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NEED A PERFECT GIFT IDEA ?

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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Cover: Ford Model A in Gator colors at the Ford's Garage entrance.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."



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

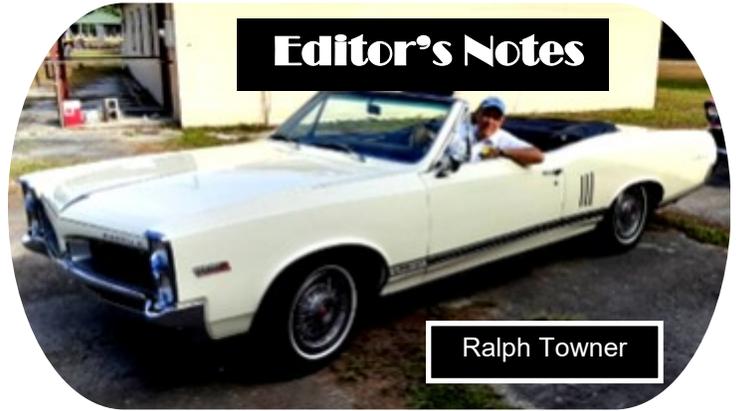
Every year the tiny town of Wellborn comes alive as they celebrate the Wellborn Blueberry Festival. Wellborn is known for the best blueberries around. June 3rd was a perfect weather day for the festival. All the Festivities started at 7:30 with a Blueberry Pancake breakfast at three different stations.

I have been so fortunate for the last three years to be able to organize the Parade. This year our theme was "The Wellborn Blues" and we had 21 entries which included a fantastic Marching Band of 50 high schoolers. They were incredible. Also we had five floats of which SRRAACA sponsored the Elvis Blue Hawaii Float. A big thank you to goes out to Leo Hart, Marybeth Downs and Nancy Hagey for decorating the float and to Frederick Perry AKA Elvis up on the float singing. We even came in 2nd place for a cash award.

We also sponsored the People's Choice Awards Car show. We had 35 great cars come out and show off their beauties. Between the car show and the 50/50 ticket's we were able to give the Wellborn Community Center \$803.00. A big Thank you goes out to Sherm Stanley for getting us such great door prizes too. For all of you who helped, **Thank you**. I know that the Wellborn Community Center was very grateful for all you did.

The event was very well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. If you didn't have any Blueberry Cheesecake Ice Cream shame on you - soooooo good.

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As you read this, we are already into the second half of 2023. At noon on Sunday, July 2nd, the second half of the year began...182.5 days since the clock struck midnight on January 1st.

Our club has been involved with several activities this year and there will be several more to come later. However, aside from the Rotary car show in Lake City and the Lake Butler car show, already held on July 1st, as well as the Branford show on July 4th, there are not a lot of other activities planned in our area during July. Of course there are always some cars at Hardee's every Friday evening. Our SRRAACA club sponsors the 2nd & last Friday of each month.

One activity to definitely mark on your calendar is our July 18th Cruise-in at Sal's. We are celebrating "**Car Collection Appreciation Day**" that evening from 5:00 until around 7:30 PM. If possible, drive your special collector vehicle that evening, as we will be taking photos to send to SEMA, who sponsors the event and to AACA, to be published in the online AACA newsletter, "Speedster". By the way, there's Ice cream too!

I did something different for a feature article this month. We have talked about going as a group to the Ford's Garage Restaurant in Gainesville but have not as yet set a date. Marie and I decided to visit the restaurant in early June. Read all about it on page 6 of this issue. Perhaps it will be discussed at our July 6th meeting to determine if enough members are interested in making the 45 mile trip and enjoy the food and atmosphere.

Most of you are safe drivers and I am sure you practice most, if not all, of what is stated in the safety article on page 12. However, consider it as a personal reminder that we must now, more than ever, be defensive drivers and resist distractions while driving. Also, ask your younger children or grandchildren to read the article. It could save their life.

Happy motoring,

Ralph



Alex Fardales
Secretary/Correspondent

SRRAACA Meeting Minutes

June, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Our Board meeting for the month of June was held at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, Thursday June 1st, and called to order by our President, Shirley McManus at 7:06pm.

Discussions were held concerning bills to be paid, which included picnic expenses, newsletter and other printing expenses and "Cruise News" freight charge for six months. Ralph explained what some of these expenses involved. All were approved for payment by the Board Members.

Shirley spoke of the "Back To School", and the "Go Bags" programs that we have been involved with in the past. Shirley would discuss this further during the general meeting, but the Board suggested to participate once again. It was suggested we list needed supplies for the program in the newsletter.

Collector Car day is coming up, which will be on Tuesday July 18th, at Sal's.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Submitted by Alex Fardales Secretary/ Correspondent

May 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Our general membership meeting for the month of June was held at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, Thursday, June 1st. Prior to our meeting, our editor, Ralph Towner distributed the current issue of the "Oil Can", and "Cruise News". Upon our "Pledge Allegiance", and prayer, our meeting was called to order by our club president, Shirley McManus at 7:17pm.

Shirley thanked our Vice President, Kelly Jordan for leading last month's meeting in her absence. She spoke of her brother, Joe, and our thoughts and prayers are with Joe.

Roy Spurling presented the treasurer's report, which was received and approved by the general membership. Shirley mentioned birthdays and anniversaries of our members, happy birthday and happy anniversary to our members. We also wish a speedy and healthy recovery to members not doing well, or undergoing surgery. Get well soon.

Events for the past month of May were mentioned. The Wellborn breakfast on May 6th was well attended. The Sal's night, May 16th had low attendance due to rain. We had a great time at our annual picnic at "Pontiac Pete's" home, and were quite impressed with his collection of GM cars, mostly Pontiacs

The Waldo event was held on Saturday, May 20th, and our member, Harry McGinnis, received a "Top 20" award with his '69 Oldsmobile. Be sure to read about Harry in our June newsletter.

We also had a gathering at "Custom Automotive & Paint" in Lake City on May 27. Owner, Mitch Cochran grilled up some hamburgers and hot dogs for us. We had a good time and learned more about his business.

Ralph gave us an "Oil Can" report and elaborated on the "Element" brand fire extinguisher. Please read the article in our June issue of the "Oil Can" for that feature.

Don Downs gave us a website report, and passed out instructions on how to set up our website with our cell phones. Don also mentioned if you have items you would like to advertise on the website, you can forward him pictures and information.

Shirley announced this Saturday, June 3rd is the annual Blueberry Festival in Wellborn. This has become a tradition, and our club is hosting a classic car parade, and car show. All those wishing to participate in the parade should meet at Wellborn Baptist Church no later than 8:15AM. Also, those wishing to participate in the car show will have a special area for the car show after the parade. Shirley mentioned 50 students from Suwannee, and Branford High School have signed up for this event to be part of the marching band. Judging by People's Choice. Trophies will be awarded at 1:30PM.

Our Hardee's night with DJ, Ken Barton, is twice a month now on Friday, June 9th and June 30th. June 17th is the Watermelon Festival Car Show presented by the Tallahassee Region AACA, in Monticello, FL. Our next Cruise-in at Sal's is June 20th.

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A Morning at Custom Automotive & Repair

Text & photos by Ralph Towner



Mitch Cochran, is the owner of **Custom Automotive & Repair**, a recently opened auto repair and restoration shop in Lake City. He had invited our club members to his shop for a car display for the morning of May 27th.

It was a nice sunny pleasant Saturday morning for the event. Mitch provided some hot dogs and burgers for us at noon.

Mitch came to this area from Gainesville over a year ago and started a repair business and U-Haul rental business in a different location. Mitch stocks virtually every type of vehicle that U-Haul rents.

Above: The large office & parts building on the left with the repair garage on the right.

Right: Some of the U-Haul rentals ready to rent.

Below, right: L to R Bill, Shirley, Paul, Kelly & Alex. Dave and Rhonda Holmes, Roy & Ralph as well as Harry & his dog, Wilson, were also there.

He worked a deal to lease the current location about six months ago. He has employees and offers repairs on any vehicle as well as full restorations. His address is: **1524 NW Main Blvd, Lake City, FL 32055**. It is located just north of the new roundabout on Main Blvd. (Hwy 41) and Bascom Norris Road. Mitch would be pleased for you to consider his business for auto repairs or anytime you need to rent a U-Haul vehicle.



Above two pics: Our members cars on display at Custom Auto.

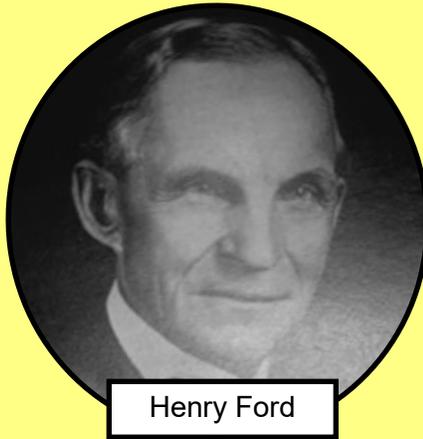
Left: Paul Fortner's 1953 Chevy PU that he bought new at age 15.

Right: Dave & Rhonda Holmes' 1931 Ford Model A Roadster.





Text by Marie Towner
Photos by Ralph Towner



Henry Ford

A hostess seated us and soon a waiter greeted us with menus and took our drink order. The first thing we noticed was the silver ware, wrapped in an old used shop rag (thoroughly washed, we hope), which apparently was our napkin, secured with a hose clamp.



On Sunday June 11, Ralph mentioned to me that at a previous meeting, we had discussed going as a group to an antique car theme restaurant in Gainesville called "Ford's Garage". He added, "How about we visit them today and do a preview. There are not that many activities this month, so maybe I could take some pics and do a newsletter article about it."

Ralph had found the location on the internet and realized it was in a shopping center area on Route 24, known as Archer Road. He learned 'Ford's Garage' is a chain of casual dining restaurants located in four US states. The first restaurant was built in Ft Myers, Florida in 2012.

The Gainesville location has been open only since November, 2022. The chain has a licensing agreement with Ford Motor Company to use the Ford name and carmaker's logo. In 2017, Ford's Garage opened its first restaurant outside of Florida in Dearborn, Michigan. It is on Ford's property, less than two miles away from Ford's international headquarters.

Later in the day, we headed for Gainesville and got off I-75 at the Route 24 exit. We still didn't exactly know what to expect. Ralph pulled into the first shopping center heading East and entered the address in his phone GPS, which directed us to the front of the restaurant. It was tight parking in front. Ralph drove around the block to the back of the restaurant where we found adequate parking.

From the back, we entered a large outdoor seating area complete with a bar, two model A Fords and some antique automobile art and memorabilia on the walls. We entered the main building where we went to the check in area. It was busy, but we only had a five minute wait. There was another Model A on full display, mounted on a pedestal above the inside bar. The basic restaurant theme, besides the car theme is a sports bar.

As we skimmed the menu, it was apparent the main food specialty was "Burgers of Fame". Some of the names were The Model A, Ford's Signature, High-Octane", as well as nine other specialty burgers, even a Green and Clean Veggie Burger. You could "Rev-up" your burger by substituting chicken breast or turkey at no additional charge or really "Rev it up" by substituting Bison for five bucks more. All of the Burgers of Fame were half pounders.



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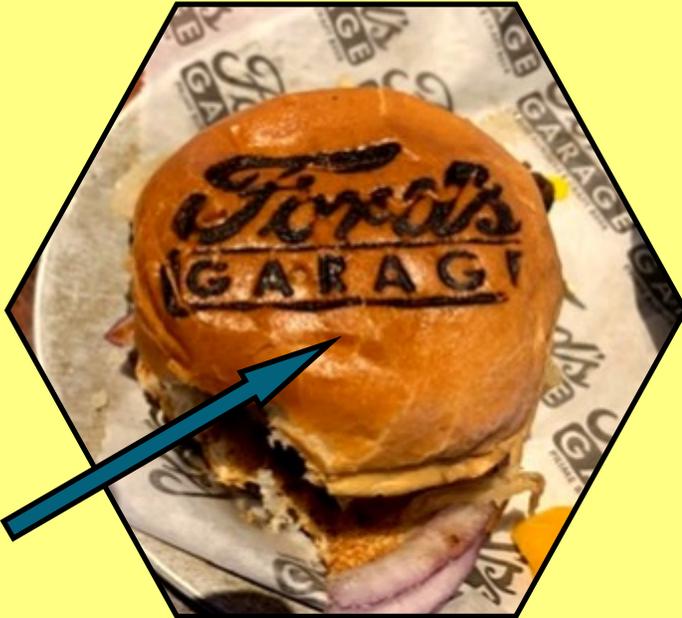
There was also a "Roadster" 1/3 pound menu with three heavily dressed up options. There were other sandwich options,

including a Go Green menu and a Comfort Foods menu. Mama Ford's homemade meatloaf highlighted the Comfort Foods menu which also included BBQ pork ribs, salmon, chicken tenders and fish'n chips. There were a few desserts offered as well.

On Sundays, they offer a brunch menu. I ordered an item from that menu, a ham and cheese sandwich that was coated with powdered sugar. Ralph ordered a Brisket Ranchero Roadster. Most orders come with "Ford's Fries" but you can substitute one of six other sides from the "Side Cars" menu.

While we were waiting for our order to arrive, Ralph walked around the dining area, both inside and outside and examined the memorabilia and took pictures of some of the best ones. Ralph got back to our table just before our waiter brought our order.

They must have a branding iron in the kitchen, as Ralph noticed his burger bun had the restaurant logo branded on it. The food was good but nothing really outstanding. They

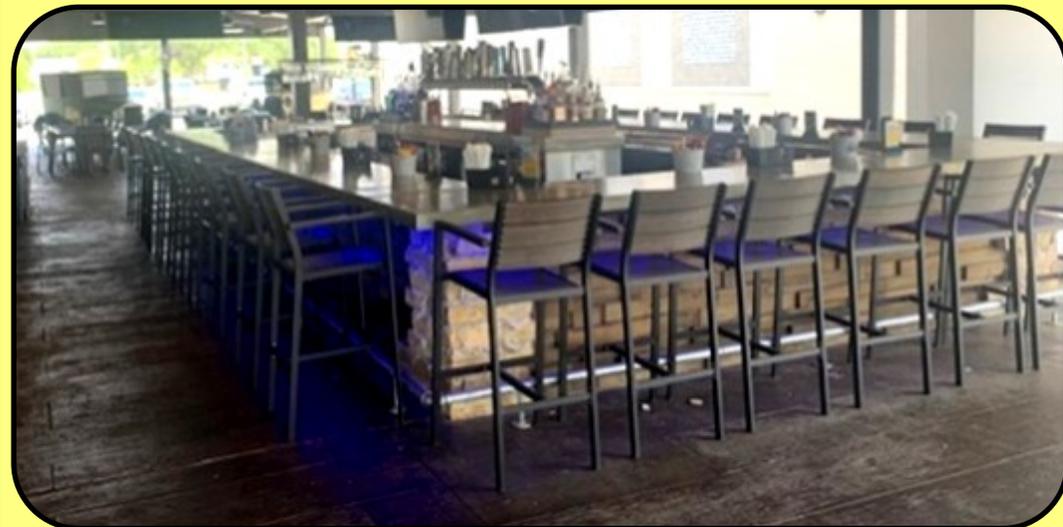


tend to heap plenty of extra calories on everything. The atmosphere was good, especially for those of us who enjoy antique cars and memorabilia.

Our conclusion: Since there are not too many activities in the summer, this would perhaps make a nice outing for our club to get together and travel to Gainesville. It is about 45 miles south of Lake City. It is one of those kinds of places that you really ought to visit at least once.

Marie

More photos on page 18



Top: An authentic Ford Model A, four cylinder engine complete with the generator mounted on a pedestal for the Ford's Garage diners to view.
Left: The outside dining area with the huge outside bar. It must have been hot enough on the mid-June day to lure all the customers inside. The two Model A's in the outside area are visible in the back. (Better photos of the cars on page 18)

Wellborn Blueberry Festival

Text by Shirley McManus

Edited by Ralph Towner

Photos BY Don Downs & Alex Fardales



val on the Website. Don provided most of the photos which are in this article to Ralph for publication as well as to Facebook. Other members submitted photos as well.

If you missed it, you missed a good one.

More photos on page 9

I just wanted to bring you all up to date on the Wellborn Blueberry Festival. What a perfect weather day, I couldn't have asked for better. Thank you to all who helped me; Kelly, Nina, Michelle, Roy, Sherm, Marybeth, Leo, Nancy, Ralph and especially Ken doing all the announcing for us. For all of you who just jumped right in to volunteer, thank you!

Thank you to those who brought out their cars for the parade and show. We had 35 beautiful cars in the car show this year, of which 14 were from our club. Those who entered got a BBQ sandwich or other entrée from a food vendor in the merchant area.

Voting for this year's show was by People's Choice After all the votes were tallied, the winners were:

1st Place, Richard Clayton from Lake City with his 1969 Chevelle.

2nd place, Gary Hooper from Bell Florida with his 1934 Ford Sedan Delivery.

3rd place, Colton Huntsman with his 71 Plymouth Barracuda. (Michele's son)

Best of Show went to Stan McClellan from Valdosta, Ga. with his 1957 red Chevy Bel Air.



We had 21 Entries in the Parade and the best marching band. The Floats this year for "The Wellborn Blues" theme winners were:

1st Place The Wellborn Hillbilly Float with Shirley Bethel singing Rocky Top.

2nd Place SRRAACA Float with Elvis singing Blue Hawaii (Thanks to Mary Beth, Nancy and Leo for decorating our float and of course, Fred Perry, for singing)

3rd. Place The Rainbow Girls

Don Downs has put all the pictures from the Festi-



Top: David Staples' 1959 Chevrolet El Camino beside of Marybeth Downs' 1976 Plymouth Scamp.

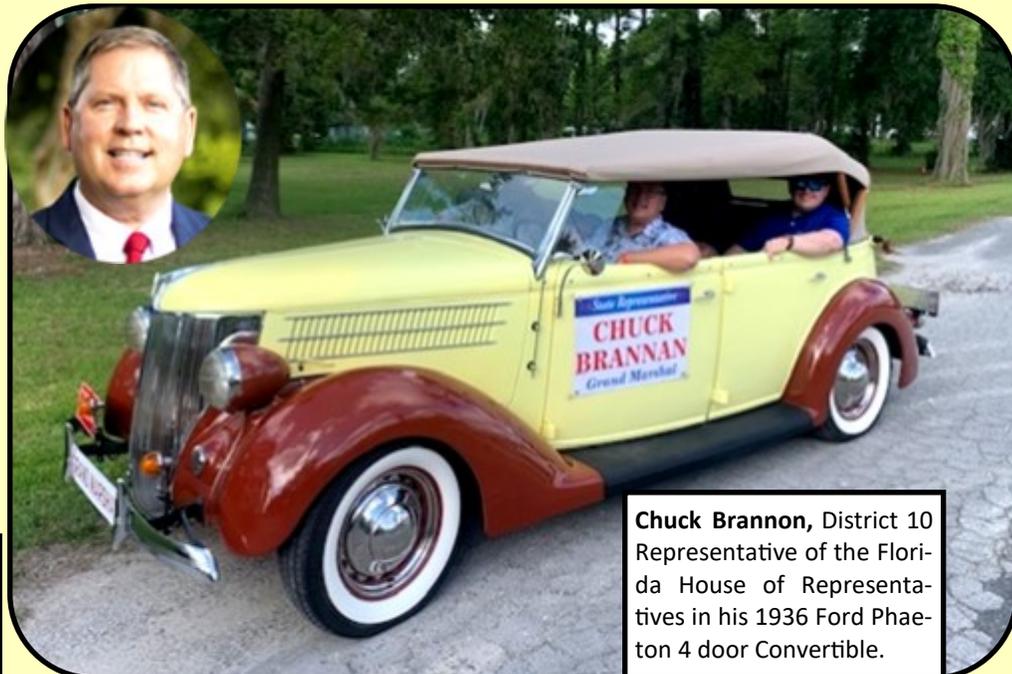
Middle: Some of the show cars along the brick street.

Lower two photos: Some of the beautiful cars in line on Lowe street, waiting to cruise to the parade staging area.



Wellborn Blueberry Festival Photos

Below: L to R: Michelle Huntsman with her daughter & granddaughters. There were even **camel rides** available in the main merchant area .



Chuck Brannon, District 10 Representative of the Florida House of Representatives in his 1936 Ford Phaeton 4 door Convertible.



Below Left: Alex Fardales' beautifully restored 1955 Chevrolet Belair.

Bottom, Left: 1951 Kaiser in the parade as well as on the showfield.

Below: Don Downs recent addition, a 1965 Plymouth Belvedere Convertible equipped with a 440 V-8 with Ram induction and a four speed tranny.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Even with all the rain we had this month we had a good turnout for Sal's for June. Speaking of Sal's remember July 18th we will host the National Collector Car Appreciation Day with an Ice Cream Social too. Who knows maybe this year it won't rain??? Put that date on your calendar.



July is coming in hot with 3 shows to pick from. July 1 its Lake Butler car show and also Lake City Rotary is having a big festival downtown with a car show. July 4th Branford's festival with a car show too.

We also have a Sock Hop at the VA Domiciliary on July 17th which is a Monday from 4:30 to display our cars also have dinner for \$2.50 and then inside for a Sock Hop with Ken Barton DJing from 7-8:30.

Hopefully you can make these events or at least some of them. Shine up those cars and hope to see you. Happy 4th of July,
Shirley



Heads UP! The post office in Belk's has closed. This required us to get a new PO Box at the downtown Lake City Post Office and a new PO Box number. The new PO Box number is **3809** with a new zip code of **32056**.

Harry & Wilson at the Waldo Antique Auto Village Car Show

Photo & info supplied by Harry McGinnis

On Sunday, May 18th, Harry McGinnis drove his 1969 Olds 442 to the Waldo Antiques Villages Car show with his faithful companion, Wilson by his side. They had a great time while there and took a third place trophy home with them. This show attracts many great vehicles so it was an honor



for the Olds 442 to place in the top three.

Thank you, Harry, for sharing this information and photo with our members.

THE GENERAL MINUTES

Shirley mentioned July events. On July 1st is the Lake Butler 4th of July Car Show at the Lake Butler Lakeside Park, from 10AM – 1PM. If you plan on attending, be sure to arrive between 9-9:30 AM. Registration is \$20. On the 4th of July, is an event in Branford. Registration is \$25. Our next meeting is July 6th. July is also the month for "National Collector Appreciation Car Day", which will be at Sal's, July 18. Shirley encouraged us to take our cars to Sal's, for a photo op to be used in "The Speedster". If you received the AACA email newsletter, "The Speedster", you can read about the upcoming event. We may be joined by the Gainesville AACA Region.

Shirley reminded us that the Moose Lodge does not charge us for our meeting space. The meals that we buy helps pay for the use of the room. We may have to offer them a donation. This will be discussed later.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ken Barton, who donated his winnings back to the club. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by Alex Fardales Secretary/ Correspondent

Alex



Ken's Korner

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

Humor: An old country preacher was driving home late at night when a deer ran in front of him. He swerved off the road to miss it, his car rolled over, ending up on its top, but he was uninjured. A highly intoxicated driver stopped his car and made his way down to the wreck. The preacher informed him of what had happened and added, "The Lord must have been riding with me." "You better let him ride with me," the drunk replied. "The way you drive, you're going to kill him."



Updated Quote: A journey of 1.000 miles is made easier with GPS.

"The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice you give others. Mark Twain"
Until next month... *Ken*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Wellborn Blueberry Lake Butler Show Lake City Show
2	3	4 Branford Car Show	5	6 SRRAACA Meeting Moose	7 Hardee's	8
9	10	11	12 Al Buie Happy Birthday	13	14 SRRAACA host Hardee's	15 Tod Boucher Happy Birthday
16	17 Peggy Doty Happy Birthday VA Dom. Sock Hop from 4:30 on. Dinner	18 Sal's Collector Car Appreciation. Day	19	20	21 Hardee's	22
23 Joe & Nancy Hagey Anniv.	24 ***** 31	25 Will Hayes Happy Birthday	26 Pam Ring Happy Birthday	27	28 SRRAACA host Hardee's	29 Gail Stivers Happy Birthday

The Roadmap

Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)

- July 4 — Branford Car Show
- July 6 — SRRAACA monthly meeting at the Lake City Moose Lodge at 7PM
- July 7 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- July 14 — SRRAACA Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- July 17 — Sock Hop at VA Dom 4:30 PM Dinner available
- July 18 — Sal's Collector Car Appreciation Day 5—7:30 PM
- July 21 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- July 28 — SRRAACA Hardees 5:30 - 7PM

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

AACA National Events

- July 6-8 — Central Spring Nationals Auburn, Indiana 727-415-7679
- July 16-22 — Founders Tour (1932-1998) Ontario, Canada 905-305-7747
- July 26-29 — Special Eastern Spring Nationals Norwich, NY 607-334-2907
- 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

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Auto Accident Prevention

By Ralph Towner



With all the traffic on our nation's highways coupled with the aggressive, inconsiderate and just plain horrible drivers, which recently seem to be on the highways in greater numbers, some car accidents are unavoidable. However, **most causes of these unfortunate occurrences can be prevented.**

Most of you have driven for years and have likely driven millions of miles. Yet, just one slight mistake or miscalculation can result in disaster with life changing results.

Excessive speed, defined as driving 10 mph or more over the speed limit, is a major cause of accidents. This is true particularly in congested areas, curves, in areas with multiple entry/exit driveways to business or heavy residential areas, or on rain slick roads. Cruise control should never be used during a rain storm or on wet roads of any kind. If you hit standing water with the cruise control on, your vehicle may hydroplane.

Tailgating, defined as less than four seconds travel time between your vehicle and the one ahead, leads to rear-end collisions, which at the least damages both vehicles and may lead to a traffic ticket or at the worst, injure or even cause death to occupants of both vehicles. When driving our classic cars, extra space should be allowed since the drum brakes on our old cars will not stop your vehicle as quickly as today's abs disc brakes.

Driving while impaired from alcohol, medications or from any drug or mind altering substance should always be avoided. This activity leads to multiple deaths on our highways and/or you may receive a felony conviction if proven guilty of a DUI charge. Driving while sleepy should always be avoided. On long trips, take frequent rest stops.

Distractions lead to many crashes, especially since the universal use of cell phones. Also, car radios, eating while driving, and even not paying attention to your mirrors or simply daydreaming are all forms of distraction. Distracted driving has become the leading cause of accidents in this era. Ask yourself as your phone is ringing while you are in traffic, **"Is this call important enough for me to risk my own or anyone else's life?"**

Drivers and all passengers should use safety belts. A firm punishment should be enforced on those violating traffic rules such as ignoring traffic signals, overspeeding, failure to use turn signals, failure to dim headlights and unsafe passing. Being a defensive driver... anticipating other driver's mistakes, makes a huge difference in preventing injury or destroying your prize collector vehicle.

Parents and grandparents... Ask your young family drivers to read this article. As bad as it would be for one of us to lose their beloved collector vehicle in an accident, **think how awful it would be to lose one of us or a family member in a preventable accident!**

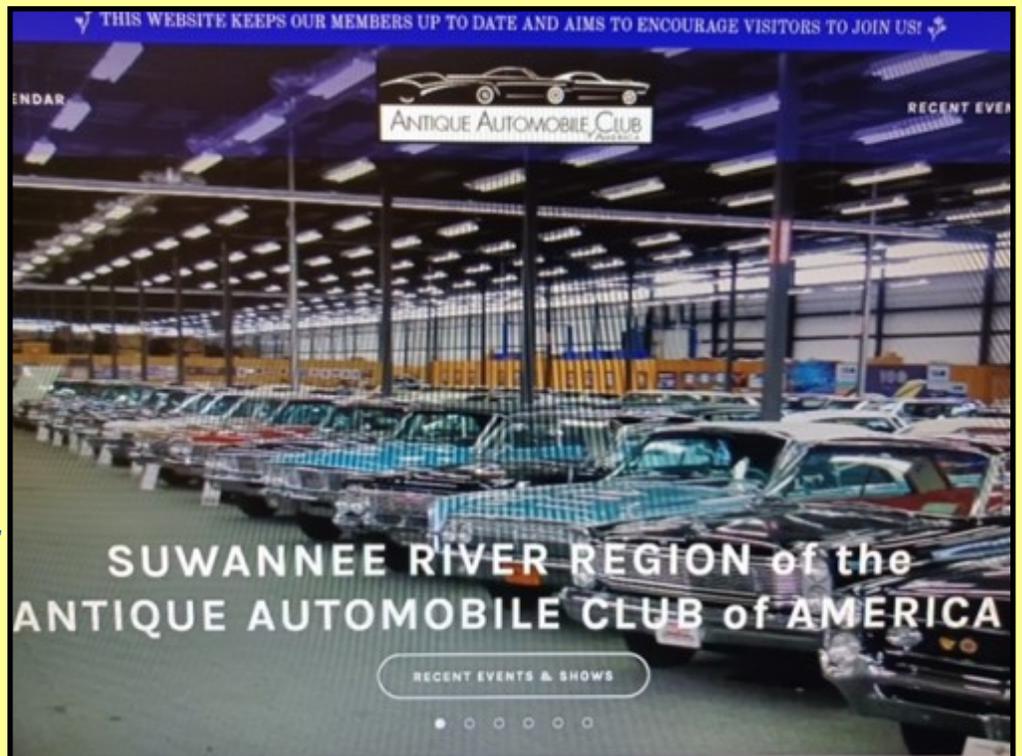
Most accidents are preventable. *Ralph*



Website Corner Our CLUB WEBSITE

Our Website address is:
sraca.com

**Get in the habit of
checking our new
website weekly!**





Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner

I spoke with Nina Howd recently. She told me Gerald is still dealing with the kidney stone issue, but fortunately he has not been in any severe pain for a while. He is scheduled for a Ct-scan on July 6th to determine what the doctor's decide is the next best move. Speaking for our members, we wish the best for good results.

I spoke with Rhonda Stanley and she had a successful surgery for her digestive issues on June 2nd with a quick recovery. She is so glad that she had the surgery. She appreciates your concern and well wishes.

President Shirley suffered a bout with heat exhaustion during June while out in the heat too long. She was laid up for a couple days and felt weak for a few more days. I am happy to report she is much better now and back with her many activities.

Those of you who are long time members may remember Bill and Kathy Dews. They were members when we joined back in 1995. Bill served several years as our club treasurer. Kathy volunteered in many ways with our activities. Bill passed away on May 12th and Kathy

passed on June 23rd. They were good people. May they rest in peace.

Please read the sentence in BOLD in the President's message on page 10, which gives details about our Sock Hop at the VA Domiciliary On July 17th.

Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, July 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. **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*



Heads up! Larry Shanks JR. will be selling his Dad's 1961 Chevrolet Biscayne which was restored as a police cruiser from that era. Look for full details in the next issue.



CELEBRATIONS



July Birthdays !

Al Bue – 07/12; Todd Boucher – 07/15; Peggy Doty – 07/17
Willet Hays – 07/25; Pamela Ring – 07/26; Gail Stivers – 07/29

July Anniversaries !

Nancy & Joe Hagey – 07/30





How Can My Car Be More Original?

By Dave Bowman
Vice President - Finance and Budget

AACA created the HPOF Class (Historical Preservation of Original Features) in 1988 and introduced the “survivor” car to the antique automobile hobby and suddenly having an original unrestored car adds value to it.

One of the many reasons to preserve original cars is to document the actual factory construction of the car including paint, upholstery and mechanical parts as aides to restoration of the same or similar car. From these cars, we can document the size of the flake in a metallic paint or the stitching and seams used in the upholstery as well as the finish on the mechanical parts of the car.

The evaluation process for receiving an HPOF Certification is much the same as in class judging. Parts that wear can be replaced with new or rebuilt parts if they have the same appearance as the original part. These areas are the most common deductions in evaluating a HPOF car. Correcting these items will improve the score of your car and many times makes the difference between receiving an Original Certification and a Repeat HPOF Certification.

Common deductions which are easily corrected are: Incorrect hose clamps, Flex hoses instead of

molded hoses, incorrect battery (sealed battery rather than a battery with individual caps, carrying strap on the battery, a color other than that provided by the factory, etc.) Oil filter that is not a factory color. Replacement water pump left in raw cast metal rather than painted engine color, Aftermarket floor mats, Battery cables not in factory colors or with clamp on terminal ends or missing battery hold down, Incorrect radiator cap, Non-factory color distributor cap or wires, non-matching head lights, aftermarket sound equipment or speakers, tires (size must be as supplied by the manufacturer)

Any unrestored car or motorcycle that is 25 years old or older is eligible to be entered in the HPOF classification for evaluation. The first time the vehicle is shown it is evaluated for the HPOF Award. Vehicles that receive their HPOF Certification are automatically considered for the highest level HPOF Original Award the next time it is shown. If it does not receive the Original Award, a Repeat HPOF Award is given as long as it still meets the requirements of the HPOF level. Repeat HPOF Original Awards are also given after receiving the HPOF Original Award.

At a higher level, there are three HPOF National Awards given at the Annual Meeting. These awards are for HPOF - Motorcycles, HPOF – Through 1929 and HPOF – Post 1929. These awards are selected from all vehicles shown in the HPOF Class during the year.





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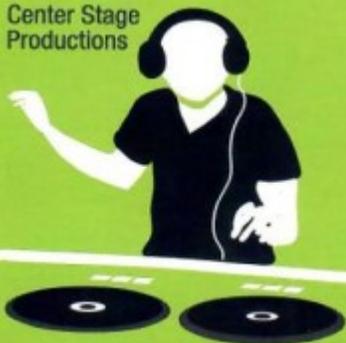
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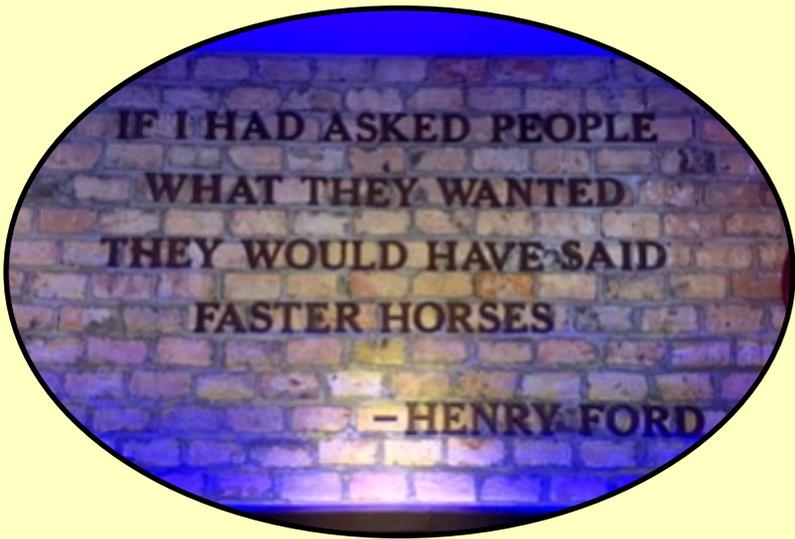
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Left: Some of the memorabilia on the wall at the check-in area.

Above: Henry's answer as to why he invented an automobile for the average person.

Lower Left: Photos of the two Model A's in the outside seating area.

Below: A Pennsylvania tag with a 1964 sticker on the left of the tag. We were Pennsylvania residents in 1964.

Bottom: I don't usually take restroom shots, but I couldn't resist this one—a wheel wash basin with gas pump nozzle.

