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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Four things you can't recover in life:
 A word after it's said
 An opportunity once it's missed
 Time after it's gone
 Trust after it's lost*
 Anonymous



NEW MEMBER ARRIVALS

None this month

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



The Preservation of Old Cars

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

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

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

For more information, contact: Shirley McManus, President at 386.365.9643, or Ralph Towner , Editor at 386.397.4571

A Message from Our President



Shirley McManus

Wow! It's hard to believe its September already, but here we are and it's still too hot for me.

I do want to thank everyone who came out to the Ford's Garage trip. It was a good turnout and lots of fun. Please see my comments in the article on page 8.

As always a great crowd at Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast. It was full at 7:30 with lines waiting to get in.

Sal's Cruise In had a decent turnout even with the threat of rain. Hardee's has been just too hot to sit outside. Unfortunately Don Garlits Museum tour fell through but maybe another time might work for everyone. It is a great place to visit again if you have already been.

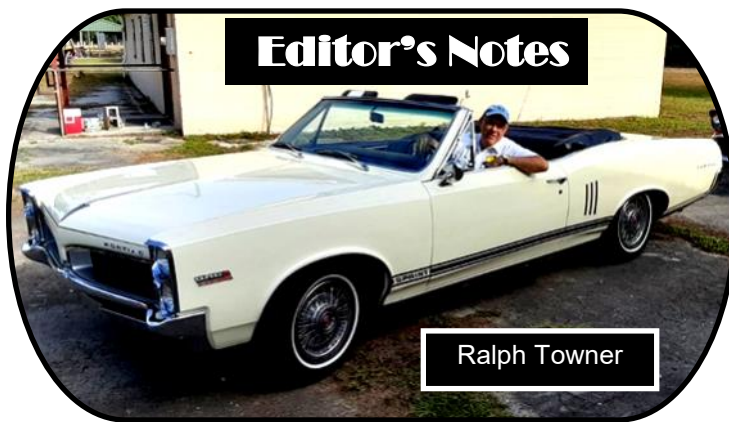
Well now that the fall months are here we should have quite a bit more to keep us busy on the car show circuit. It looks like we can be busy every weekend until November.

Two events I would like to highlight for September are the 23rd at Wellborn Community Center for the Chicken Perlo Dinner. This is the kick-off event for the Toys for Tots for Wellborn.

I will have tickets on sale at the Meeting. They are \$8.00 each. Also a 10.00 Toy donation would be greatly appreciated. They really need to know how many are coming so please get your tickets at the meeting.

The other event is the Spring Hill Methodist Church in Alachua Festival on September 30. This is a car display and they are so excited about us bringing the cars for display. It is 9-1 and plenty of shade trees.

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Hello Gang. It's been quite the summer so far with many above average temperature days and of course Hurricane Idalia on August 30th. I hope most of you got through it with minimum damage and inconvenience. Most of us had plenty of tree limbs and debris to clean up. We still have about a month to go before Fall actually sets in here in North Florida.

Marie and I lost about a square of shingles in one area of our house roof. I think a really heavy gust or even a mini tornado may have touched down in that area. Fortunately, I have a roofer acquaintance who came right over and put a tarp on the area. We have detected no leaks. I will have to put a new roof on this month. I have already made the deal to re-roof both the house and shop building - **enough money to buy a really nice classic...**

In September, car related activities begin to pick up. There are several good events scheduled this month. Check out the fall events schedule, calendar, roadmap and event flyers on pages 10, 11 and 12. Enjoying these fall events with our collector cars is what our car club adventure is all about. Please check them out and schedule which ones you can attend. You will be glad you did.

I have inserted the National Hershey Eastern Fall Meet flyer on page 12. This is the highlight of all the AACA national events each year. There is a huge automotive flea market covering many acres. It has been held yearly in early October since 1953, except for the covid year, 2020. There is also a large AACA Antique car show at the event on Friday, October 6th. You can also see our beautiful National Headquarters building and library while there. If you still have vacation time, this is one event you should really try to make.

Enjoy Fall and happy motoring! *Ralph*



Marie Towner for Alex Fardales, Secretary/Correspondent

August, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

President Shirley McManus called our August Board meeting to order on August 3 at 7:00 PM. There were no new members to report. Several bills from members were submitted to cover club-related expenses.

Leo Hart made a motion to pay them. Sherman Stanley seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Fall events were discussed. The Board recommended supporting the Wellborn Fall Cornbread Festival with a \$450 donation, which also includes a recruiting booth space in the event as well as our sign displayed all year. Shirley reported that the old sign had been destroyed in a windstorm and a replacement has been made.

The idea of having a covered dish picnic at the Wellborn Community Center on October 14th was discussed. Club members may bring family members to the event. The Board members approved the plan. It will be brought up for approval during our member's meeting.

Our December Christmas party was discussed briefly. Ralph suggested we consider the Wellborn community building if Michelle and Jimmy Huntsman no longer wishes to host it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Submitted by Marie Towner for Alex Fardales, Secretary/ Correspondent

August, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Our August general meeting was held Thursday, August 3rd at the Moose Lodge in Lake City. President, Shirley McManus called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM. After our Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, Shirley announced a new member, Joe Calvet, and guest Eric Sedlak. Roy Spurling gave the treasurer's report which was approved by our members.

Shirley stated there was no 50/50 this month but informed us we could purchase tickets for a 28" Black

Stone grill which the Moose Lodge will draw the winning ticket on September 2nd.

Shirley announced there were several birthdays and anniversaries for August, which are listed in The Oil Can. She mentioned Jerry Howd was somewhat better after having a procedure. He still requires surgery for kidney stones. She also mentioned our Secretary, Alex Fardales, is in the Gainesville VA hospital this evening being treated for an ailment. Marie Towner is taking minutes in his absence.

Shirley spoke of our July events which included the Wellborn breakfast on July 1st and a sock hop at the Domiciliary on July 17, which the veterans enjoyed. There were only a few old cars on display due to the downpour. We met at Sal's on the 18th where we celebrated National Car Collector Day. It was hot, but no rain that evening. Pictures were taken and submitted to SEMA and AACA along with an article written by Shirley for the online Speedster newsletter. The same article and photos are in the July Oil Can. We rounded out the month on July 28th with our cruise-in at Hardee's.

President Shirley gave an update on the Go-bags for Homeless Children program. Our club had a generous donation from a member, so the total amount donated was \$1300. Shirley read a letter from the organization, sincerely thanking us for the donation. Shirley told us how 100 headphones were purchased from our club for the Back To School Bash at the Wellborn Community Center on Saturday, August 5th. These will be given out along with the school bags to needy children in Wellborn.

Ralph Towner gave The Oil Can report. He emphasized the great interview with our members, the Partington's, and asked members to read their story in the current August issue. Ralph also asked members to offer suggestions for the Tech/Safety report.

Don Downs gave a website report. He stated that the site is getting about 300 hits a month. He is keeping it updated with information on past events as well as promoting new events.

President Shirley then covered upcoming events. The Wellborn breakfast is Saturday August 5th. Ford's Garage restaurant in Gainesville is Saturday, August 12th at 11:30 am. Members planning on going must sign up soon as reservations must be made to sit together. Shirley will email the address to members. There is also a car show in Glen St Mary on August 12th. August 15th is our Sal's cruise-in. On August 26th, a tour of the Don Garlits museum, south of Ocala is planned. Please contact Shirley if you plan on attending. We must have at least 10 people to get the group rate.

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CHEVY OR FORD ?

I LIKE 'EM BOTH!

Text & photos by Ralph Towner

It was a beautiful early August morning for the interview and photos at Joe Calvet's home. When I arrived, Joe was busy dusting off the Chevy in his large garage. I could see the Model A straight ahead as well as several other vehicles, some with car covers on them.

I had previously noticed a very nice green, 1951 Chevrolet around town a few times and finally got to meet Joe Calvet, the owner at the Cannon Creek Shamrock Fly-in last March. I talked with him about his car and recommended joining our SRRAACA club. Joe said he had been thinking of joining so I signed him up. With his four years active and 22 years in the reserves, he was certainly eligible to join AACA under the military program.

In late July, I contacted Joe about doing a feature story for the Oil Can. He agreed and we set an appointment for an interview and photos. Joe told me he also had a Model A Roadster and several other vehicles.

Joe is a true Floridian, born and raised in Miami. Except for the time in the military, he has lived in Florida all his life. Joe has been interested in both cars and airplanes since he was young. He became a pilot at a young age. He joined the Marine Corps at a young age and upon his discharge, joined the Army Reserves. While in

the Reserves he was called to active duty during the Desert Storm conflict. Joe served 26 years total in the military. After completing active duty, Joe was employed at Eastern Airlines as a mechanic.



Above: The reliable 235 CI six which runs well.

Below: Joe Calvet with his 1951 Chevrolet Deluxe in good condition. It has the original 235 CI six cylinder engine with Power Glide transmission. Joe has owned this Chevrolet for many years.



Joe was certified as a pilot and soon was promoted by Eastern as Commercial pilot. Later in his career, he flew for Arrow Air and National Airlines.

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Joe and his wife Maria, married for 33 years, have been at the Cannon Creek Airpark for 19 years. They also have a second home in Miami and are there occasionally. Maria was a psychologist for many years. She is now enduring a heart condition which requires a large amount of care.

Joe and Maria bought property in Cannon Creek Airpark as he is still an active pilot with a beautiful twin Lycoming engine Piper PA-23—250 light airplane. Joe is a life member of EAA since the 1980's.

Joe agreed to start the Chevy and the Model A Roadster as well as move them to an open area on the side of the garage where I had a good background to take the photos used in this story. Joe exercises both cars regularly and they both started right up quickly and were soon purring.

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Top: Trunk emblem with original dealer information.

Above: Driver's eye view of the 1951 Chevrolet.

Below: Photo of Joe's Piper PA - 23 -250 aircraft outside the hanger at his home. (Photo by Joe Calvet)



CHEVY OR FORD ? I LIKE 'EM BOTH!

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But... the '51 Chevy and the '31 Model A are not the only vehicles Joe owns, by far. In the garage are a 1965 Ford Mustang Convertible, a 1962 Ford Falcon Futura, a 1976 Chevrolet Sting Ray and a 1968 Porsche 912. (See photos of some of these on **page 20**).

Below: The original 4 cylinder 201 cubic inch Model A engine, which develops 40 HP.

Left: The beautiful Model A Roadster hood ornament.

Bottom: Joe Calvet, with his accurately restored 1931 Ford Model A Roadster. Runs and looks great!



FORD'S GARAGE

FOR LUNCH

Editor's Comments



have something different. From chicken to burgers to meatloaf, and I personally had a Cobb salad that was so good. It got mighty quiet as everyone enjoyed their food.



The article in the July issue of "The Oil Can" prompted some interest from our members. A date of Saturday, August 12th was chosen for an 11:30 lunch. We had 24 people from our club make the trek down I-75 to Archer Road in Gainesville. Shirley had made reservations and we were all able to sit in the same area. Here are some personal thoughts about the experience from two of our members.

President Shirley McManus' Comments

As we all headed down to Gainesville to the Ford's Garage for lunch I had a good idea of what to expect after the article Ralph and Marie put in the Oil Can last month.

My first impression was wow! The outdoor undercover bar and table area was huge. But because of the heat we chose to be in the A/C for this one. As I opened the door to the restaurant, I noticed they used a vintage gas nozzle for a handle.

I guess the first thing I noticed was more of the décor when I walked in. The wait staff were dressed in Mechanic's uniforms, there were signs galore and four Model A's on the property, three outside and one hanging over the bar. Someone told me the cars do not have any motors in them. The motors were on display throughout the restaurant.

The bar was unique; it backed up to a wall of beer taps of all kinds of beer, over 100 to choose from. As we were seated we noticed that the napkins were shop rags wrapped in an hose clamp.

Since there were 24 of us there it took a little longer to all get our food. But the waitress did a great job. As I looked down the tables everyone seemed to

Great atmosphere, great company and delicious food. It was certainly an enjoyable venture.

Above: Each Burger bun is branded with the "Ford's Garage" logo.

Below: Model A Sedan on a pedestal inside the restaurant. They must have electric motors on each wheel as they were turning as well as the headlights were on.

Bottom: One of several Model A 201 CI four cylinder, 40 HP engines on display.



FORD'S GARAGE FOR LUNCH

Chuck Partington's Comments

I was looking forward to visiting Ford's garage as they feature the Model A, which all of you know that I own one.



What really stood out was a fully restored Model A sedan on a pedestal in the center of the restaurant. While I was waiting for my lunch to arrive, I checked out the area well. I also went outside the main entrance to look at another Model A sedan painted in the Florida gators colors.

As I entered the large outside dining area, there were two Model A's on display, with memorabilia on display on the walls. Once we entered the restaurant as a group we were all able to sit together in one area.

I immediately noticed the inside area was designed to have a factory look. There were three Model A engines on display directly in front of our table. There were other engines and many types of memorabilia and tools from the Model A era on display throughout the restaurant.

I was surprised to see how many people kept coming in. The restaurant must be well accepted among the local Gainesville population. The food was good and the atmosphere was great. I will likely go back there again. If I lived closer, I would go there often.

Thank you, Shirley, for arranging this event for our members.



Above: A photo Shirley took of our members at the table, as well as the booth in the background.
Above, left: In the booth are Chet and Rosina Gray, Emily Hosey and Waylon Gray.
Left: Another photo of our members at the table, waiting for their lunch to be served.

Upcoming Fall Events In Our Area

Submitted by Shirley McManus



Sept 9th Let Freedom Ride

DAV (Disabled Veterans)

Chili Cook-off & Car Show

9am-4pm Billy Bons White Springs

Pre Reg. 15.00- Day of show 20.00

Registration is 9-11

Sept 9th Newberry 50's Festival

Downtown Newberry Main St. 4pm-9pm

Classic Cars, Free Admission, Sock Hop

Sept. 23rd Wellborn Toys for Tots Kickoff

Dinner Wellborn Community Center Grounds

11AM -3 PM Chicken Perlo, Green Beans, Bread.

\$8.00 Tickets. Get tickets in advance from Shirley. Also Yard Sale, Bake Sale.

Music by Shirley. A \$10 Toy donation would be appreciated.

Sept 30th Spring Hill Methodist Church 23300

Old Bellamy Rd. Alachua FL

9am -1pm Car Display

Craft Festival, Music, Bake Sale

October 7 American Legion Main Blvd.

Lake City Toys for Tots. Kick Stands up 9am

Honda of Lake City Chili Cookoff 11am-3pm

Car Show 11am-3pm **(We only need to go to the Legion this year at 11am)**

October 14th SRRAACA Club Fall Picnic (This is for members and Family)

Wellborn Community Center 11am-2pm

Bring a covered dish or dessert (meat will be provided) **Bring your classic**

October 21 Hot wheels and Horrors Car Show

Moose Lodge Lake City

8am-12pm \$25.00 Registration Fee

Theme Car & Costume

October 28

High Springs Lions Club Car Show

Downtown High Springs

8am and Awards at 2pm

Halloween Award

\$25.00 Registration Fee and 1 meal is included

November 4

Cornbread & Chili Cook-off Festival

Wellborn Community Center Grounds

7:30am - 3:30pm Blueberry Breakfast at

7:30-10:30 Music all day

November 10th Friday

Willowcreek Assisted Living Fall Festival Hall of Fame DR, Lake City

12 - 3:30 PM Car Display Free Lunch

November 11th


Sugar Cane Festival & Cruise In

White Springs at the Suwannee

Hardware Store 8am - 4pm

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Hardees	2 Wellborn Blueberry Breakfast
3	4	5 Kay & Dave Staples Happy Anniversary	6	7 Meeting at the Moose 7pm	8 SRRAACA Host Hardee's Paul Albright Happy Birthday	9 Let Freedom Ride & Newberry 50s Show Mary Owens Happy Birthday
10 Barbara Sparks Happy Birthday	11 George & Barbara Anniv.	12 Bill & Shirley Anniv.	13	14	15 Hardee's	16
17 Pete Mazzocchi Happy Birthday	18 Graham White Happy Birthday Nancy & Gary Marquis Anniv.	19 Sal's Cruise In Denise Jordan & Bob McGraw Happy Birthdays	20	21	22 SRRAACA Hardee's George Breslin Happy Birthday	23 Wellborn Toys for Tots Dinner 11-3 Chicken Perlo
24	25	26	27	28 Nancy Hagey Happy Birthday	29 SRRAACA Host Hardee's	30 Spring Hill Methodist Display 9-1



The Roadmap

Calendar of Events - Local (In blue)



- Sept. 7 — **SRRAACA** monthly meeting at the Lake City Moose Lodge at 7PM
- Sept. 8 — **Hardee's** 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Sept. 9 — **DAV Chili cook-off Billy Bons, White Springs.** See info in Upcoming Fall events on page 10
- Sept. 9 — **Newberry 50's Festival Classic Cars, Sock Hop 4 -9 PM**
- Sept. 15 — **SRRAACA Hardee's** 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Sept. 19 — **Sal's Cruise-In** 5—7:30 PM
- Sept. 22 — **Hardee's** 5:00 - 7:30 PM
- Sept. 23 — **Wellborn Toys For Tots Chicken Perlo Dinner** 11AM -3 PM
- Sept. 29 — **SRRAACA Hardees** 5:30 - 7PM
- Sept 30 — **Spring Hill Methodist Car Display** Alachua, FL 9AM -1PM

Check your current Cruise News Magazine for other future local events

AACA National Events

- Sept. 14-19 — **Special Central Division Tour** Piqua, Ohio Southern Ohio Chapter 937-689-6901
- Sept. 25-29 — **Western Division Tour** Santa Barbara, CA AACA CaliforniaTour@gmail.com
- October 3-6 — **Eastern Fall Nationals** Hershey, PA Hershey Region 717-566-7720
- October 22-27 — **Revival Glidden Tour (Pre 1943)** Thomasville, GA VMCCA hosting - Blanch@rose.net
- February 8-10 — **AACA Annual Convention** Chantilly, Virginia (DC area) 717-534-1910
- March 17-23, 2024 **Founders Tour** Louisiana Region (1932 - 1999) 337-581-7776
- March 21 -24, 2024 **Special Winter Nationals** Guaynabo, Puerto Rio 787-635-8976

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Toys for Tots Kickoff

Wellborn Community Center

September 23, 2023

Chicken Perlo Dinner

11:00-3:00

\$8.00 a ticket

Includes: Chicken Perlo

by Fenced in Bar-B-Q

Green Beans

Bread

Community Yard Sale \$10.00 a spot

Bake Sale

Also accepting new toy donations

Live DJ

All proceeds will go to Toys for Tots. Please help give the children a toy for Christmas. See Shirley for tickets.

October 3-6 ■ Tuesday-Friday

Registration Deadline: August 15

Hershey 2023

AACA EASTERN NATIONAL FALL MEET



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Show Car Questions • hersheycarreg@gmail.com
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Hershey Region AACA Office 717-566-7720

Spring Hill Methodist

23300 NW Old Bellamy Road, Alachua (Traxler)

Craft Bazaar & More!

All proceeds go to Missions (Local and Global)

Saturday, September 30, 2023

9:00 am
- 1:00 pm



Bake Sale!



Silent Auction!



Antique Car Show!

Burgers & Drinks!



Handmade Crafts!



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Look us up:



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Are you interested in collector cars? If so, please consider joining us. We meet in the Wellborn Community Center building on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Our benefits include enjoying our vehicles, helping with local events as well as our great friendships on both the local and National level. To find out more, contact Shirley McManus at 386-365-9643, or Ralph Towner at 386-397-4571

Our display sign in Wellborn, which is part of our sponsorship of the Cornbread and Chile event in the Fall, was destroyed in a storm this summer. The Wellborn community center has had it remade. The photo above is a one taken of the new sign. Thank you Wellborn Community Center!

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Halloween is around the corner and two shows are bringing out the Halloween themes and that is the Moose Lodge on Oct 21 and also High Springs Show Oct 28 will have a Halloween award, so decorate your cars wear your costumes and get in the Halloween spirt.

Our next meeting is September 7th at the Moose and this month I have Tim and his Crew coming in from Roadrunner Tires and Brakes and now A/C too. They are one of our sponsors in the Oil Can and will bring us up to date on all the latest going on in their shop.

I know it's been too hot to do much of anything but as the weather gets somewhat cooler please try and get out to some of these events. I'm sure you will have a great time.

Stay Cool

Shirley



THE GENERAL MINUTES

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Also, Ken Barton announced our members are welcome to attend a Gospel concert at the Shiloh Baptist Church, south of Ft White, at 5 pm on September 5th.

Shirley announced other future events. Our September meeting is on September 7th, the car display at Spring Hill Methodist Church, in Alachua on September 30th. On October 7th is the American Legion Toys for Tots run, October 14th is our club members and family picnic in Wellborn. On October 21st, is a show from 8 – noon at the Moose Lodge, sponsored by a club called "The Florida Misfits". There will be more details on these future events at our September meeting.

There was no 50/50 drawing. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by Marie Towner for Alex Fardales, Secretary/ Correspondent



YE OLDE SWAP SHOP



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

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

Ken's Korner

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

Humor: Bob: "Why won't you go out with me?"

Mary: "Three reasons. **One**, You drive too fast, **two**, "My parents don't trust you and **three**, you haven't asked me yet !"



Quote: Management advice from **General George Patton:** "Never tell people how to do things. Instead, tell them what you want done and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."

Music trivia: Most of us remember the TV show, "Davy Crockett". It debuted in 1955 and its title song, "The Balled of Davy Crockett" was recorded by four different artists that year, including Fess Parker, the show's star. His version went to the top of the charts and was the first TV theme song to do so.

Fess up now. How many of you had a coonskin cap?

Until next month... *Ken*

Tech/Safety

What's with all the Roundabouts?

By Ralph Towner



For any of you who have traveled in recent years, it's likely you have encountered roundabouts or traffic circles on Local, State and Federal highways. We have at least two of them in our area.

One is in Live Oak on Highway 51, where it meets Route 136, as well as two other side streets. The other is new in the Lake City area where Bascom Norris meets highway 41 on the North side of Lake City. This took about a year and a half to complete and was opened to traffic in early 2023. Many people I have talked with agree it would have cost far less with much less delay if they had simply installed a traffic light.

However, I understand part of the project was to help eliminate flooding of a business location near there, which was exasperated when Bascom Norris was connected with Highway 41. Regardless it is there and like it or not we have to deal with it.

Roundabouts are stated to be safer with less violent car crashes as compared with intersections with traffic lights, as well as saving gas and tie-ups

due to the continual flow of traffic.

A major problem with them is many people do not know how to enter and drive properly in the roundabouts. I have so far, had three different drivers enter the Highway 41 roundabout right in front of me while I am in the circle, without even looking. I also witnessed a semi truck not driving around the circle, but drive straight across the brick median! So here are some general rules.

Always, reduce your speed to 10-15 mph as you approach the roundabout. As you approach the circle, yield to vehicles already in the circle. Traffic moves counter-clockwise and those in the circle have the right of way. As soon as there is a safe gap, take it. Likewise, while in the circle, be aware you have the right of way so don't slowdown or stop to let someone in as this slows the flow or could lead to being rear-ended. However, be prepared to take defensive action in case a driver does pull in front of you. Look out for bicyclists and pedestrians, use turn signal to exit the roundabout to the right, yield to pedestrians crossing the exit lane and allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Roundabouts are here to stay and I am sure you will encounter them in your travels. Use these common sense rules and you will safely negotiate the roundabouts.

Ralph



Website Corner

Webmaster: Don Downs

Website Update

Our website has settled down to about 300 visits per month. With our number of members, that implies that others are seeing it too. That is good.

I am asking for input from members as to the types of additional input you would like to see on the site. I was considering adding Ralph's TECH article each month. Let me know your ideas.

I continue to add fun stuff for you to see as well as current Oil Can and calendar information.

Don



Our Website address is:
<https://srraaca.com/>

Get in the habit of checking
our new website weekly!



Sunshine Report

By Ralph Towner

I was in contact with Nina Howd on September 2nd. Gerald is getting along well but still has not received a scheduled date for his kidney stone surgery. Our members wish him the best for a successful surgery.

I spoke with Ralph Owens on September 2nd. He had a three day stay at the VA hospital about two weeks ago. It is MS related, causing an infection. I am happy to report that the infection is completely cleared up. Ralph wanted to ad that he had superior care at the Lake City VA hospital—it was almost like staying in a fine hotel.

Our SRRAACA Vice President, Kelly Jordan, contracted Covid about two weeks ago. He was able to get prescriptions which helped him recover quickly. Later, Kelly's wife, Denise got the virus as well. She is currently recovering from it. This is the first time either Kelly or Denise has had the virus. **It has made a comeback in our area, so take necessary precautions.** A couple of other members I am aware of who had Covid recently are Jack Wells and Larry (Woodie) Woodfin. I have

seen both of them lately and both are completely recovered. If anyone else has had it, I hope you are better.

I sincerely hope all of you got through Hurricane Idalia with minimum damage or mishaps. Most of us had the same problem... lots of tree limbs and debris to clean up. Please be careful cleaning up and disposing of it.

Alex Fardales was faced with a mandatory evacuation during the hurricane. He and his brother had to go clear to Pensacola to find a room. When he got back, all was well except his truck, parked on a concrete slab, had slid sideways in the wind, clear off the pad into the lawn. At least, it didn't tip over.

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

Our next meeting will be this Thursday evening, September 7th, 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



CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays !



Paul Albright – 09/08; Mary Owens – 09/09; Barbara Sparks - 09/10; Pete Mazzocchi - 09/17
 Graham White – 09/18; Denise Jordan - 09/19; Bob McGraw – 09/19
 George Breslin – 09/22; Nancy Hagey – 09/28

September Anniversaries !

Kay & David Staples - 09/05; Barbara & George Richards – 09/11;
 Shirley & Bill McManus - 09/12; Nancy & Gary Marquis – 09/18





How the AACA is Becoming “America’s Car Club”

By Jeff Broadus VP - Marketing

We don’t need to be the authority of what we are not, but we do need to be the authority of who and what we are and represent. As VP of Marketing, it’s my responsibility to address all our efforts in how, and where, we position the AACA in the marketplace.

The AACA is fully committed to improving our engagement with members and we’re bringing it to the digital platform. Our marketing effort is the direct result of member input. We recognize, listen, and appreciate that some of the best ideas and suggestions comes from sources outside our normal channels. If we do it right, the plans we implement on corporate outreach, will support all our regions and chapters on a local more personalized level.

So what steps are we implementing to make this happen? Most recently, your Board of Directors took on the task of addressing the most important image the AACA has, our web presence. The website is the first introduction to the club, and its main purpose and function is to give visitors, as well as members a reason to be part of the club, engage and participate. The site is the result of months of hard work and collaboration of many. We encourage you to visit the website if you haven’t done so at www.AACA.org.

As of May 2023, we also started the redesign of our Library website and expect the new site to launch early July 2023. We’ll keep you in the loop of our progress and how this supports the car community.

Moving forward the AACA will be launching an aggressive membership growth campaign. This is a specific task with the single focus of building membership. We are currently looking to partner with several influential organizations and build a market-

ing campaign to include membership engagement, a digital marketing outreach, leverage social media outlets, special promotions, and email campaigns, just to name a few.

In consideration of this new marketing effort, we’ve formulated a business model outlining our vision and marketing strategy to include a plan of execution and budget. Let’s face it, most car guys and gals spent a considerable amount of time pursuing their love and passion of the automobile. We believe the best way to support these car owners and potential new members is to expose them to all the resources that make our club strong, significant and an authority in the automotive community. We’re looking to incorporate the holistic approach to marketing and tie it in to our 90th Anniversary in 2024.

Simply put, the key to growing AACA membership is to establish a membership model that aligns with our organization’s beliefs, strategy, and the values. New and existing members will benefit online by easily accessing our experienced, knowledgeable, and resourceful collector car network. This model will also provide the valuable resources found in our automotive archives stored in the AACA Automotive library. This effort will reintroduce our organization on a grand scale as we build momentum with our online platform utilizing resources that positioned the AACA as the number one automotive car club in America.

If you have a suggestion, recommendation, or idea that helps to support this effort on a local or national level, we encourage you to contact us. Thank you in advance. Together we will make the AACA, “America’s Car Club”.






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Joe is a motorcycle enthusiast as well. He has a 1976 BMW R900 with a sidecar as well as two 1965 Honda Dream bikes, which he purchased from another Cannon Creek resident, Billy Aldrich, who had kept them in immaculate condition. Joe also likes Harleys and has a 1983 Low Rider as well as a 2003, 100th anniversary Edition Super Glide.

The Falcon Futura and the Harleys were under car covers, but the photos on this page are of the other vehicles stored inside the garage.

Joe mentioned he had never been in a car club of any kind in all his years of being in the old car hobby. So, **thank you**, Joe and Maria for joining our AACA Region! We are looking forward to having you join us at our events when you can.



Top: One of the like new condition 1965 Honda Dreams.

Above, middle: 1976 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray.

Above: 1965 Ford Mustang convertible in outstanding condition.

Left: 1968 Porsche 912 also in good condition.