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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 Wellborn Community Association 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 2022 Edited by Don Downs

A joyous season to you all. I have to admit the one thing I miss during December is snow, especially Christmas Eve. Every Christmas Eve when we lived in New Jersey we would go to our Churches Candlelight Service. So often as we left the church it would be snowing. It always made me think that it would be a fresh start to the New Year. Not much chance of snow in Florida, however, you never know. I've seen a flurry or two since we have been here.

December always brings some great events, one being the Live Oak Christmas on the Square show and Parade on De-



cember 3rd. Also on the 3rd is a Jeep Jamboree at the Historic Lebanon Station in Inglis, Florida. The Lake City Christmas Parade is December 10th too...

There will be several Christmas Parties as well. December 6th is our SRRAACA party at Jimmy and Michelle Huntsman's home.

Huntsman"s Fireplace

Always a great time with food so good and desserts galore. Make sure you meet at Tractor Supply at 5:30 to follow us back to their hideaway if you are uncertain how to get there. It always makes me feel like we are going to a Resort. Their home is beautiful

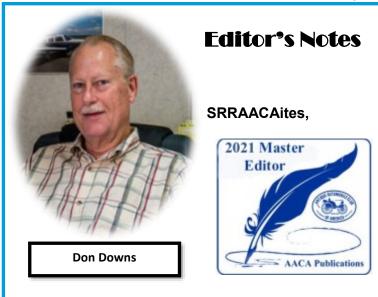


are going beautiful and will instantly put you in the Christmas mood

Cake!

in the Christmas mood. We also have the Cannon Creek and Friends party at the American Legion. Last year we had about 100 people there and I'm sure the crowd will be back this year. I get to be the DJ for that too.

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The Holiday Season is upon us. As I am writing this, I have just pulled the turkey for our party out to thaw! I have a huge 29 pound turkey and a 2 foot long boneless pork loin to fix for you all on Tuesday. I will also make 2 gravies (one turkey and one pork) all home made from the juices created during cooking. Oh... and stuffing. Damn... now I am hungry just thinking about it. And as you may recall... I contracted some REAL MASHED PO-TATOES as a prerequisite to my willingness to cook! YUM!

I can't be certain, but I'd imagine that I will be a Master Editor award winner for 2022. I think the quality of these newsletters has held... Anyway, if I do I will look forward to going to the AACA National Convention on February

6th. It was in Gettysburg last year and Williamsburg the year before. It will be in Williamsburg again this February. Oddly, it has ALWAYS been in Philadelphia up until that. COVID made Philly too much of an issue and since then they seem to like getting around a bit. Who knows?

I am going to toss this out again. If anyone would like the honor of doing the Oil Can, just let me know. I'd offer any help I could



and then YOU could possibly do a great job and win awards. I won the best of the best last year and I can never win it again... BUT YOU COULD!

Here is to wishing us all a happy and healthy 2023 filled with fun "car things" to do!







President Shirley called the Board meeting to order at that Rhonda Stanley lost a sister recently. 8:45PM.

Shirley presented an invoice from Ralph Towner to cover newsletter, calendar, flyers and recruiting material printing for the months of July through and including December for \$246.00. Don made a motion to pay the invoice and Bob Hoffman seconded. The motion was approved.

Shirley presented a bill of \$85.29 for funds she had spent for flowers from the club for Earl Beauchamp's funeral as well as a decoration for Larry Shanks' Celebration of Life, totaling \$32.08. There was also a receipt for \$22.13 for two dozen doughnuts for one of our events. Ralph Towner made a motion to pay the full amount of these receipts, \$139.75. The motion was seconded by Don Downs. The board approved the motion.

Shirley then asked if we should plan a tour of the Tallahassee Auto Museum, perhaps in January. She said that a survey of members had picked Tallahassee as the top choice. The Board members agreed. A tentative date was set for January 7th. We will meet early in the morning at Wellborn for the pancake breakfast and then go to the museum from there. Shirley will email plans and more info will be in the upcoming newsletters and at our January 5th meeting.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Edited by Don Downs

Our General November Meeting for the SRRAACA was called to order by President, Shirley McManus at 7:00PM. Following the opening pledge and prayer, we all enjoyed our member's great cooking with a covered dish meal.

President Shirley asked Ralph Towner to pass out a voting ballot to each member. As Ralph was passing them out, Shirley asked each of the candidates if they would accept their nomination. Shirley McManus- president; Kelly Jordan vice president; board members, Norman Silver, Sherman Stanley. All accepted. Secretary, Alex Fardales, was absent due to personal matters, but had previously accepted either Secretary if elected or as a board member if not. Cotreasurers, Roy Spurling and Barbara Richards will be serving their second year. Michelle Huntsman and Ralph Towner have served their two-year term and will be leaving the board. Shirley asked Ralph Towner and Bob Kopp to tally the votes.

Roy Spurling gave the Treasurer's report, which included the month's expenses. It was received and approved by the general membership.

Shirley announced that Roy was accepting local dues after the meeting. She added that national dues should be paid by using the form which came with Antique Automobile magazine or call National.

Shirley spoke of the current health issues of members, as well as birthdays and anniversaries. We wish our members a speedy recovery and extend a happy birthday and happy anniversary to all. Details in the Sunshine report. She added

Shirley reviewed the many October events. Most had good turnouts. Read details of them in the November Oil Can.

Don gave us The Oil Can report. He said the recent changes in "Publisher" continue to cause problems in certain situations. He mentioned even though it was a shorter time between meetings, he was able to still publish a full edition; no three-pager in black/white. The December issue will be given out at our December 6th Christmas party.

Upcoming events: Saturday, November 5th, is the Cornbread & Chili Festival, at the Wellborn Community Center. Sherm will have a booth setup and Ralph & Sherm as well as other members will display a car. Ralph will man a club recruiting booth during the event. The event starts at 7:30AM.

On November 12th, there will be a Sugar cane Festival in White Springs from 8 - 4PM. There will be a car display as part of the festival.

November 05 – Mopar Show at Don Garlits Museum, south of Ocala

November 11 Veterans parade in Lake City & also Live Oak. November 11 & 12th – Mopar show in Ocala.

November 12 – Veteran's Festival in Mayo

November 18 – 20 Swap Meet & Car Corral in Moultrie, GA. November 24 – 27th – Turkey Run at the Daytona Speedway.

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Story & Pics by Alex Fardales—Edited by Don Downs

The Miami International Auto Show is held every year



at the Miami Beach Convention Center. This year marks the 52nd annual event. It is usually held between October and November to showcase the new model cars of the upcoming year. The South Florida Region of AACA hosts an area of the show called Memory Lane. It displays some of the finest show room condition classic

My Buddy Stephen Greenblat and His 1966 427 Powered Vette at Memory Lane

and antique cars that you might a 396 lurking under the hood!

ever see. I have been involved with Memory Lane since 1998. The last time that I personally had a car in it was This year I volunteered and held down the fort in Memory 2011. I had my beautiful 1965 Impala SS Convertible with

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Lane October 22nd and 23rd. I was not actually sure I'd be able to attend after my x-wife had recently passed away and things were a bit uncertain at the time.



The Miami show is all completely inside, so it is one of the



few shows where weather is no factor! There are sections in the show (which runs 10 days) that feature current new cars, the classics and antiques, and then a section dedicated to the fu-

ture of the automobile. You can imagine the emphasis on electric cars this year in that section! I wandered, but my favorite is, and always has been, Memory Lane. If I recall, there were about 35 cars in Memory Lane this year.

Having been from that area, I still have friends and acquaintances that I get to see there. Some of them had cars on display in Memory Lane. What fun!

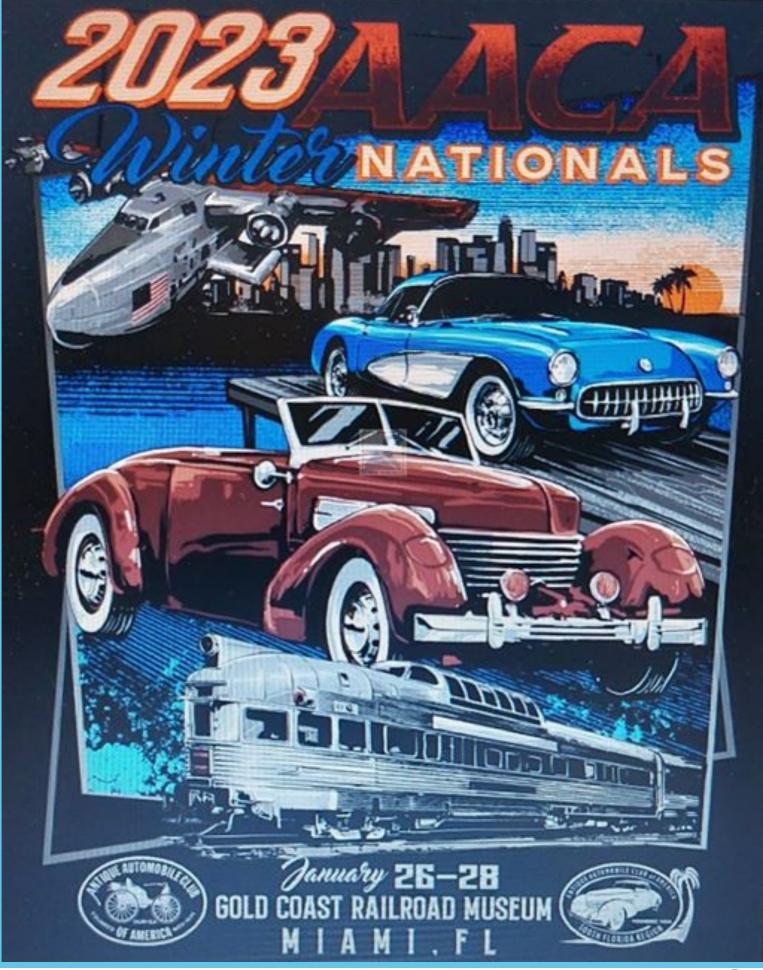
Although the show goes for 10 days, I was only able to spend 2 days there this year. It was, and always is worth every minute. I can only suggest that other members of our club consider visiting next year.







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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I also want to mention jumping ahead to January 7th. We are headed to the Wellborn Breakfast and then jumping on 10 to The Tallahassee Auto Museum. Make sure that you sign up for that one, especially if you have not been before. The club will be paying for this.

So... lots of good times ahead! Let's all look forward to a new year of great times and plenty of new members to join in all our fun.

Enjoy this beautiful season and Bill and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



THE GENERAL MINUTES

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December 6th – Our SRRAACA Car Club Christmas party will be held at Michelle & Jimmy Huntsman's home. Start time is 6:00PM. Members bring a covered dish. Last name beginning with A-L - Bring side dishes. M-Z – Bring a dessert. Turkey & pork roast will be provided, thanks to our club chef, Don Downs. Katrina Gibson volunteered to furnish the mashed potatoes. Also, bring a toy(s) for needy children in Wellborn. Ralph suggested meeting at Tractor Supply parking lot at 5:30PM, to assist members on how to get there. Shirley agreed with the suggestion. There is also a fun filled voluntary gift exchange. Mark the gift tag for a man or woman. Suggested amount - \$20.

Vicki Shanks invited us to the Cannon Creek & Friends Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17th, starting at 5:30PM. It is held at the American Legion on Hwy 41 in Lake City. There is a great dinner along with the chance to buy tickets and place them in the containers of the baskets you want to bid on. There will be an upcoming email within a week from Vicki, how to get tickets and the amount for each ticket. Shirley McManus will be the DJ for the event.

Ralph Towner gave an overview of his trip to the AACA Fall Nationals in Hershey as well as touring the new AACA Headquarters building. The full story is in the November Oil Can.

Shirley then asked Ralph to read the election results.

The voting for secretary between Marybeth & Alex was very close. Alex had the most votes and is our secretary for 2023. As an officer, he is automatically on the Board.

New Board members for 2023 will be Norman Silver and Sherman Stanley.

Roy Spurling and Barbara Richards will complete their twoyear term as treasurer in 2023.

With no opposition, Kelly Jordan will continue as Vicepresident and Shirley McManus will continue as President for 2023. Congrats and thank you to all our 2023 officers.

Shirley thanked the members for their continued trust in her to lead our club. She stated this will be her seventh year as our president. She asked for suggestions on events for 2023. Don suggested tours.

The 50/50 raffle was held, \$34 going to the winner. Congratulations to Sonny Owens, who donated his winnings back to the club.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM.

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TECH/SAFETY r Cheer... Story by Don Downs - Pics are file photos

old Every day drunk driving is a concern on our country's highways, but the holidays are when it happens most frequently. Recently, the New Year's and Christmas holidays saw 285 fatalities due to drunk driving. All of these fatalities might have been avoided. Every year, statistics say between 10,000 and 11,000 people die in alcohol related crashes. This represents about one-third of all collision deaths. The sorrow of these losses is felt all year long, but for many people, the holidays are when it hits the hardest.

Also to consider are the other drivers. Folks joke about New Year's being when all the amateur drunk drivers come out . There may be some actual concern there. More impaired drivers are on the road then compared with any other time of the year!

A great thing to consider is this. Don't drink and drive... but also avoid driving during peak dangerous times like after midnight on New Year's Eve!

We all love you and enjoy the time we spend with our car hobby together... and your family loves you too. Be smart... and be careful.





Bob Hope with a nice 55 Chevy "a few years ago" !

Cornbread Festival

Story by Shirley-Edited by Don Downs - Pics by Shirley and Ralph

After last year's rainout we were sure looking forward to a sunny dry day for the 2nd Annual Wellborn Cornbread and Chili



Cook-Off. Last year all of our entertainment stage was under 3 inches of water, and everyone had to be canceled at the last minute. I can honestly say I just didn't know what to expect this year. We were hoping for the best and I went ahead and organized the entertainment. Our day started out with a very fine drizzle of rain and as the sun came up a rainbow appeared right over Wellborn. After the sun came out I just knew it was going to be a great day.

We had a super line up planned and everyone did a great job. A little bit of everything for everyone to enjoy. Our mix included Sweet Harmony a duo who sing the 50's hits. Marty Munoz and his sax who played smooth Jazz

and big band. Shirley Bethel was our little country firecracker.



Frederick Perry was our Elvis Tribute Artist with Johnny Starling and myself backing him up. Our feature was the Rock Bluff Country Band from Branford, and they had everyone up dancing. I was the emcee and did a few songs myself.

There was so much to see and do. New this year was our Cornhole Tournament which started the day with 50 teams all competing for that big money. Our Chili and Cornbread contestants

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Cornbread Festival

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also competing for cash prizes. Tons of food and arts & craft vendors galore lined the field. Home Depot brought out their employees and did a workshop for the children with over 150 kits. A petting zoo, pony rides, and bounce houses delighted all the children.



Dynamic Duo With 50's Hits!

SRRAACA had a membership booth which Ralph Towner manned. Sherm also had a booth where he donated an electric bike that he sold donation tickets for. Sherm brought his old truck decorated with a live scarecrow!



Sunny Enough to Put The Top Down

It was a great day, and we went home tired... but it was a good tired. The Wellborn Community Center is trying to establish a food bank for the residents. This was a great starting fundraiser for the cause. They do such wonderful work.



Cane Festival Da

Comments by Don Downs - Pics by Shirley and Ralph

The Sugar Cane Festival was held in White Springs and was sponsored by the Suwannee Hardware and Feed. They are in a very historic section of town. There were venders with antiques, crafts, food, and



other stuff lining several blocks down on both sides of Hamilton Street. It was actually a larger and more attended festival than we anticipated.

From SRRAACA there were Shirley & Bill, David Staples, Kelly, Ralph, and our newest member. Jamee Dve with here tiny, little (actually huge weighing 15 lbs.) rabbit! Jamee actually filled out her AACA paperwork at the event. She has a few cars with her favorite

being a 1965 Mustang.

It was a very pleasant, sunny, and warm day for the festival. There was a nice little selection of classic cars displayed including our member's priceless clas-

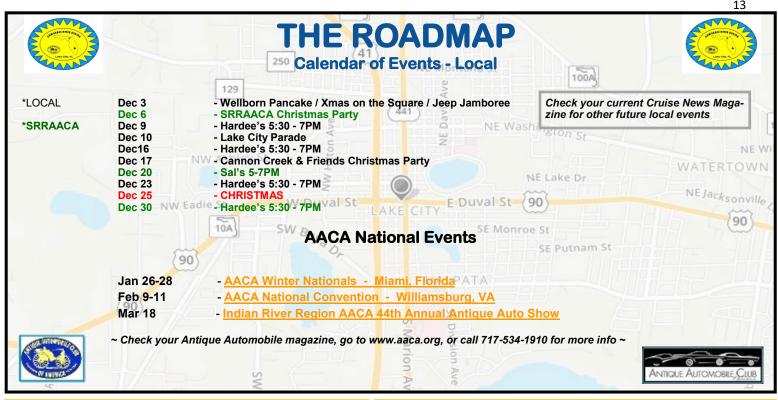
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This was a nice we encourage more of our members to attend next









Shirley McManus reports her foot and leg pain is virtually gone after the successful injections. A good thing as she has so many obligations in life. A new one is, she is on her way, as I write this, to Pennsylvania to assist her disabled brother wrap up his life there and will bring him back to Florida within two weeks. She is hoping to get him into the VA Domiciliary in Lake City. We are all wishing her a safe and successful journey.

Many of you may not realize that Bill McManus will be celebrating his 93rd birthday on Christmas day. Remember to wish him a happy birthday. He told me that until he was old enough to know better, he thought all the festivities that time of year were to celebrate his special day.

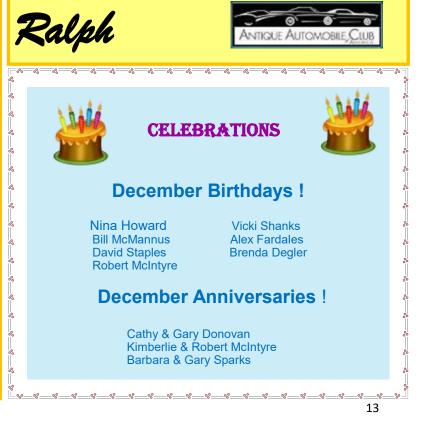
Ken Barton has recovered well from the fall I reported on last month. The therapy he underwent helped with the healing process. He brought his music equipment to Hardee's for our Friday evening event on November 25th but got rained out. He plans to help us with the entertainment at our club Christmas party.

Paul Albright is getting along well since he had a pacemaker installed. He also has obtained a hearing aid that has improved his hearing considerably. We are all glad for Paul, and hopeful for his continued good health.

A reminder that our Christmas party is this Tuesday evening, the 6th, at the Huntsman's home near Wellborn. If you know how to get there, please arrive before 6PM. For those who live in the Lake City area and need help finding the location... meet at Tractor Supply, at Hwy 90 and Brown Road. Be there by 5:20 pm to leave at 5:30. It is a fun event with great food and activities. Please plan on attending – you will be glad that you did.

It's been a good year for our SRRAACA club. We have sadly lost a couple of members but have also gained several interesting new members with great backgrounds and nice collector cars. Our members have attended many events and helped with several charities during 2022. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy healthy 2023!

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





Opportunities By Dave Anspach Vice President - National Activities

Well that's what we have... opportunities. There are openings for shows and tours in our schedule and NOW is the time to fill them. For those that don't understand, our Regions and Chapters are the hosts for our events. Without a Region or Chapter stepping up to be the host, EVENTS DO NOT HAPPEN! Please understand, if your Region or Chapter steps up... you are not in this alone. The National club will help you wherever you need help. There are volunteers to step in for judging, registration, site selection, hotel negotiation, activities selection, whatever you need!

So where and what events are needed? Let's start with 2023. No it's not too late. With some effort, we can still get everything planned in time for an event next year. What is needed is a willingness and "boots on the around"! First and foremost, we have NO shows in the Western Division for 2023. After numerous requests, letters, e-mails, etc. no one has stepped up! Western Regions and Chapters, PLEASE Reconsider. We need Western shows! There is also a space for a Fall Southeastern show so we could use some help there! The Central Division has stepped up and we should have some news for everyone on some activities there real soon! The other major hole in 2023 is the Vintage Tour. The group that was planning it has stepped back so we have a hole there. Many of you do a lot of local tours ... it isn't a giant step for you to do a National one!

For 2024, we again have some of the same problems... We do have a Western Meet in Tucson and a group working on a Western Tour but there are still a lot of openings. A second Western Meet for the Fall would be welcomed! We start the year without a Winter Meet so far. There are a couple of possibilities but no one has locked it in yet. We also lack a Southeastern Fall show again that it would be real nice to fill! Again we have several Central possibilities that look like they will step up, but still no Central Tour. In Fact Tours are the area where we are really hurting in 2024!

We need hosts for our biggest tour event, the Glidden Tour. We share this event with the VMCCA in alternate years, so this event is a MUST fill! In addition we need a Southeastern Division Tour, a Sentimental Tour and a Reliability Tour! If we are to have these activities, it is time for Regions and Chapters to step up!

I know that it is early to talk about 2025, but as of now there are only 3 events on the schedule and 2 of them are in October! There is a space for everyone here!

Everywhere I go, I hear that we need to do more events. Well, to do them, we need YOU. It takes only one sparkplug to get things started. There are no excuses. Too old....horse hockey... your group is EXPERI-ENCED!! They know how to get things done. Use that experience! Not enough people... BAH! It only takes a few... and nothing boosts membership more than a group that does something. The younger folks are out there and want to be part of something that is moving forward. If you think you are going to keep your group alive by sitting around eating, you are mistaken. Activity generates activity! Don't know how? I can and will help! All you have to do is say "Dave, we want to do an event" and I'll help you get the ball rolling! Call me at 484-769-7856, e-mail <u>AACADav-e1054@yahoo.com</u>, Mail at 676 Lambs Church Road, Altavista, Va. 24517, Carrier pigeon probably won't make it... dove season opens soon! You get it... just say YES!



It's Annual Convention Time By Jim Elliot Vice President - National Awards

The Bylaws of the AACA require that an annual meeting of the members be scheduled in the first quarter of the calendar year. The next annual meeting has been set for February 10, 2023 in conjunction with the Annual Convention to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, which will run from February 9 through February 11, 2023.

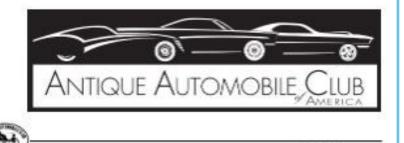
This year's Annual Convention will include a welcome reception on Thursday evening; a vendor display and trade show on Friday and Saturday; a luncheon with "surprise" entertainment hosted by First Lady Denise Tuck on Friday; as well as a pinewood derby competition scheduled for Friday evening. In addition, numerous seminars are planned for Friday and Saturday involving many aspects of car maintenance, repair and history.

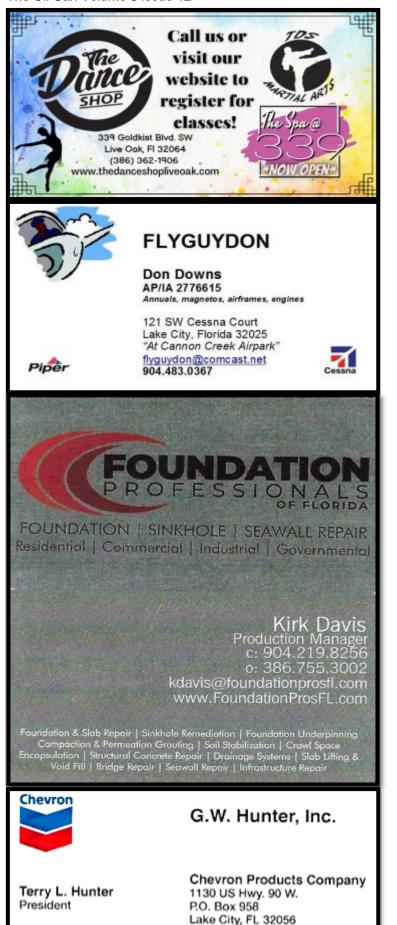
Judging schools will be conducted on Saturday with classes for beginners and advanced classes along with the Team Captains' School.

Saturday evening concludes the convention with a formal awards banquet to recognize the 2022 winners of National Awards for newsletters, websites, club service, judging, touring and car display.

Williamsburg is a unique location offering many interesting venues including the Colonial Williamsburg restoration, the Yorktown Battlefield, the Jamestown Colony, Busch Gardens Amusement Park, the NASA Air and Space Museum and tours of colonial plantations.

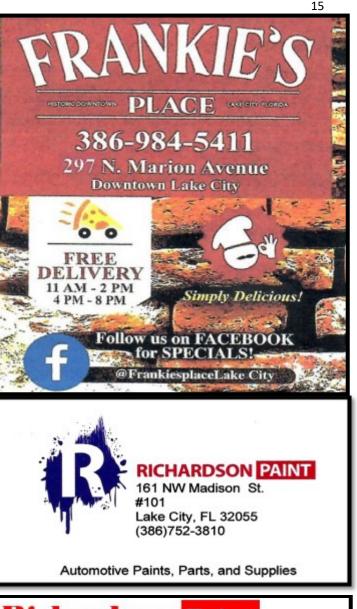
Additional information will be coming soon, so plan now to attend. You won't want to miss it!





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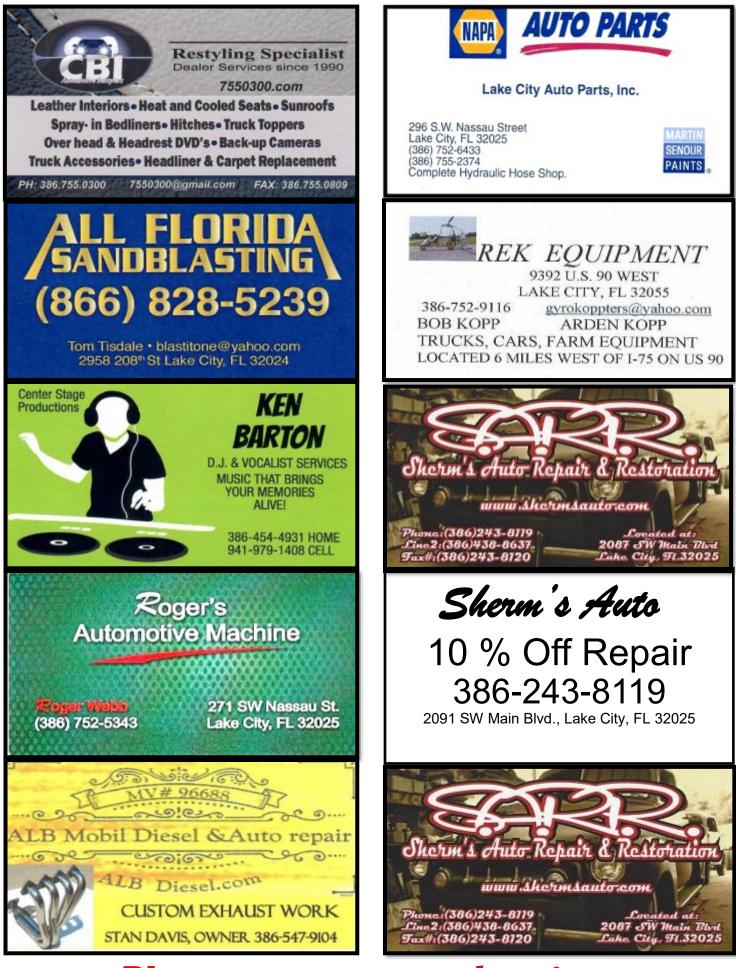


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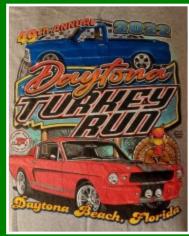


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Another event that I try not to ever miss is the Turkey Run



in Daytona. It was held November 24 - 27th as it normally fits right in with the Thanksgiving theme and time of year! I have made it a point to visit that almost every year. This event always has me remember what my daughter always called it. She called it "Daddy's Disneyworld" and that about sums it up. This year marks the 49th year for this event.

There were over 5000 cars registered this year. There are classic cars... hot rods... one-off creations... you name it for cars. But there are also trucks and bigger stuff like fire engines to enjoy. In another venue, they have machines of all types on display as well. Vending machines, implements, tools, tractors... you name it.

This year they tried something new. They had a night car





show that they named the Turkey Run Nites Car Show and Cruise-In. For a first time event, I can attest to it being very crowded and busy... but great.

The Turkey Run has been one of my "go to" events... and "YEP" ... I will be there next year for the 50th anniversary for certain! I might suggest that you all come on out as well !









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