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Fathers
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Yes,
I am old school.
 I have good manners, I show respect and I will always help those who need me. It is not because I am old fashioned.
 It's because I was raised properly.

— Unknown



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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Shirley McManus

A Message from Our President

Well you can tell that Summer is here already. Not sure what happened to spring, but the shows are starting to ramp up and May and June are always busy car months. We basically got rained out at Sal's this month; these strong storms kept many away.

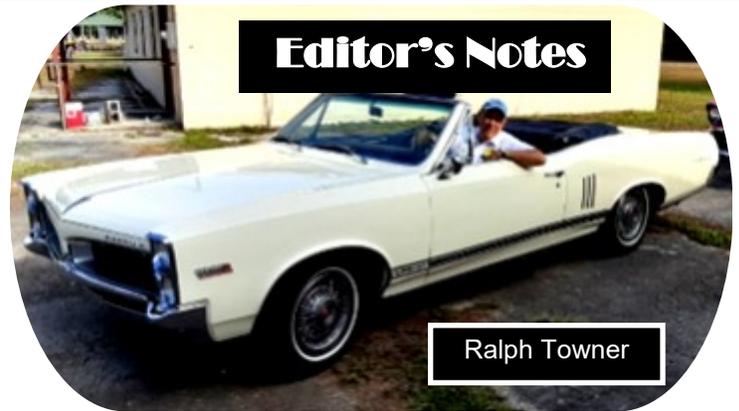
I guess our biggest event this month was our club picnic. Even though it threatened rain we ended up with a beautiful day at Pontiac Pete's home. Pete's was another perfect place to hold this event. We had wonderful food and great comradery with our members. Ken Barton played all our favorites songs and we just relaxed and enjoyed all the food. Thanks to all that helped.

A few of our members went to the Waldo show and our new member Harry McGuinness even won an award for his beautiful 1969 Olds.

At the end of May we had our event at the Custom Automotive just north of town for a display and a barbeque lunch.

June is coming too quickly for me and the Blueberry Festival is June 3rd. Please make sure you sign up to help or be in the Parade starting at 9:30. The parade is a wonderful way to show off your car. This year we have a People's Choice Awards and you can be in the parade and still be in the Show. The \$15.00 registration fee will include a Bar B Que lunch from Fenced in Caterers. If you are bringing a spouse or passenger it will be an extra \$5.00 for their lunch wristband.

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Ralph Towner

The Wellborn Blueberry festival will be this Saturday, June 3rd. It is always held each year on the first Saturday of June. It takes a lot of collective effort to pull it off but it always gets done. Our club members have helped them through the years, particularly the last three, with the parade and our car exhibits and/or shows.

June is known for many things. It signifies the unofficial beginning of Summer in virtually every state in the USA. It is also Flag Day on June 14th and Father's Day on June 18th. However, June is know as the one of the most popular months for weddings. Check out the anniversaries in the Celebrations column on page 15 and notice that seven of our members were married in June.

I remember very well, June 19, 1965 when Marie and I were married in Sayre, PA, in a Baptist church, located about 1/2 mile south of the New York State line. We were young, I was 20; she was 17 1/2. (Marie insists I put in the 1/2) However we were years ahead of most people our age in real world maturity. I had a good job with a major company and was about to start a four year apprenticeship, which led to my lifetime career. It was only 12 days since Marie's high school graduation.

I had worked hard, since the age of nine, on my father's dairy farm. Marie, the oldest girl of nine children, had worked her teen years with babysitting jobs, a paper route, cleaning a skating rink as well as helping her parents care for her eight siblings.

But here we are, 58 years later, still hanging together and in relatively good health. We were blessed with a daughter and son, both living near Orlando. Both have had successful long term marriages. A coincidence is, on our 5th anniversary, June 19, 1970, we entered Florida as full time residents and after 53 years as Floridians, we would live nowhere else.

Having you as friends with similar interests, has helped to make our life as North Florida residents much more enjoyable. Thank you, sincerely from both of us!

Ralph



**SRRAACA
Meeting
Minutes**

Alex Fardales

There was no May Board Meeting

May 2023 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Our general meeting for the month of May was held at the Moose Lodge in Lake City, FL, Thursday May 4th, 2023. Our editor, Ralph Towner, distributed the current "Oil Can" newsletter, and "Cruise News" magazine. Our President, Shirley McManus was unable to attend, so our Vice President, Kelly Jordan presided. After a brief prayer, and pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. There was no Board Meeting this month.

Roy Spurling gave the "Treasurer's Report", received and accepted by the general membership. The Minutes were also well received and accepted as it appears in the newsletter, and a "thank you" to Marie Towner for taking the Minutes in my absence last month.

The Sunshine Report, Birthdays and Anniversaries were discussed. We wish a Happy Birthday, and Happy Anniversary to our members, as well as a "speedy get well soon" for our members that are under the weather. Please keep our members in your prayers.

Kelly spoke of our past April events, which you can read about it in the newsletter. There was a very good turnout of our members.

Ralph gave us an "Oil Can" report and explained the necessity of a new printer. Ralph explained he will be using the printer for personal use, rarely over 30 pages a month. Therefore, he has offered to pay 20% of the cost, and the club will pay the remaining 80%. Ralph made it clear that at any time he will no longer be printing our club newsletter, the printer belongs to the club. A motion was made and seconded to accept this proposal. Our members voted unanimously to accept the proposal. An invoice for printing will be presented to the Board during the June meeting for printing charges for the first 4 months using the old printer as well as the 80% cost of the new printer.

Don Downs gave us a website report. Our website is www.srraaca.com. It is still not complete, but last month, the website attracted 890 hits. Don will give us a further report next month on where to go for events, information, etc. pertaining to the website as well as a shortcut for putting the website on your phone. Thank you, Don !

Kelly spoke of upcoming events scheduled for the month of May. Of course, this Saturday, May 6th is our monthly Blueberry breakfast held at the Wellborn Center. Also, the Gainesville Street Rods will hold their event in Gainesville. On the 2nd and last Friday of the month is our Hardees event with Ken Barton playing those "oldies but goodies".

Saturday, May 13th, we will have our annual picnic, this time at the home of "Pontiac Pete" Mazzocchi, from 11AM-2PM, in Live Oak. Please have your classic car there for a photograph for our website. Be sure to bring a covered dish, and a lawn chair.

May 20th is the 3rd annual Waldo Community Car Show in Waldo City Square, in Waldo City, which is an open show for cars, trucks and motorcycles. We have on May 27th, a display of our cars at the Custom Automotive in Lake City from 10-2pm, including a barbeque lunch.

Kelly spoke of our participation in the Blueberry Festival, Saturday June 3rd. We will line up at the Wellborn Baptist Church in Wellborn by 8:15AM for the parade. We will have a "People's Choice" Car Show event, \$15 registration which includes a barbeque lunch.

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Pontiac Pete's Garage

Text and photos by Ralph Towner

Our member, Ralph (Pete) Mazzocchi, better known as "Pontiac Pete", hosted our 2023 Club picnic at his home on Saturday, May 13th. Read all about it on pages 6 and

7 of this issue.

After our picnic lunch, Pete invited us to his garage to view some of his collection of mostly Pontiacs. The only exceptions were a 1957 Oldsmobile and a GMC pickup, which even has a factory installed Pontiac V8 engine.



The 1957 Pontiac Starchief two door hardtop, shown on the left is identical to the one Pete was able to buy when he was 15. That Starchief started his fascination for the Pontiac brand.

Other cars in his collection are a 1932 Pontiac Coupe, with a factory installed Oakland V8 engine, a 1940 Pontiac Sedan, a rare 1957 Pontiac Safari wagon, a 1957 Pontiac CV needing a full restoration, a 1958 Bonneville, a 1958 Chieftain, a 1961 Bonneville CV and a 1965 GTO CV.

Thanks, Pete, for hosting our picnic and showing us your collection. Is it any wonder he is called "Pontiac Pete"?



Above left: The 389 GTO V8 with tri-power. (3 carbs)
Left: The 1932 Pontiac Coupe with an Oakland V8 engine.
Above right: 1957 Oldsmobile Super 88 needing a new interior to complete.
Right: A fully restored 1958 Bonneville two door hardtop with only 18 miles on it since restoration. Wheel covers in the trunk.



Club Picnic 2023

By Shirley McManus
Photos & Edited by Don Downs

Thank you to all that came out and brought your side dishes or desserts and if you didn't get to come, we missed you.

What a beautiful day for a picnic. Pontiac Pete hosted our members this year at his beautiful home near Live Oak. There were two huge carports to sit under, Ken played the tunes and just a wonderful variety of covered dishes to share.

Pete has a very large building where he keeps most of his Pontiac's and some other cars as well, and he took the time to take us on a tour of his treasures. See the article on page 5.

If you go on our new website you will not only see photos of our picnic but also Don put videos and you can see what I'm talking about.

So many people to thank; first off Pete thank you for opening up your home and giving us a great day. Ralph and Kelly for doing all the shopping for the meat, rolls, condiments and drinks (in the middle of a hail storm); Kelly for doing all the cooking for us; Marie for taking care of the tables, drinks and rolls; Ken for playing all the music for us. Everyone just pitched right in while I spent everyday at the hospital for the last two weeks in Ocala with my brother.



Above: Our VP, Kelly Jordan busy grilling the hamburgers, Nettles Sausage and hot dogs to perfection.
Below L to R: Alex Fardales' 1955 Chevy, Roy Spurling's 1964 Corvette, Ken Barton's 1977 Buick Estate Wagon and Ralph & Marie Towner's 1967 Pontiac Lemans Sprint on display at the picnic.



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Right: Some of our members enjoying some of the fine groceries that our members had furnished.

Below: One of Kelly's "grilled just right" burgers, beans and macaroni salad on a plate.



Below: Getting loaded up at the food table



Left: Members finding plenty of variety at the serving table.

Above: Members listening to The tunes that our DJ, Ken Barton was playing while waiting for the serving line to begin.



Shirley singing with the recorded tunes.

Rescue Man The 442 and His Dog, Wilson

Text & photos by Ralph Towner



Harry and Wilson at Hardee's

On a Friday evening last November at our Hardee's Cruise-In, I couldn't help but notice a beautiful Oldsmobile 442 that I had not seen before, pull in with an unusual passenger... a rather large White Boxer.

After the owner had backed in to a parking spot, I strolled over to meet him and check out his gorgeous car. The man introduced himself as Harry McGinnis, and his boxer's name is Wilson. A dog's natural instinct is to protect his master, so I was patient, letting him sniff me until he was certain I was not a threat.

Harry had just recently moved to the Lake City area from Chicago, and was staying with his brother, who had moved to the area several years prior. It seems that after 40 years of marriage, his wife had filed for a divorce.

I learned that Harry was originally from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. After graduating from high school, Harry went to Chicago as a student at Concordia University, where he earned his degree in Education. He then continued to live in the Chicago area, where he taught Physical Education and Health classes in Middle and High School. It didn't take me long to put on my recruiting hat. He joined AACA and our Region that evening.

In the year 2000, Harry's children had completed college and things were going well. He noticed an Olds 442 for sale. He had always liked that model and decided to buy it. He had only had it a couple

of months, when the engine caught fire while starting it. (sounds familiar). He called the fire department who got there promptly, and extinguished the fire. However, the fire had done a lot of damage and the insurer totaled it.

Harry received the amount he had insured it for, and was allowed to keep the car. He stored it in his garage for 20 years. After his retirement, he decided he would like to restore the 442 to its original condition.

A mechanic got the engine running so the car could be moved around under its own power. He then took it to a body shop whose owner was a friend of his. However after almost two years, very little had been done. His friend then informed him that he was not able to finish the car.

Harry then located another body shop who agreed to complete the car. They both agreed that he would come every Friday and pay him for the work done on the car that week. After a few months the car went

from this:



to this:



The 1969 Olds 442 as it looked when Harry bought it.



Four years ago, Harry found a rescue dog, a White Boxer, which was the dog breed he was looking for. Harry adopted him and they have become the best of buddies ever since. Harry named the dog, Wilson, after the volleyball named Wilson, that had the blood stain facial imprint on it in the movie, "Castaways".



Wilson

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Rescue Man The 442 and His Dog, Wilson



He has been active with our local club, attending several events and most of our meetings. He enjoys our club and has found our members to be friendly to both him and Wilson.

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So, Harry rescued the 442, which had been totaled by the insurance company and Wilson, who may have been euthanized, had he not adopted him... thus the title, "Rescue Man".

Thank you, "Rescue Man Harry" for rescuing Wilson, the Olds 442 and joining our SRRAACA car club!

See more photos on page 20.

The car was repainted a factory original 1969 Olds 442 color, burgundy mist. While the restoration was being done, Harry found someone who wanted to get rid of a collection of Olds 442 parts. Harry bought the parts and rented a U-Haul truck to get them. Many of these parts were used in the restoration, and he has many parts still stored now.



Rear view of the "69 Olds 442

The designation, 442, meaning, four-barrel carburetor, four-on-the-floor transmission and dual exhaust, was introduced as an option on an F-85 Cutlass in 1964. The model was popular, and in 1965 the 442 became its own model. However, the 442 label was changed to stand for a 400 CI engine, four barrel carburetor and dual exhaust. This 442 designation lasted through the 1969 model year.

On Saturday, May 20th, Harry and Wilson entered the Olds 442 in the Waldo Florida community car show. Harry and Wilson's Olds 442 won a top 20 award.



On the show field in Waldo, Florida
Photo by Alex Fardales

Harry hopes to permanently locate to Lake City once the house in Chicago has sold and his divorce is settled.

Denmark Acres Spring Festival

Text and photos by Ralph Towner

Our SRRAACA car club was invited to attend a new Spring Festival event and display our cars. On May 29th, a few of our members took the jaunt down Hwy 47 to a neat area called Denmark Acres. Once there, we parked against a wood fence that enclosed the event site.

Our Club members, President Shirley and Bill McManus, Roy Spurling, the Howd's, the Glens, the Grays, the Richards and Norman Silver all brought vehicles for display. Some of our members came to the event as spectators.

A \$10.95 ticket got each of us inside, to a large available meadow where we could purchase lunch. There were games, pony rides, a petting zoo and other fun things for the kids. There is a general store, jailhouse, saloon, and other buildings where we could

go inside and buy merchandise or just look around. The owners, Todd and Tammy Denmark were working the General store and answered questions about the site. Todd's father, Chuck (EC) Denmark designed and built much of the replica town.

There was a live band playing on the field during mid-day. There were also craft vendors, and two food services

were games, pony rides, a petting zoo and other fun things for the kids.

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Top: A scene of the open field with The General store and jailhouse in the distance.

Above: Some of the acreage planted in sunflowers. Many were in bloom and were available for patrons to hand pick for \$2 each. There were many buds about a week away from blooming, which would be just right for the first weekend in May, when the Spring Festival was scheduled to be held again.

Left: The band performing for us during the mid-day hours.

Below left: A sign advertising the Chuck wagon, with two food vendors in the distance.

Denmark Acres Spring Festival

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An interesting area of the farm was a several acre field, planted in sunflowers which were in bloom. The guests could walk the rows of the field and pick the sunflowers with a \$2 charge for each stem picked.

This was a different, yet enjoyable event. Denmark Acres is having a Fall Festival on Saturday, September 24th. Look for more information in upcoming issues of "The Oil Can" and our website.



Above: President Shirley, Bill, Shirley's brother, Joe and Roy enjoying the event.

Right, Norm, out of uniform, in his country civilian clothes.

Left and below: Photos of the member's cars on display at the Spring Festival event.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The proceeds from the car show will go to help the Wellborn Community Food Bank, so it's a great cause and so needed.

There will be over 100 Food and Arts and Craft Vendors, plenty for the kids to do, even a mechanical Bull this year and you can even ride a camel?????. Which one will you ride the bull or the camel?

So you just need to let me know if you are going to be in the parade ahead of time. Of course the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast will be at three locations which are Wellborn Baptist Church, the Wellborn community center and next to the Country Store on the fairgrounds, all starting at 7:30 am, and each serving delicious Blueberry Pancakes and sausage for \$5.00.

We also have a trolley running back and forth to the church, in case you want to park there and take the trolley back to the fairgrounds.

It's going to be a great day. So make sure you come out.

Happy Father's Day!

Shirley



THE GENERAL MINUTES

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Forms were present at the meeting to register. You do not have to participate in the car show if you just want to participate in the parade. More of this to be discussed at our next meeting which will be Thursday, June 1st, again at the Moose Lodge in Lake City.

Our 50/50 was drawn, \$100 in the pot, \$50 to the winner. Congratulations to our winner, Pontiac Pete !!

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Submitted by
Alex Fardales
SRRAACA. Correspondent.

Alex



Ken's Korner

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



Humor: Mechanic - "Where would I find a book on vehicle lubricants?"
Librarian - "Try the **non-friction** section."

I thought the dryer was making my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.

Truisms about advice from Mark Twain:

"Anyone can give advice. The trick is finding someone interested in taking it."

"The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice you give others."

A quote, taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven." What 1960's Super Groupe made this quote into a mega hit? (Answer on page 15)

Until next month... *Ken*

JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 SRRAACA Meeting Moose Lodge 6pm	2 Hardee's	3 Wellborn Blueberry Festival 7:30-3:30 Gary Donovan
4	5	6	7	8	9 SRRAACA host Hardee's	10
11	12 The Buie's Anniversary	13	14	15 Bob Landry Happy Birthday Anne & Richard Hanney Anniversary	16 Hardee's	17 Watermelon Festival Car show in Mon- ticello, FL
18 Waldo Show Kim McIntyre Happy Birthday Denise & Kelly Jordan Anniv.	19 Ralph & Marie Towner Anniversary	20 Sal's Cruise In 5-7:30	21	22 Joe Hagey Happy Birthday	23 Hardee's	24 Richard & Pam Ring Anniversary
25 July 2	26 Joanne & Richard Medeiros ----- July 3	27 ----- July 4 Branford Show	28	29 ----- July 6 SRRAACA Meeting Moose Lodge 6pm	30 SRRAACA host Hardee's Rosina Gray Happy Birthday Bob & Carole McGraw Anniv.	July 1 Wellborn Breakfast Lake Butler Ind. Day Show On July 1 st



The Roadmap

Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)



- June 1 — SRRAACA monthly meeting at the Lake City Moose Lodge at 7PM
- June 2 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- June 3 — Annual Blueberry Festival in Wellborn, FL 7:30 am - 3:30PM
- June 9 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- June 16 — SRRAACA Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- June 17 — Watermelon Festival Car show, Monticello, FL 850-997-7301
- June 20 — Sal's 5-7 PM
- June 23 — Hardee's 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- June 30 — Hardees SRRAACA 5:30 - 7PM
- July 1 — Car show at Lake Butler Ind. Day Celebration Lakeside Park. 9AM—1PM 386-496-3401

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

ACA National Events

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



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Tech/Safety

Element Fire Extinguishers

By Ralph Towner



consume the oxygen in the immediate air, depriving the fire of its source of combustion. A quick oxidation process takes place, transforming the potassium into a gaseous state which interrupts the fire's natural chain reaction combustion process. This process leaves no messy debris and disperses 3-4 individual micron

Billed as "The world's smallest and longest lasting fire extinguisher", the Element brand is getting noticed more and more as a good alternative to the canister types. There are no materials inside the Element cannister that would deteriorate and it is not pressurized, which means it has a long term life.

potassium particles into the atmosphere, which falls to the ground with no toxic side effects.

When I did my article two months ago, as well as my fire extinguisher presentation at our meeting, I was aware of the Element, but I did not know enough about it to mention it.

There are three sizes available the E 25, which lasts for 25 seconds, E 50, for 50 seconds and the E100 for 100 seconds. Canister type extinguishers last only for 10-20 seconds. These units are pricy, but how much are your possessions worth to you?

Fire extinguishers have remained basically the same style for the past 100 years. A large, heavy canister filled with compressed gas and a messy powder is rapidly becoming an obsolete way to quench a fire.

There is a good demonstration video of this product with Jay Leno and a Rep from the Element Company on the internet. It can be viewed at: [youtube.com/watch?v=oBjXecsF860](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBjXecsF860) .

Element uses a technology like nothing else, which is basically fighting fire with fire. It is currently used by police, military, and special forces around the world. Element looks and works like nothing else. The technology involves fighting the fire on the molecular level.

Element has not been approved by UL, since they only test cylinder types and have no category as yet to test this design. Since it is not UL approved, it would not be recognized on the AACA showfield as an approved fire extinguisher. So, don't throw away your canister type but consider having an Element with you as well, in case the time ever comes when you really need it!

Element uses a potassium powder jet which is only produced when the charger is struck by its base. When the potassium contacts the air, alkaline salts

Ralph

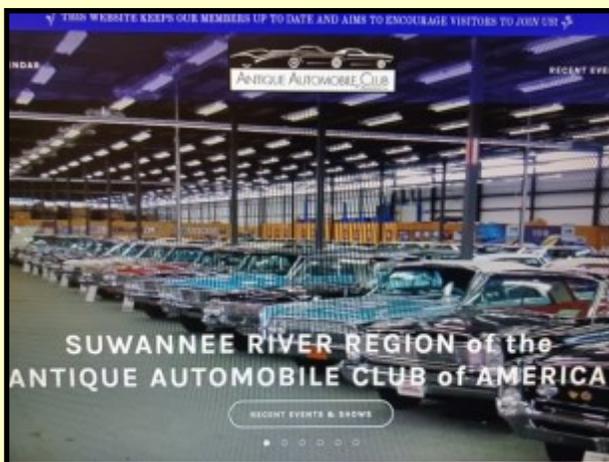


Website Corner

Our CLUB WEBSITE

Article and Pic by Don Downs
Edited by Ralph Towner

It is impossible to know who, but it is undeniable that "someone" is looking at the new website! As previously mentioned, the original site had 169 views in the past year. Our new site as of this writing has had nearly 1100 views in the 6 or 7 weeks since it first appeared. It is my hope that it becomes a useful tool for us all to see what's up and to enjoy looking back at past events.



Once you get used to looking at it on a smartphone, you will see how easy it is to use. Need a calendar to confirm an event... 15 seconds later you have it. Bored sitting in a doctor's office waiting for an appointment... enjoy a look at past events and the "fun stuff" on our site.

I will take a few minutes at our upcoming meeting to walk you all through how to set it up on your phones and how easy it is to access it on a computer. But... let me again say... some of you have already figured it out!

See you soon! Enjoy Memorial Day!

Our new Website address is:

www.srraaca.com



Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner

I spoke with Gerald Howd recently. He was enduring painful episodes with kidney stones in late April and early May. He is feeling much better now and hopes the issue has healed and will remain that way.

Rhonda Stanley has been able to keep her digestive issues under control throughout May. Her surgery is scheduled for Friday, June 2nd. We wish her the best. She appreciates your concern.

Marybeth Downs endured a fall recently when she

tripped on a tree root at work. She suffered some brush burns and had some stitches on her chin. Fortunately, she had no broken bones and or other injuries. We are so glad it was no worse.

Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, June 1st, 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



The Byrds, "Turn, Turn, Turn" January, 1965
Answer from page 12:

CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays !

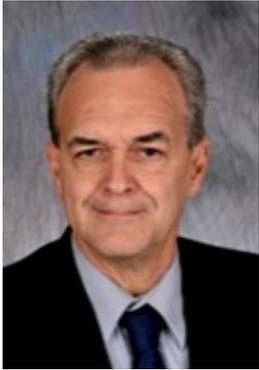
Gary Donovan – 06/03; Robert Landry - 06/15
Kimberlie McIntyre – 06/18
Joe Hagey – 06/22; Rosina Gray – 06/30



June Anniversaries !

The Buie's - 06/12; Anne & Richard Hanney - 06/15
Denise & Kelly Jordan - 06/18; Marie & Ralph Towner – 06/19
Pamela & Richard Ring – 06/24; Joanne & Richard Medeiros – 06/26
Carole & Bob McGraw – 06/30





Help Wanted!

By Dave Anspach 2023 AACA Secretary/Treasurer



Second or Third Place

By Myron Smith
VP - Regions Development & Support Western Division

Over the past Year and a half, while serving as VP of National Activities, I have submitted an article for every issue of the Rummage Box. In every one, I have asked, requested, begged, pleaded, beseeched, implored, entreated, petitioned, and appealed to every one of you to step in and help me find Regional sponsors for our National events.

Many of you have stepped up but we need more!! 2022 was a tough year for National activities. Although we had 7 Nationals (including Puerto Rico) and 2 Grand Nationals (including Puerto Rico) , we had only 4 tours including the Glidden Tour. 2023 currently has 6 Nationals and 7 tours (including the Glidden) and a Grand National on the schedule. 2024 currently has only 3 confirmed Nationals and 2 confirmed Tours and a Grand National with possible Nationals being considered in Puerto Rico, Kansas City, Dayton, Ohio, Kenosha, Wisconsin and Des Moines, Iowa.

Many of these events were found with aid of members helping to urge their sponsoring Regions to step up. There is continued help needed to recruit regions for additional events in both 2023 and 2024 with special emphasis needed on the 2024 Glidden, Sentimental and Reliability Tours, and to help lock in the events being considered. In addition the 2025 schedule is wide open with only 3 Nationals committed. Everyone needs to step in and help push their Regions and people they know to hold a National event.

Our shows and tours are the shining star that show what a great organization we have. Help can be gotten from the National, what is mostly needed is "boots on the ground". Your group is NOT "too old", "too small", "too busy" or any other excuse to hold an event. Any group can do it and do it profitably! People want to be part of a group that does things. It has been proven that holding a National event increases membership, in many cases up to DOUBLE! If anyone needs more information or clarification, feel free to contact me. You can email me at AACADave1054@yahoo.com.

So, you received a 2nd or 3rd place AACA trophy for your car. Disappointed? Many are. I've always viewed judging as kind of a report card like when I was in school. It's an evaluation of how I'm doing with my restorations. My view has changed somewhat over the years and I've gravitated more toward showing in HPOF for some time now. However, this year I decided to put a 'car' again in class judging. It got a second. I feel pretty good about it. As a part of my own evaluation of what I take to events I have always taken into account, what is the award worth. If a carpet has a little stain, is it worth a whole new carpet. Or, if there is a scratch somewhere, is it truly worth the expense and time to repaint a whole panel?

Now if it's some high dollar value vehicle, the answer may be yes, but I don't show real high dollar cars. I like to call it common sense restoration. While I rarely sell anything, I don't like to be too upside down on what money I put into a car. And, I don't take judging too seriously. It can lead to ulcers. Our judging system is if not the best, close to it. It's impossible to be an expert on everything and occasionally a judge may make a mistake, but this is not my subject of interest in this column.

I do try to bring vehicles to be judged in what I think is up to their greatest potential per dollar spent. This year we showed a 1997 Suburban. (not exactly a high buck show car). It came out of a salvage yard in 2017. It had 170,000 miles and had a bad intake manifold gasket. I intended to use it as a winter driver in the snow and salt. After we fixed the engine, I got to looking at it in more detail. There was one small spot of rust that needed to be repaired and a few scratches and door dings. Other than that, it was very clean inside and out especially for something with so many miles and its age. Somebody had cared for it for a lot of its life. It was just too nice to abuse in Nebraska winter weather. It had come out of Montana by the dealer sticker on the back which explained the lack of rust.

We cleaned and detailed it as much as seemed logical (engine compartments on this new of a vehicle is a nightmare with so many components, nooks and crannies). We also drove it to the show. It got a second. Not too bad in my book considering what I knew of its history and where it had come from. Will it ever get an AACA 1st Junior? Probably not. It might qualify for HOPF. It's nice to drive, comfortable and there are some things more important than a trophy. It is also signed up the AACA MAP award which I think is very worthwhile for additional enjoyment of our vintage vehicles. We've driven it enough to get our first milestone on it. My conclusion is to enjoy your vehicle even if it's an imperfect diamond rather than a freshly polished stone.





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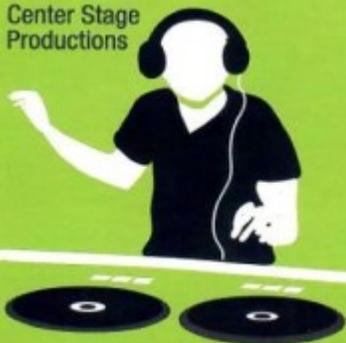
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