a compact engine starting device which he designed so that if you connected the battery backwards, it would not burn out. Instead, a red light would come on, showing the error. He sold them around the country as he traveled.



Ted was married for 38 years to Dolores and they have two daughters, Charlotte, who lives in Vermont. The other daughter, Renee moved to the McAlpin area about six months before he did. She revealed to him how much she loved Florida and encouraged



him to come here since he was retired. She even found a nice home for sale in Lake City and told



him about it as well as sending him photos. He told her to buy it sight unseen, and soon he was living there. It took him several trips back and forth from PA to get all his possessions. Ted loves the place and has found the people in the North Florida area, his neighbors and especially our club members, as very friendly. He has no intention of setting foot back in PA.

As stated earlier, Ted has always had a love of old cars. Besides Corvettes, he has owned '57 Chevrolts, a Pontiac GTO as well as British sports cars. The collector cars he now owns and brought from PA are the featured 1961 Corvette and a 1975 Triumph TR6 sports car.



Although Ted has a lifetime love of old cars, he had never joined a car club before. So joining our Suwannee River Region was a new and enjoyable experience for him.

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Above: Ted in the garage with his 1961 Chevrolet Corvette and his 1975 Triumph TR6 Sports Car

Left Top: Ted's wife, Dolores, of 38 years, sitting on a previous 1961 Vette. They were divorced soon after.

Middle left: Ted, one day after getting out of the Army, With his nephew.

Left: Ted's two daughters enjoying winter as teenag-

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Ted is an example of one of the biggest secrets in the old car hobby... being an old car enthusiast all his life, but had never heard of AACA ... and he lived in PA, where AACA's headquarters are located! There are many other similar enthusiasts out there who should be recruited as members. We should all be AACA recruiters.

Ted built the '61 Corvette from the ground up, using authentic parts from ten different '61 Vettes. Everything in the car is 1961 vintage. The 283 V-8 engine runs great with a strong sound - deep, but not too loud.

Ted has many other stories to tell. I encourage you to get to know him. Ted is the type who has never met a stranger and would be happy to meet you and relate those stories.

Thank you, Ted, for your membership in our SRRAACA Car Club. You truly are a **Self Made Man!**

(More photos on page 20)



Above right: Driver's eye view of the steering & instrument area. A feature of the '58 - 61 era Corvettes was the cove area trim on the front fender and door area. **Below:** The stock 283 Chevrolet V-8. The 327 engine was not available until the 1962 model.



Chili Cook-Off at the American Legion

Text & Story by Shirley McManus

The end of February was beautiful for the Chili Cook-Off at the American Legion Post 57. They had about 28 cars there on display and all so beautiful. Ken Barton brought



his newly restored '77 Buick Estate Wagon out for its debut. Woody Woodfin, Roy Spurling, Alex Fardales, Bob McGraw, Art Hutchinson, The Haney's and Ted Shiska as well as Bill and I all came out. That's where I met our newest member Harry McGinnis and his dog Wilson as well as his beautiful Olds. Harry is new to the area and was just waiting to be invited to a meeting. He promised he would come and he did so we signed him right up.

I think they said they had 11 groups participating in the Chili Cook-Off. There were prizes for the Chili and People's Choice Awards for the cars. Great band too. All in all a great afternoon.

Right & below: Photos of several of the cars on display for the Chili Cook-off.



The Moose Valentine Show

Text & Story by Shirley McManus

The postponed Moose Lodge Valentine Day Show was March 4 and this time after the rain cleared we had a good weather day. I think the early morning rain scared many away, but they still had 25 cars. I had to laugh.



We took Bill's Jeep pick-up over to this event and there was a Jeep group of ladies all on the back row. Well when they went to park us they wanted us with the other Jeeps which were fairly newer models. The girls yelled out "this row is for Jeeps only". They had never seen a Jeep Pick up before. We shouted back look at the front grill and the tail gate. It's a Jeep!



Well they welcomed us to park with them and could not get over that he had been driving it over 50 years. Before we left they left us a souvenir of a little rubber yellow duck on the dash board which said "You have been Ducked by their Jeep club". Lots of door prizes and good food. They also gave out Awards around 3:30 as well as having a Silent Auction. I guess we had about 11 of our members there with their cars. There were Bikes there too. It was a really nice afternoon.

The Moose Lodge always does a great job... lots of good people too. So both The Moose and the American Legion shows were very enjoyable but we are just getting the season started. Get ready.

Shirley



Pet Corner
Left: Jamee Dye, with her pet rabbit, Sammy.
Right: New member Harry McGinnis' dog, Wilson.



Top : a few of our member's cars entered in the show.
Above, center: Ken Barton with his recently refurbished 1977 Buick wagon, which he plans to use to transmit his sound equipment to events.
Left: Graham White's 1935 Rolls Royce Phantom II Limo, which he has owned for several years. It still looks good & runs well.

Pancake Breakfast at the Gazebo

Text & Photos by Ralph Towner

Saturday morning, March 11, was a cool but sunny morning... a great day for our club pancake breakfast at the gazebo area of Cannon Creek Airpark. Our president, Shirley, had made previous arrangements with the Cannon Creek Airpark for that date.

The setup crew began setting up the tables and chairs as



Some of the display cars



well as the ticket and food tents around 7:00 am. Kelly Jordan, with some help from members, had his griddle area set up and ready to cook by 7:30. In the meantime, Shirley McManus started mixing her special recipe while Marybeth Downs and Barbara Richards got the reception area ready. Both plain and blueberry pancakes were on the menu, along with sausage and some terrific blueberry muffins, which Shirley had homemade.

were displayed. Thank you to all who helped, displayed their vehicle, and attended our event on a great Florida Spring morning.



Marie Towner started selling plates just before 8 am, while Doreen Hoffman offered 50/50 tickets.

Several of our members started arriving before 8 AM, many of whom drove their collector car for display. Many Cannon Creek residents attended as well. Ken Barton set up his sound equipment in the gazebo and entertained us with cool tunes from the earlier years.

Top left: Kelly Jordan & Tod Boucher busy at the griddle.

Right: Friends & members enjoying the day

Above: President Shirley announcing the 50/50 winner.

Left: Marie Towner, on the right, selling breakfast plates & Doreen Hoffman with the 50/50.

Right: Ken Barton playing some cool tunes under the gazebo.



People continued to arrive up to 10am; even a few people flew their airplanes in from other areas. Our final count was 71 plates were served, while 19 collector vehicles



Above: Both photos show the variety of vehicles on display at the McAlpin Kountry Kitchen parking lot. Many spectators from around the area inspected our vehicles, while asking questions and making comments. Everyone seemed to enjoy the cars and comradery.

Top: a great view of the McIntyre's 1957 Ford Hardtop Retractable. Rob is so busy with his job that it is hard for them to make an event. He was even on call then, but didn't get called in. **The below pics** shows Shirley singing with the tunes & a view of some of the other vehicles.

McAlpin Kountry Kitchen Cruise-In

Text by Ralph Towner

Photos by Ralph Towner & Shirley McManus

Several car enthusiasts from Suwannee County joined us at the McAlpin Kountry Kitchen Restaurant for a cruise in on Sunday afternoon, March 26th. The weather was nice, warm & sunny with a light breeze. Shirley McManus played some cool tunes and made announcements through the day.

There were 25 cars on the parking lot. One thing I always notice is the varied taste in vehicles in our area. Look at the photos and you will see that every vehicle is distinct from any other. I talked with several people I haven't seen for awhile, as well as I met some new people in the area. I put on my recruiting hat and recruited some new club members among them.

Raffle tickets for a \$25 gift certificate for the restaurant were sold. Our member, Kimberlie McIntyre was the winner of one of the certificates. Congrats Kimberlie!.

It was a great day to cruise the back roads to McAlpin and enjoy the food and friendship with other car folks.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Cars at the Domiciliary

One of my favorite outings is when we go to the VA Domiciliary and visit with the Veterans. Many of them came out to see our cars (above photo) and I got the chance to visit with many tables in the lunchroom and just say 'Hi' and invite them to come out and see the cars. Everyone was so eager to hear about what kind of car I had and to hear its story.

There are many there I'm sure that don't get any visitors. We were all invited for lunch and so much food for \$2.50. Kelly brought out the music and several times I got the chance to dance with the Vets. Even a minute of fun is so special to them. I was invited back to have the dances for them again, now that Covid isn't as bad. So I will have to do that real soon. I usually take about 10-12 girls with me to dance with the Vet's and they have such a good time.

Sunday the 26th was our outing at McAlpin Kountry Kitchen Cruise In. Always a big turnout for this one. (article on Page 11) Friday night, Ken Barton will be back at Hardees for the last day of March and he always does a great job. Lots coming up in April too, so check your calendar and make it a point to come out for these events.

Happy Easter *Shirley*



THE GENERAL MINUTES

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We then took a vote on whether we wanted to continue having our monthly meeting here at the Moose Lodge, or return to Wellborn. On a vote of 32-8, it was decided to continue our meetings here at the Moose Lodge, in Lake City.

Kelly then drew the 50/50 drawing, \$85.00 in the pot, \$43 to the winner. Congratulations to Sherman Stanley.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM.

Submitted by
Alex Fardales
SRRAACA Correspondent.



Alex



**Suwannee River
Region AACA
Web Site Corner
Web Master - Don Downs**

I am starting a monthly feature to promote our SRRAACA Website. We are using a new website host, which gives us several more options to upgrade the site.

Don Downs has taken the position of Web Master, so if you have any information that applies to the club, please inform Don and also inform Ralph to use in the newsletter. Don and I will be in touch to keep the info congruent. The website is currently under construction.

Take a few minutes each month to check out the site and keep up with the latest SRRAACA info.

The new Website address is:

www.srraaca.com

APRIL 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Wellborn Breakfast Alachua Show Paul Fortner Happy Birthday
2	3 Gail & Ben Stivers Happy Anniversary	4	5	6	7 Hardee's Leo Hart Happy Birthday	8 Ilona Burton Happy Birthday
9	10	11 Terri & Sal Quintana Happy Anniversary James Block Happy Birthday	12	13	14 Hardee's Cindy Breslin Happy Birthday	15 Cross City Expo
16	17	18 Sal's Cruise In	19 Jimmy Huntsman Happy Birthday	20	21 Hardee's	22 Madison Parade & Show
23	24 Arden Kopp Happy Birthday	25	26 Chuck Partington Happy Birthday	27 Kat Gibson Happy Birthday Diana & Chuck Partington Anniversary	28 SRRAACA Hardee's	29 Spring Festival Denmark Acres 11-4
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Tech/Safety

Club Maintenance

By Ralph Towner

Our "The Oil Can" editor of three + years, Don Downs, did a great job of keeping us informed about technical issues, maintenance and safety concerning our vehicles. While this was all valuable information, it occurred to me that car clubs require a certain amount of maintenance in order to run smoothly as well.

Actually, we have been doing a reasonable job of maintaining our club membership and recruiting new members. It is important for our current members to be friendly and make the new members feel at home and welcome. We all share a common bond with our penchant for cars of all types, so that should be the initial ice breaker with any new member.

If you are a new member, the quickest way to get to know the members and learn the basic operation of the club, is to make yourself available and volunteer to help with events and/or volunteer with our club's necessary grunt work or even consider getting involved with our club's administration. Make it a habit to attend as many monthly meetings as possible.


The Suwannee River Region (SRRAACA) is a Region of the greatest car club in the world, The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). As a new member, you will soon receive the latest edition of "Antique Automobile" an approximate 100 page bi-monthly magazine. Take time to leaf through the magazine and read some of the articles. Also, check out the website, aaca.org, to learn more about the many benefits our national club offers. Our long-term members should also check out the **AACA web site** periodically.

One of the most important areas of club maintenance is membership. There is bound to be a certain amount of attrition for various reasons each year. We need to constantly be recruiting new members at every opportunity in order to maintain our membership and grow. **Each of us** should be a member recruiter.

We have recently had cards printed, courtesy of Sherman Stanley, that can be used to recruit members. Give one to anyone interested in old cars.

Since I handle our club membership, you may give them my name or have them ask for me at the Friday evening Hardee's Cruise. I will take it from there. *Ralph*





THE ROADMAP

Calendar of Events - Local

April 1 - Wellborn Pancake Breakfast - Alachua Show

April 6 - SRRAACA Meeting Lake City Moose Lodge

April 7 - Hardee's 5:00 - 7PM

April 14 - Hardee's 5:00 - 7PM

April 15 - Cross City Expo

April 18 - Sal's 5-7PMS

April 21 - Hardee's 5:30 - 7PM

April 22 - Madison, FL Parade & Show

April 28 - Hardees SRRAACA 5:30 - 7PM

April 29 - Spring Festival Denmark Acres

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

AACA National Events

April 13-15 - 2023 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals @ Charlotte Speedway 704-847-4215


April 30 May 3 - Southeastern Divisional Tour Oak Ridge Tennessee 865-803-6412


May 18-20 - Eastern Spring Nationals Gettysburg, PA 717-582-3209

June 25-28 - Eastern Division Tour Denver, PA 717-534-2082

July 6-8 - Central Spring Nationals Auburn, Indiana 727-415-7679

~ Check your Antique Automobile magazine, go to www.aaca.org, or call 717-534-1910 for more info ~





Sunshine Report

Ralph Towner

A few of our members have endured colds, sinus issues and other ailments during March as well. It's been a mean allergy season.

I talked with Ken Barton his week. I am happy to report that he recently had some injections in his knees which have helped considerably. It's not Cortisone, but a gel like substance which acts as a lubricant.


Ken could not make it to the March 31st Hardee's event with his music. His brother, Louis, who is also one of our members, had carpal tunnel surgery scheduled that day and Ken had to be with him. Ken informed me that Louis' surgery went well and he came home after surgery.

Our VP, Kelly Jordan filled in well for us at the Hardee's Cruise with some cool tunes.

Shirley heard from Pete Mazzocchi (Pontiac Pete) and he says he will host our club picnic at his 13 acre lot and shop building on Hwy 51, a few miles south of Live Oak, sometime in May. He has several beautiful cars to look at while we are there. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, April 6th, starting around 7:00PM at the Lake City Moose Lodge (located on the east side of Lake City). The address is: 624 NE Williams Street in Lake City. Please make plans to attend. Be there by 6:30 if you plan to eat at the Lodge. The best way to get a printed Oil Can newsletter is to attend the meeting.

Remember to inform me of anything you would like published in the Sunshine Report.





CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays !



Paul Fortner - 04/01 Leo Hart - 4/07 Ilona Burton - 04/08
 James Block - 04/11 Cindy Breslin - 04/14 Jimmy Huntsman -
 04/19 Arden Kopp - 04/24 Chuck Partington - 04/26
 Katrina Gibson - 04/27

April Anniversaries !

Gail & Dorsie (Ben) Stivers - 04/03 Beverly (Terri) & Salvador Quintana - 04/11 04/12; Diana & Chuck Partington - 04/27

Antique Tag Info for Florida

By Ralph Townner

Many of our members, especially those new in the hobby, may have some confusion on how to properly register and tag your antique vehicles. The following information may help you.



Standard Florida License Tag

You may use a standard "MyFLORIDA.com" tag on your antique vehicle if you choose. They are available in three standard styles; County, Sunshine

State or "In God We Trust" styles. Several "Vanity" style plates are also available. Go to myfloridaspecialtyplate.com to see what is currently available.

Most people who own antique vehicles prefer to use an appropriate antique tag. If you are registering a modified or unmodified vehicle, manufactured in 1946 or later, and is at least 30

years old, you may

choose the light blue "Antique" tag. If the car is modified, the engine must be at least 30 years old as well to qualify.



Antique Florida License Tag

For example, if you have a 1947 Ford, with a 1988 engine, you must wait until 2019 to register the vehicle with an antique tag. Form [HSMV83045](#) must be filled out to use this option.

If your vehicle is unmodified and 1945 or older, it is classified as an "Ancient" vehicle and you may wish to apply for a "Horseless Carriage" Tag. These are permanent, non transferable



Horseless Carriage Florida

tags, which do not need to be renewed each year. The vehicle must weigh less than 5000 pounds to use this style. Form

[HSMV 83045](#) must be filled out when using this option.

The most esteemed tag among Florida old car hobbyists is the "Authenticated" year of manufacture (YOM) tag. These are original Florida tags, in good condition, 1975 and

earlier with any County code and any Class code. The documentation listed at the top of the next



Authenticated "YOM" Florida Tag,

column must be submitted to the following address for authentication:

**Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Title and Registration Issuance
2900 Apalachee Parkway, MS #72
Tallahassee, FL 32399**

Include a letter requesting the authentication of the license plate. The letter must include the following information:

1. Your mailing address (printed). If an out-of-state address or a post office box is used, a Florida residence address must also be provided **unless you are an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is also a Florida resident. Such an applicant is exempt from this requirement.**

2. Your Driver License number or owner's sex (using "F" for female or "M" for male) and date of birth (month, day, and year). If joint ownership, give the information for both owners.

3. A description of the license plate (the year and license plate number).

4. A. A description of the vehicle (year, make, VIN number and title number).

B. The actual license plate (for authentication purposes) must be furnished by the owner.

C. Include a copy of your insurance card.

D. You must include a check or money order in the amount of \$60.00 (an estimated amount for most originals and renewals), made payable to DDL. Once authenticated the license plate is mailed back to you by certified mail.

For Street Rodders, a specialty tag is available as well. The requirements for this tag are: The vehicle must be 1949 or older, fitted with major components, such as engine, driveline, brakes, suspension and other major components manufactured after 1949.



Street Rod Florida License tag

Lastly, there are several specialty tags available; go to www.myfloridaspecialtyplate.com to see what versions are available. Costs vary. You may also apply for a personalized tag number such as "52OLDS". Form [HSMV 83043](#) must be filled out to apply. First, check the availability of your specialty number by going to: <https://seivices.flhsmv.gov/MVCheckPersonalPlate/>.

Since many local DMV employees do not know how to handle "Horseless Carriage" and "YOM" tags, go to tvraaca.org/yomprocedure.htm for instructions.

I hope this helps clear up some confusion. Any current DMV changes will supersede any info in this article.

(Info to write this article was gathered in part from an article written by Rich Courmettes of the Villages AACA Region.)



Use Your Newsletter as a Marketing/ Membership Tool

By Phillip Cole
Vice President - Publications

Consider Strategic Planning

By Mel Carson
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Why is Strategic Planning important? Regions and Chapters need direction and organization goals to work toward. Strategic Planning offers that type of guidance. Essentially, a Strategic Plan is a roadmap to goals. Without such guidance, it is difficult to know if your Region or Chapter is on the right road to reach its goals.

In general, Planning can be considered as three phases:

- 1-Strategic Planning is the long-term planning for the achievement and survival of the organization.
- 2-Tactical Planning is short-term planning that helps understand and break down Strategic Planning in parts to move forward.
- 3-Operational Planning is used to implement Strategic Planning more often in short steps, such as office procedures.

The Strategic Planning process includes: Analyze Requirements; Develop Objectives; Plan the Process with a Budget; Execute with an Approved Budget; Monitor Progress.

Strategic Planning is not a “one and done” process. Any plan must be continually reworked and updated with a regular process. “Sometimes more time is spent discussing and planning than in doing” – to quote one expert. Google ‘Strategic Planning’ to find more information.



Traveling to Nationals and other events across the country, I have noticed some of our chapters and regions are passing out their newsletters to potential new members and spectators. Have you ever thought about using your newsletter as a marketing/membership tool? Here are some examples: One chapter sets up a tent at the local Cars & Coffee and passes out copies of Antique Automobile and their newsletter along with the AACA brochure and their local brochure. All of these have a contact website printed on them. Last year at one of our Nationals, the sponsoring region printed up a brief magazine about the event, AACA, their region and local area. Strategically placed, there was a membership application in it. I took a picture of the show field; and when I looked at it, I saw one of those magazines in the hands of virtually every spectator. Now, that’s a great example of good marketing!

Okay, I know our editors are mentally estimating the cost, but how much would you be willing to pay for an influx of new members, great public relations in your area and the spreading of the mission of AACA?

As the Vice President of Publications, I read dozens of newsletters each month. All of them are interesting and well worth reading. And yes, a primary purpose of your newsletter is to inform and motivate your current local membership. Of course, it is! Most of us seem to have our in-reach down pat. But now take another look at your newsletter. How could you add some out-reach? What could you add to make it more interesting to potential new members and spectators at your events? Where could you add some information about the mission of AACA? Come to think of it, since you are reading this article from the Rummage Box, how about one or two of our National Directors’ articles and the calendar of national events for a start!?!




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Here are a few other shots to complete Ted's story



Above: A unique feature of the 1961 Corvette was the Duck Tail design, used through the 1967 model. **Left, top:** The trunk emblem. **Below:** A beautiful 1957 Chevy Belaire that Ted restored in PA.



Above: The body of Ted's '61 Corvette coming off a trailer and a shot of Ted with the frame and body in the garage.



Right: An ariel view photo furnished by Ted, of the beautiful Corvette, soon after the restoration was completed.