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Cover: Chuck Partington's 1931 Ford Model A Coupe, arranged in the "Bounty Hunter" theme.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Common sense is like deodorant – The ones who need it the most don't use it.

Anonymous



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

None this month

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



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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A Message from Our President



Shirley McManus

I knew when I moved to Florida it was going to be hot, but wow it has been unbearable outside. I know many of the other states have been dealing with this heat also. After having heat exhaustion several weeks ago it's hard for me to be outside for very long. I guess in a way, I'm glad there has not been much going on in the way of events this past month and really not much for August either.

On the 17th of July we made a visit to the VA Domiciliary (Veterans Home) for a Sock Hop. Ken Barton was the DJ that night and although we had cars scheduled to be parked on display for the Veterans that night very few cars came out. Of course the downpour was probably the reason. We headed inside for dinner and then the party. I had brought quite a few ladies and couples from the Friday Night Dance to dance with the men and ladies. We had a ball; so much fun. The folks just loved us being there and making their night for them. A few showed up in poodle skirts and 50's attire



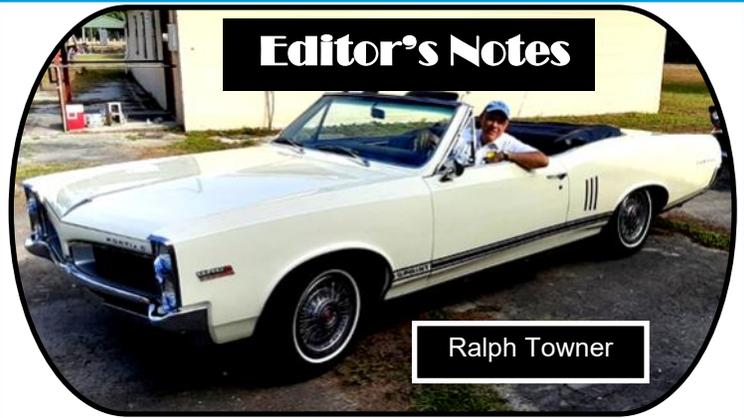
and really looked the part.

About 8:30 things started winding down and the Vets went off to their rooms and we had happy memories of the evening. It didn't matter if they were in a wheelchair or walker. We still danced with them. Just a little thing like this has them talking about it for months. We will do this again and soon.



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Editor's Notes



Ralph Towner

I like to put a symbol of the monthly holiday on the upper left part of "The Oil Can" cover each month. There are no major national holidays in August. I Googled "holidays in August" and found that it is National Dog Day on August 26. So I decided the most appropriate symbol for Dog Day would be a photo of Wilson, Harry McGinnis' dog, who is fast becoming our club's mascot. I talked to Harry about it and he sent me the great shot of Wilson which is on the cover of this issue.

July and August are the months we call "dog days of summer", which most folks think of as a panting dog in the summer heat. Actually, the real meaning comes from the stars. When the star, Sirius would appear in the sky just before the sun, near the end of July, that marked the beginning of the very hottest days of the year. The Romans called this period roughly translated, "Days of the dog star," which was eventually named just "dog days."

It's traditional that during the hottest and rainiest days of July and August, as well as the coldest months of January and February, there are not many car activities. Therefore, these are the months we traditionally schedule a unique restaurant or a car collection or museum to visit.

Well, Shirley has arranged a great restaurant to visit, "Ford's Garage" in Gainesville on August 12th. This restaurant was featured in the "The Oil Can" in the July issue. As I said in the article, "It is one of those kinds of places that you really ought to visit at least once".

Then on August 26, Shirley has arranged for us to travel to "Don Garlits Museum" south of Ocala. We will then have lunch at Cracker Barrel or Sonny's, both within walking distance of the museum. It is a great museum with separate areas for the drag racing museum as well as a wonderful antique auto museum, all for one price.

I highly recommend taking time to do both. You can't help but enjoy both venues and will be glad you did. Plus you get to hang out with our other great members. If you have already been to one or both, they are good enough that you can't visit either one too many times!

Happy motoring! *Ralph*



Alex Fardales
Secretary/Correspondent

SRRAACA Meeting Minutes July, 2023

July, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Our monthly board meeting for the month of July was held at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, Thursday, July 6th. Prior to the meeting, our Editor, Ralph Towner distributed the current issue of the "Oil Can" club newsletter, and "Cruise News" magazine. The Board Meeting was called to order by our President, Shirley McManus at 7:16PM. Shirley spoke of donations for the "Go Bags", and the Wellborn "Back To School" program. We did receive donations from an "anonymous" member towards both charities, but discussion was open for our club to participate. Kelly spoke of donating, Ralph made the suggestion we donate \$300 to each group. All was in favor, but would be brought up at the general meeting tonight.

Norman Silver spoke of a possible car show/chili cook off, to benefit the FCCD (Florida Counsel for Crime and Delinquency), around November. More information would follow.

Submitted by Alex Fardales. Secretary/ Correspondent

July, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Our July meeting was held at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, FL, Thursday July 6th. Following our prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, our President, Shirley McManus called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Roy Spurling presented our current Treasurer's Report, which was received and accepted by the general membership.

Shirley spoke of birthdays, anniversaries, and sadly, informed the club of the recent passing away of a friend, Richard Allen. Richard was not a current member, but attended many of our events and Hardees gatherings. She also spoke of the status of her brother, Joe, and asked for our thoughts and prayers. We were, however, happy to see member Rhonda Stanley

present at the meeting following her recent surgery. Shirley also spoke of member's health issues. We send our thoughts and prayers to all of our members

Shirley spoke of the past June and 1st week of July events. The Blueberry Festival was a success. 35 quality show cars participated in our car show. The club received a 2nd place award for the best "float". The weather was perfect. We also had a good turnout at Sal's, despite the rain.

Ken Barton, our DJ, spoke of our Hardees event. For the remaining of the summer months, Ken will be setting up the music from 5:30-7:30PM.

Ralph spoke of the current "Oil Can" report, and spoke of our "Safety Tech Report". Kelly spoke of tire pressures, tire inflation, and the importance of tire maintenance on our vehicle. If anyone has any suggestions on a "Safety Tech Report" article for the newsletter, please let Ralph know.

Shirley spoke of the recent Lake Butler 1st of July event, and congratulated me on a "Best of Show" award for my '55 Chevy. Thank You Shirley. She also mentioned the 4th of July event in Branford, which no one present spoke of, or quite possibly, attended.

Shirley spoke of our upcoming events. A Sock Hop/car show and dinner, at the VA Domiciliary on Monday, July 17th, at 4PM. She asked for a show of hands if anyone was interested in having dinner there, which is good food at an inexpensive price. Many expressed interest in participating.

Sal's is on the 18th, and this is the annual "National Collector Car Appreciation Day", and we will have a group shot photograph together, so please, come on out to Sal's and if possible, please bring your collector car. This will also be an Ice Cream Social event as well.

Shirley spoke of donations towards the "Go Bags", and the Wellborn "Back To School" programs. She spoke of the Board's prior decision to donate 600 (\$300 to each charity), in addition to a generous member, whom wants to remain anonymous, donation. After further discussion, the general membership present voted unanimously to donate the \$600 as outlined

Shirley spoke of Ralph's article about the Ford's Garage, and asked if the membership would be interested in going. Ford's Garage is a restaurant with Ford memorabilia displayed. Please read Ralph's article. Most of the members present were interested in attending, most probably on a Saturday. Also, "Don Garlits" car collection, which is a museum of drag racing, but with many more cars in his collection; two buildings full. It would likely be a future outing as well, possibly in August.
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2023 National Collector Car Appreciation Day

Text by Shirley McManus

Photos by Don Downs & Ralph Towner

The Suwannee River Region AACA loves to host the National Collector Car Appreciation Day every year. This year was no exception. On July 18th we met at Sal's Italian Deli in Lake City, Florida for some great food and a good time and great cars.



The last three years we have had rain for this event and I mean pouring down rain. But this year no rain in sight, instead we had to endure the blistering heat. At 5pm it was still 98 degrees with a heat index of over 100 degrees. Even with these temperatures we had a good turnout.

It was quite the challenge trying to get people to leave the A/C inside and come out of the restaurant to get a group picture and hear the Resolution. Can't say as I blame them. But even with the extreme heat we had a good time.

Our Region sponsored Root Beer Floats and homemade cookies and brownies which everyone loved. Thank you to Barbara Richards, Marybeth Downs and Marie Towner for helping bake and serve.

This heat is so hard on our older cars and so many don't have A/C but we still had quite the variety of cars. Don Downs brought out his newly acquired Plymouth Belvedere Convertible. A very fast and beautiful car and of course my favorite color RED.

One of the cars that really caught my eye was a 1960 Buick Electra Convertible owned by Dennis Roberts. He also brought his two grandsons with him to shine it up. Just watching these young boys be so careful with their Granddads car was heartwarming. You could just see that both of those boys will grow up to love the classics. That's what this day was all about. If we can pass our knowledge, our passion, and the love we have for our cars on to them, then we can be sure that our hobby will live on in the eyes of our children and grandchildren.

Thank you to SEMA for making this event available each year.



1960 Buick Electra

Top left: President, Shirley, reading the Proclamation.

Above middle: Some of our members & friends eating inside Sal's Restaurant. **Shirley**, holding the proclamation along with several of our members and friends who attended.

Top Right & Bottom Right photos: Some of our members & friends vehicles on display at Sal's.

The Bounty Hunter

Text by Ralph Towner
Photos by Diana Partington & Ralph Towner



Left: Chuck Partington with his '31 Model A in the front yard of his 4 acre homestead.

Above: Chuck and his wife Diana, dress the part when they go to events and parades.

Left: This 1962 Chevrolet Impala 2 door hardtop is an example of the types of mostly GM cars that Chuck has owned.



Chuck Partington has enjoyed old cars all his life having owned several authentic as well as modified cars from the 50's and 60's, mostly Chevys and Pontiacs. The 1931 Model A Ford, that he currently owns, since 2007, serves a different purpose.

The Model A had been stored in a shed for 31 years. After much negotiating with the stubborn owner over a period of time, Chuck was able to buy it. He had an idea of keeping it as authentic as possible, while still adding a "bounty hunter" theme to the car. These additions include saddlebags on the front, a holstered rifle, Las Vegas Bounty hunter star signs on both doors as well as Bounty Hunter labels and a list of services on the back of the car.

The two scoundrels in the rumble seat being taken in to collect the bounty are Irish Mike, arrested for assault and battery as well as drunk and disorderly conduct. The other is Cherokee Jack, arrested for liquor store robbery as well as being drunk and disorderly. We will learn more about how all of this came about as our story develops.



Chuck was born in 1946, in the Hudson Valley, New York town of Marlboro. He grew up in the area and as an adult learned the plumbing trade. He served our country in the Navy during the Vietnam era. He married his first wife soon after being discharged from the Navy.

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THINGS WE DO : SHERRIF'N ◦ MARSHALL'N
PEOPLE WE CHASE: CATTLE RUSTLERS ◦ WIFE BEATERS ◦ FUGITIVES & MORE !

The Bounty Hunter

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Chuck was never fond of the cold dreary winters in New York. He considered Florida, but there was a strong lure of the West, in particular, Las Vegas. He learned the basics of card dealing and at age 32 while still in NY. He and his first wife moved to Vegas, where he found a job at a casino as a card dealer. After a short time, Chuck decided he did not care for the inside smoke filled high strung environment which was constant in the casino.

Chuck then went back to his plumbing trade and soon started a plumbing business in Las Vegas. After a few years, Chuck obtained a contractor's license. He spent several years building commercial buildings such as convenience stores and fast food franchise buildings.

After 17 years of marriage, Chuck and his first wife separated and divorced. In the meantime, Diana, who now lived in New Port Richey, Florida, had lost her husband of 35 years. Her 35 year career consisted of owning furniture stores with her son, Charlie Wisenburn, who passed three years ago.

She was on classmates.com and decided to message Chuck. It took a few attempts, finally using her maiden name. Chuck responded, came to Florida to visit her and the rest is history. They were married and Diana moved to Las Vegas to be with Chuck.

However, Diana has a daughter and grandchildren in Florida, so she wanted to visit them frequently. After Chuck retired, he agreed to sell their home in Nevada. It was a quick sale, with little time to move. The Partington's had a hard time finding anything for a while... it was during the time about two years ago when houses were being sold five minutes after being listed.

They had a stroke of good luck by locating a four acre site with a nice home, pool, two car garage



Above: Chuck & Diana in their period outfits, which they wore to events held by the local model A club and others.

Below: The Model A in the "Helldorado" parade in Vegas.

and a metal building, in the nice area of Horizon street on the west side of Lake City. Chuck was able to make a fair deal. They both really enjoy the beautiful



area with good neighbors and several hilly, curvy roads for Chuck as well as the dogs, Buddy and Boomer, to enjoy driving and riding in the Model A.

Speaking of neighbors, a man in the neighborhood, named Ken Schwartz, flagged Chuck down one day as he was driving the Model A. It seems that Ken had fully restored a 1917 visible gas pump and thought it would be neat to get a picture of him filling the Model A tank with the vintage pump.



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Lake Butler's Independence Day Celebration Car Show

Hosted by the Lake Butler Rotary Club.

Text & photos by Alex Fardales

As it's been a tradition for many years, the Lake Butler Rotary Club has its 4th of July Celebration, but this year, a little early, Saturday July 1st, with a Classic Car Show as well.

This year, many classic vehicles were on display in the parking lot of the Lake Side Park in Lake Butler, Florida. Since Lake Butler is one hour away from my home, I decided to head on out early which got me there at about 8:45AM. I was the first registered, so my '55 Chevy was registered entry number 1. By 10AM, the parking lot was full of beautiful classic cars, hot rods and antique vehicles.

One vehicle that caught my eye and was also a crowd pleaser, was a 1978 yellow VW camper with all of the amenities of home. Another rarity of a vehicle that caught my eye was a red 1962 Dodge Polara, with its push button transmission.



pictures, compliments about the cars, especially my '55 Belair but nothing was "cooler" than in the afternoon during the awards presentation.



There were areas around to "cool off", which was in the pavilion area and also, the auditorium where many vendors were displaying and selling household items, etc.

Speaking of "cool", it was great to see the enthusiasm from spectators and even youngsters taking

After all the ballots were tallied, was thrilled to receive an "Overall Top Pick Best of Show" award for my '55 Chevy. Already looking forward to next year.

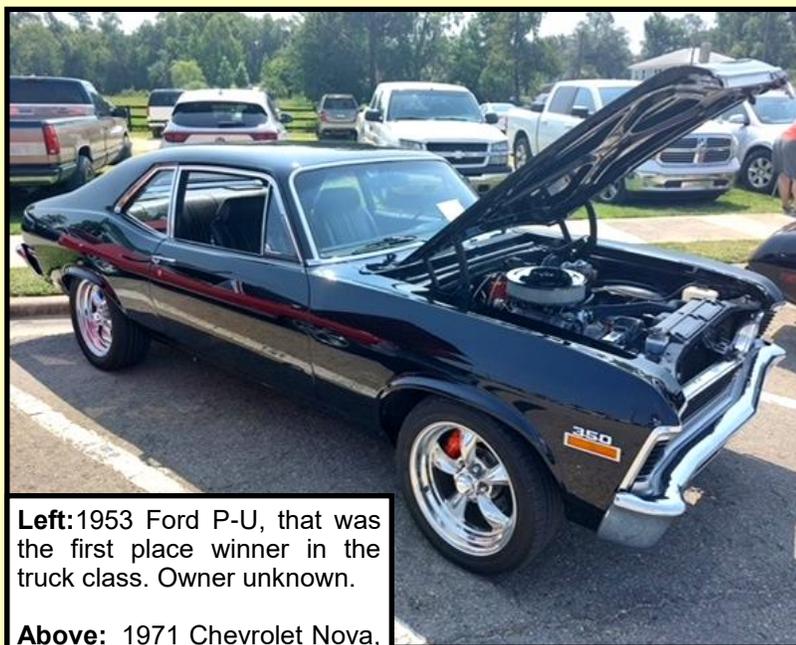
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Lake Butler Independence Day Photos

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Two photos of a 1978 VW Camper, Type 2 Bus, owned by Shelley Reddish of Stark, Florida. The bus is in top show condition inside and out.



Left: 1953 Ford P-U, that was the first place winner in the truck class. Owner unknown.

Above: 1971 Chevrolet Nova, owned by Ricky Clyatt of Lake Butler, Florida

Below: Alex's 1955 Chevy on the field with other beauties.



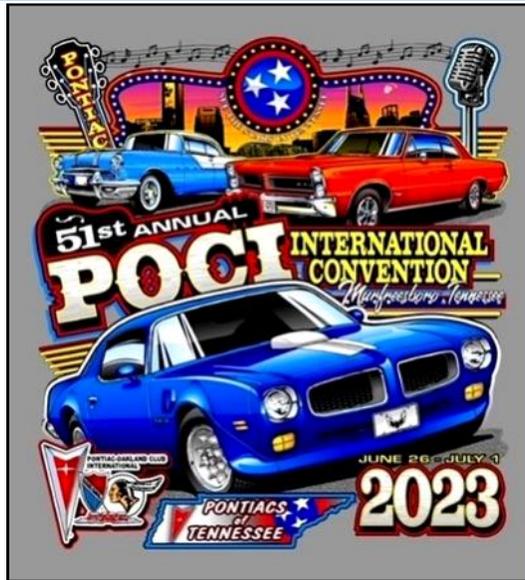
2023 POCI Convention

Text & photos by
"Pontiac Pete" Mazzocchi

It's no secret that I have had a strong interest in Pontiacs all my life. I have been a member of the Pontiac, Oakland Club International (POCI) most of my adult life.

Every year, they have an International convention, and whenever possible, I have attended. Many times I have trailered a car to the event to enter in the shows, but this year, I just went in my truck, no motor home, and stayed in a hotel. I drove both the departing and return trips in one day.

This year's convention, which was June 26 through July 1, was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, about 35 miles from Nashville. The convention has several side trips, dinners and a banquet, but I chose not to attend any of them. I went to the event to see the cars and talk with the people. In particular, I met up with an old



friend from California I had not seen for years. The weather was good; quite hot most days with one rainy day.

The flea market area is one place I always look through, searching out Pontiac parts that I or some of my friends might need. I found a few items to add to my collection as well as a hard to find under the seat heater core for a '57 Pontiac that my friend Ralph Towner needed. I was able to buy it for \$50 and Ralph was glad to get it.

There were two good quality shows as part of the convention. The points judged show was held on Friday, with 66 entries. Saturday's show was a popular vote show with 153 entries. However, the afternoon thunderstorms brought an early end to the show as owners scrambled to get their cars covered or into trailers. The photos in this article were of cars at the event that are rare or models that I like.

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Above, left: 1956 Pontiac Safari wagon, a rare two door hardtop wagon. This was Pontiac's version of the "Nomad".

Above: A very nice 1957 Starchief 4 door hardtop, similar to Ralph's except the red and white color scheme is opposite.

Left: A modified 1957 Safari wagon, painted in pink. Could it have been a "Mary Kay" car?

POCI Convention

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I had a good trip both ways and am glad I could attend the convention. The 2024 convention will be July 15-20 in Springdale Arkansas. If you enjoy cars, especially Pontiacs, consider attending. I plan on attending these conventions as long as I am able.

Right: 1953 Pontiac woody wagon. A rare model in great shape.

Right, center: 1948 two door deluxe sedan next to a 1953 Pontiac two door sedan.

Below right: 1959 Pontiac convertible next to a 1958 Bonneville convertible on the left.

Bottom, right: 1959 Pontiac custom built similar to a Chevrolet El Camino.

Below: a 1940 Pontiac business coupe in excellent authentic condition.

Bottom, left: A 1955 Pontiac Convertible which has been mildly customized for show & go.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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On July 18th we headed to Sal's Italian Deli for the National Collector Car Appreciation Day. You can read the story that I sent to the AACA Speedster on page 5 of this issue. I'm sure the heat had kept many home that night. The only thing I can say is it didn't rain and for that I was thankful. We still had a nice crowd.

I think most everyone at the Hardee's cruise-in has been inside also, or it rained too hard for Ken Barton to be there DJing. Our meetings at the Moose have still been well attended, so for that I'm grateful.

I would like to plan a trip to the **Ford's Garage Restaurant in Gainesville August 12.** Also **Don Garlits' Museum in Ocala, August 26.** It's been a few years since we have been there. The group rate is for 10 or more people- Senior over 60 is \$10.00. Adult rate is \$12.00, Teenager is \$10.00. Since there doesn't seem to be any events in August these might be good options. So if anyone is interested let me know.

Hope you have a great summer and try and stay cool,

Shirley



THE GENERAL MINUTES

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We have been invited to the Arts and Crafts Festival at Spring Hill UMC in Alachua on September 30th. James Richardson from Richardson's Paint is the Pastor of the Spring Hill Methodist Church of Alachua, and would like us to come to their event, between 9-1pm. There is plenty of shade to park under.

Shirley mentioned the Jasper Blackberry festival, which will be going on July 30th, but will NOT have a car show.

Shirley read a "Thank you" card from Rhonda Stanley, thanking us for our concerns of her surgery.

Kelly drew the 50/50 drawing, \$70 in the pot, \$35 to the winner. Congratulations to Phyllis Glenn, who donated the money back to our club.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:14PM.

Submitted by Alex Fardales
Secretary/ Correspondent

Alex



YE OLDE SWAP SHOP



For Sale: 1959 Chevrolet El Camino. Great Condition. First year that Chevy made this model. 348 Big Block V-8 with 4 Speed Tranny. \$40,000 OBO. Call Dave at 386- 963-3494

For Sale: 1976 Ford Mustang V-6 Runs. New timing chain. New tires. Beige in color. One owner. \$1200 OBO. Call Joseph at 386-755-5151

Ken's Korner

A collection of trivia, anecdotes, quotes and jokes to brighten your day



Humor: A new car hauler, while driving at night, was just a few miles from his destination when his truck headlights failed. The driver had an inspired moment and climbed up to the top vehicle and turned it's lights on. Able to see well, the driver continued. An oncoming car swerved off the road into a field. The truck driver stopped to check on the driver. "Why did you run off the road?" he asked. The shaken driver replied, "I thought if you were as wide as you are tall, I needed to give you plenty of room."

Quote: A penny saved is a government oversight.

Quote: "We are all here for only a spell; get all the good laughs you can." Will Rogers

Until next month... *Ken*

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Dave & Rhonda Holmes Anniversary	3 SRRAACA Moose Meeting	4 Hardees Jean Norton Happy Birthday	5 Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast Arden & Bob Kopp Anniversary
6	7 Phyllis & Steve Glenn Anniversary	8	9	10	11 SRRAACA Host Hardee's George Richards Happy Birthday	12 Fords Garage Lunch outing
13 Jack Wells Happy Birthday	14	15 Sal's Cruise-In Kathy Donovan & Dave Holmes Happy Birthdays	16 Terri Quintana Happy Birthday	17	18 Hardee's Tony Richards Happy Birthday	19
20	21 Gerry Howd happy Birthday	22	23	24	25 SRRAACA Host Hardee's Ben Stivers Happy Birthday	26 Don Garlits Museum Don & Marybeth Downs Anniversary
27	28 Gary Sparks & Gary Marquis & Joanne Medeiros & Ralph Owens Happy Birthdays	29	30	31	Sept. 1 SRRAACA Hardees	2 Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast

The Roadmap

Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)

- Aug. 3 — SRRAACA monthly meeting at the Lake City Moose Lodge at 7PM
- Aug. 4 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Aug. 5 — Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast
- Aug. 11 — SRRAACA Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Aug. 12 — Lunch Outing at Ford's Garage, Gainesville. Final details at our meeting.
- Aug. 12 — Car show at Island Oaks RV Resort, Glen ST Mary, FL See flyer in Sunshine Report
- Aug. 15 — Sal's Cruise-In 5—7:30 PM
- Aug. 18 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Aug. 25 — SRRAACA Hardees 5:30 - 7PM
- Aug. 26 — Tour Don Garlits Museum Final details at our meeting
- Sept. 1 — Hardees 5:00—7:30 PM
- Sept 2 — Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

AACA National Events

- Aug. 10-12 — Grand Nationals Bettendorf, Iowa 309-373-2169
- Aug. 16-19 — Vintage Tour (1931 & earlier) Aroostook County, Maine Region 207-768-1033
- Sept. 14-19 — Special Central Division Tour Piqua, Ohio Southern Ohio Chapter 937-689-6901
- Sept. 25-29 — Western Division Tour Santa Barbara, CA AACACaliforniaTour@gmail.com
- October 3-6 — Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA Hershey Region 717-566-7720
- October 22-27 — Revival Glidden Tour (Pre 1943) Thomasville, GA VMCCA hosting - Blanch@rose.net
- February 8-10 — AACA Annual Convention Chantilly, Virginia (DC area) 717-534-1910

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Tire Pressure

By Ralph Towner



Don Downs did a Safety/Tech article about tire pressure in the May, 2021 issue of The Oil Can. There are many new members since then and we could all use a review, so I decided to do an update on this subject.

Either overinflation or underinflation affects your driving more than most people realize. Overinflation affects the road grip as higher pressure "balloons" much of the tread up away from the surface, giving a smaller contact patch on the highway. Therefore, the car loses much of its gripping ability in curves and affects braking distance on wet roads.

Underinflated tires do provide more grip, but also lead to higher fuel consumption and improper tire wear. But more than that, underinflation can lead to hydroplaning, which is defined as the loss of traction and an inability to steer the car.

Hydroplaning occurs when tires cannot remove water fast enough to expose the road surface for the tire to grip it. The more contact patch area of the tire is on the road, the less weight per square inch of surface area occurs. When the weight of the tire pushing on the ground equals the water pressure pushing back up, hydroplaning occurs.

Most modern cars have a section in the owner's manual indicating the correct tire inflation. Also, most tires have an area on the tire showing maximum inflation. Most modern vehicles have an automatic tire pressure warning system in the dash computer. For our classics, 32-34 psi is usually correct. Truck and trailer tires require higher pressure, sometimes much higher.

Tires tend to deflate over time, so a schedule should be setup to check the tire pressure at a minimum of once a month. Tire pressure is affected by temperature. It's best to check tire pressure in the morning before it warms up with an accurate tire pressure gauge. If tires must be checked when hot, inflate them 3-4 psi higher than recommended and check them again when cold. Conversely, very cold temperatures cause the tires to drop about two degrees per 10 degrees F.

Tires can be inflated with an air compressor, which can be purchased from auto parts or tool supply stores, or fill them at most gas stations.

Remember, tire inflation affects both your safety and your wallet, which are both pretty important, don't you think? So get an accurate tire gauge and set up your monthly tire inflation check schedule.

Ralph



Website Corner

By Don Downs

The website has settled down to about 250 - 300 visits per month. That is actually pretty good, as it represents about 8 - 9 per day. It is impossible to know who accesses it, but I assume it is a mix of our own members and random people that find it on a Google search. I take it as a success. The previous site had under 200 visits in a year.

As our club enters the information age, it is Shirley's and my hope that the website serves our members in a fun and easy way. Right on your phone you in seconds, can be viewing the current calendar. Sitting in a doctor's office waiting for an appointment you can enjoy the latest funny stuff or pictures of our events. It is meant to be a quick and easy resource for you.

I certainly encourage all of you to suggest ideas to



me that may make it even better. Just reach out or email me flyguydon@comcast.net / 904.483.0367.

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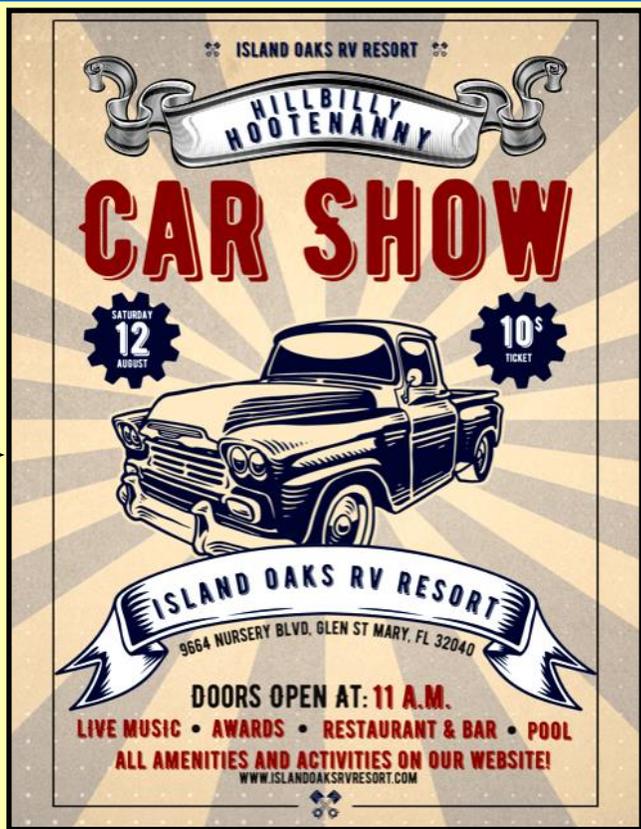
By Ralph Towner

I was in contact with Nina Howd on July 30th. Gerald had surgery to remove a large kidney stone. The procedure went well and he is much better, well enough in fact that he is back to mowing the yard. Speaking for our members, we are glad he is doing well.

Last minute entry: Notice this car show on August 12. →

Please see the **swap shop** on page 12 of this issue. I will continue this service for members whenever a member sends me an ad to buy, sell or swap.

Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, August 3rd, 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. **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. *Ralph*

Corrections: In the July issue, bottom right in the photo caption, I made two errors. The Holmes' Model A is a 1930, **NOT** a 1931. Also, I misspelled Ronda's name, by adding an "h" after "R". Sorry for the mistakes. *Ralph*



CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays !



Jean Norton- 08/04; George Richards – 08/11; Jack Wells – 08/13; Cathy Donovan – 08/15; Dave Holmes – 08/15; Beverly (Terri) Quintana – 08/16; Tony Richards – 08/18; Gerald Howd – 08/21; Dorsie (Ben) Stivers – 08/25; Gary Sparks- 08/28; Gary Marquis – 08/28; Joanne Medeiros – 08/28; Ralph Owens – 08/28

August Anniversaries !

Ronda & Dave Holmes – 08/02; Arden & Robert Kopp - 08/05
Phyllis & Stephen Glenn – 08/07; Marybeth & Don Downs - 08/26



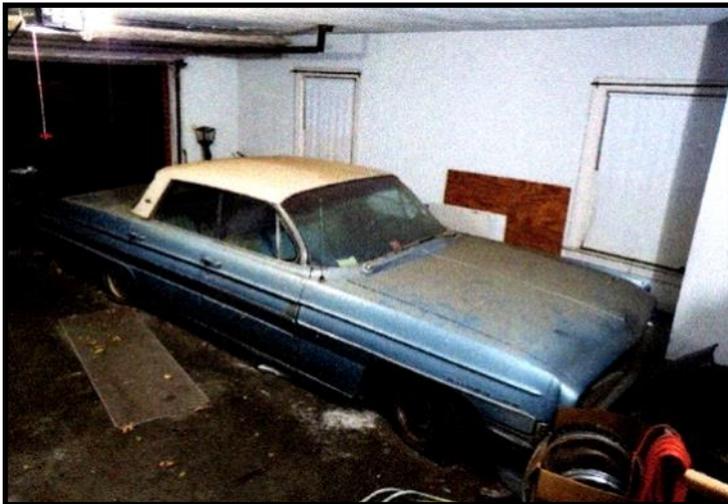


A True Garage Find Part 1

By Fred Trusty
2023 AACA President

About four years ago I heard about a 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 from a man that I had met at a local cruise in. The next day I called and talked with the grandson of the original owner. His grandfather purchased the car new but passed away in 1966 so his grandmother inherited the car. She didn't drive so it just sat in the garage. The grand kids would get the car out every now and then to take her for a ride but very few miles were logged between 1966 and 1988.

She passed away in 1988 and her son inherited the house. He had no interest in the car, so it just sat there until he passed away in 2018. I met the grandson at the house and sure enough, it was an all original 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 with 57,000 miles. It was covered in dust and all four tires were flat and dry rotted.



I was able to turn the engine over with a long breaker bar on the crankshaft nut so that was a good sign. The best part was that it had clear plastic seat covers so the seats were like brand new. A deal was made to purchase the car. I loaded it onto my trailer and brought it home to my shop. I knew I would have to go through all systems to make it roadworthy. I figured I'd have the car running and in good shape in a few months. As usual, life got in the way so here it is four years later, and it's still not finished. That's why this article is titled Part I. Part II will be when I finally finish it.



Quest for AACA Members!

By Mel Carson
Vice President - Legislation

The Antique Automobile Club of America and your Region or Chapter has a quest for new members – your leadership is essential to be successful!

Challenge your Region and Chapter Members to find those interested in enjoying family participation with antique vehicles and preserving automotive history. Many AACA leaders consider the 'sweet spot' for new members may be those age 45-60, with settled families and children almost out of school – and an interest in original vehicles!

Often, we see an antique vehicle being driven to the grocery store, the gas station, or just out for a ride. Sometimes we can catch up with the driver and admire their vehicle and strike up a conversation and listen about their car. Encourage them to visit a Region or Chapter meeting and speak to them about the fun and benefits of joining AACA. The key part of this quest is – your Region or Chapter and the Antique Automobile Club of America needs members – now more than ever!

There are a large number of folks who are interested in the automotive hobby but don't belong to AACA. Some may think that it is more difficult than ever to bring folks into AACA because many folks don't readily join organizations. You can be a leader and have a personal conversation to introduce new members to AACA. Folks like to know others with collector vehicles and be able to get together to kick tires and talk about repairs and restoration.

Every Region and Chapter Member can find a prospective AACA member – encourage them with positive ideas about original vehicles and AACA. They will see your leadership and want to join you with the enjoyment of AACA!





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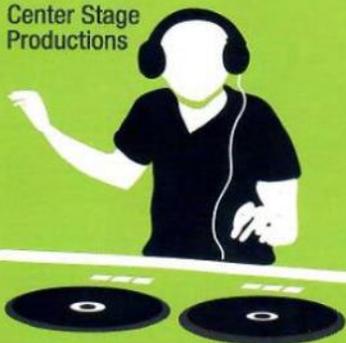
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The Bounty Hunter

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Chuck mentioned to Ken that I was going to interview him and take photos for an "Oil Can" article and that would be a good time to take the photos. Ken agreed.

It was a beautiful morning the day of the interview, and I got to ride in the "The Bounty Hunter" to Ken's home, where I met Ken and his wife, Julie, as well as view and get photos of the pump. Ken and Julie are potential members of our Region.

Both Chuck and Diana love the Horizon neighborhood they live in and enjoy the Lake City area in general. They enjoy our club and activities as well as the comradery of our members.



Above: Buddy on the left and Boomer on the right, love to take rides in the Model A. Of course, the English Springer Spaniels expect and love their treats.

Left: Chuck & Diana in their Lake City home.

Chuck is interested in finding a 50's up through a 1972 cruiser car, likely a GM vehicle, for our activities.

Chuck and Diana joined our Region in the last year under our Veteran's program. Thank you Chuck and Diana for joining our SRRAACA Region and for sharing the "Bounty Hunter" story with us !



Left: Ken Schwartz "filling" the Bounty Hunter's tank with his 1917 visible gas pump.

Above: Gauge & ignition panel