

STUTTER 'n SPUTTER

Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter



Unpacking the Packards
~Gene Cohen & Friends~
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Suncoast British CC / Sunshine Region Dinner Dance

Our two Clubs joined together for a Holiday Celebration at the Venetian Golf & River Club in Nokomis FL on the evening of Sunday, December 9th. Hors d'oeuvres were followed by a buffet style dinner featuring Florida Salad, Vodka Chicken Parmesan, Herb Grilled Salmon, Roasted Pork Tenderloin, a Dessert Tray, & Coffee/Tea Station. Dance music was provided

by "West Florida DJ, Inc".

Photos by Julia zuHone & Heather DiCarlo



Sharon & Gene Cohen



Joyce & Bob Tone



Karen & Jack Knuese



Heather & Phil DiCarlo



Shirley Wise & Jacki Kaiser



Alex Huppé & Jeryl Schriever



Barb & Richard Brown with Len Berman



Monroe Kokin & Claudia

Editor Comments

Happy New Year 2019! It's been a year now since I became Editor of "Stutter 'n Sputter". I have done websites & publications in the past, but never a newsletter. Some of the skills required are the same, but content differences are significant. I really have to depend on the membership for input. To paraphrase *Forest Gump*, "It's like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." I want to thank those of you who have written articles, taken photos, and contributed other material to make our newsletter a success. Also, thanks to those of you who have provided feedback. Please keep these things coming. From a personal point of view, this has been a great opportunity to get better acquainted with our members. A sincere "Thank You" goes out to all with whom I've been involved!

~~~Jimmy Mayne  
maynejc@gmail.com



Sunday, 02-Dec, several Sunshine Region members went on a road trip to the Peace River Seafood Restaurant in Punta Gorda where they had a great lunch. The group traveled all back roads to enjoy the Florida country side on their 88 mile round trip.

~~~Jack Knuese


AACA Holiday Party & Gift Exchange: 18-Dec-2018

About 35-40 members were in attendance for our December monthly meeting which was in the form of a Holiday Party. Several took advantage of the opportunity to wear their holiday sweaters, hats, & other festive attire. The evening began with a casual dinner orchestrated by Jacki Kaiser & Julia zuHone which included a selection of sandwiches, salads, & deserts. Dinner was followed by a gift exchange overseen by Linda Langenegger. She explained the rules stating that selection order would be random based on a

lottery drawing. The person chosen could either select & open a package from the table or "steal" an opened gift from another member. That person would then reselect from the table. The first gift was selected by Connie Mayne, the last by Bill Swanton. When it came to Linda's turn, she could not resist the largest package, inside which she found a jeweled chest containing the following note:

"Over the past fifteen years these jewels have been guarded by individual members of an anonymous car club. At the dawning of each New Year it has been a tradition to pass the responsibility to another by way of a lottery. Through a twist of fate, you have become the "chosen one!" Your responsibility is to guard these jewels "with your life" if need be. Congratulations!"

Alex Huppé followed Linda and wisely chose the smallest item left on the table.
~~~Jimmy Mayne



Linda Langenegger with Treasure Chest



Heather, Phil, & Julia



Belle & Bill Swanton



Gift Exchange Table



Ellen Cavanaugh wearing Package Bow as Hat





Jacki Kaiser managing Food Table



Your Humble Editor

## Gene Cohen's Next Project Car(s)

*(continued from Cover Page)*

On the morning of Thursday, December 20, a group of Sunshine AACA members assembled at Gene Cohen's garage to unload his next restoration projects: two 1936 Packard convertible coupes. Two chassis and bodies, plus all the disassembled fenders, brakes, moldings, seats, trunks, engines, heads, small parts, crank shafts, torque tubes, glass, chrome, grilles, steering wheels, transmissions, wheels and dozens of boxes of parts were unloaded in the pouring rain. Helping were Bob ZuHone, Bruce Skaggs, Phil DiCarlo, Alex Huppé, Jack Knuese and Jack's neighbor Curtis Bean, as well as the driver, Ryan Taylor of Meticulous Auto Carriers, out of Texas. The unloading, which took about an hour and a half of steady work, was overseen by Gene, who appeared overwhelmed but excited by all the exquisite Packard rust that has filled his garage and shed. For those of you who missed the fun, there will be many opportunities to move stuff around and lift heavy items over the next couple of years.

~~~Alex Huppé

Photos by Huppé & zuHone



January President's Message

Hello Members. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and hopefully everyone enjoyed our holiday gift exchange. I know some of us received some special items, especially Linda Langeneger with an entire treasure chest of fine jewels.

I want to thank everyone for having faith in me to elect me president. I, however, have not let it go to my head in as much as no one else wanted the job. Thank you Richard Brown, Jerry Shapiro, & Joan Bowles for agreeing to serve as officers with me. I hope that we can continue to have old car fun. It would be appreciated if members could forward suggestions regarding events, past & future. I don't know what you like or think we could do better, I am open to ideas and suggestions. There are some current events which could perhaps be improved. There will be a board meeting in January to discuss the coming year.

The club is still involved with the Devereaux-Kaiser Car Show mostly helping the firemen with set up and importantly, the car corral. We will need volunteers to

help. It is a mystery how it happened but Gene Cohen seems to have been selected to head up the car corral. Good choice how ever it occurred. None of us should have to work very long, and we can enjoy the show this year. Again many thanks to Mark Spears, Ed Smith and all involved for a smooth transition to the fire fighters and a special thanks to John & Gail Anderson for contacting the firefighters about the proposal.

Let's have a fun year!

~~~Bob zuHone

### Merry Christmas from Spain

Date: Sun, Dec 9, 2018 at 7:57 AM

To: <[sunshineregionaaca@gmail.com](mailto:sunshineregionaaca@gmail.com)>

Hello from Spain: I am Vicent Sevillano. I am 31 years old and I am from San Roque (Cádiz) - SPAIN. I am enthusiastic of classic cars since I was a kid. I am member of classic cars club. My club is member of FIVA (International Federation of Antique Vehicles). I am a fan of AACA. I know many board members and members of AACA. I am in AACA Facebook group and AACA Forums. I am collecting stickers, patch, metal badge of different AACA Regions. I wish you, your family and all your AACA Region members Merry Christmas and an Happy New Year 2019.

All the best from South Spain,  
Vicente Sevillano

### Calendar of Events

**Thr-Sun, Jan 3-13: Mecum Auction**

10AM, Osceola Heritage Park, Gates Open 8AM  
1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744

**\*\*Wed, Jan 23, 2019: 7:00PM Membership Meeting**

Firehouse #2, 2070 Waldemere St, Sarasota, 34239

**\*\*Sun, Jan 27, 2019: 50th Annual Devereaux - Kaiser**

10AM-3PM, Sarasota County Fairgrounds

**Fri-Sun, Feb 22-24: Carlisle Winter Florida Autofest**

8AM-5PM, Lakeland Linder Airport, 4175 Medulla Rd,  
Lakeland, FL 33811

**\*\*Wed, Feb 27, 2019: 7:00PM Membership Meeting**

Firehouse #2, 2070 Waldemere St, Sarasota, 34239

**Sat, Mar 23: My Hometown Fest (Tentative AACA Show)**

12-5PM, Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL 34235

**Sun, Mar 31, 2019: AACA Venice Region Show**

9AM-5PM, Centennial Park, Downtown Venice FL

**\*\*Fri-Sun, Apr 5-7: AACA Sunshine Region Spring Tour**

Hotel (2 nights): Cedar Key B&B, 810 3rd St, Cedar Key FL. Only 2 rooms left. Call from 10am-2pm (352) 543-9000. Say "Sarasota Car Club". Questions? Call Phil DiCarlo (941) 232-0298, Jack Knuese (941) 780-1507

**Sat, Apr 13: Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance**

Curtis Hixon Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602

**\*\*Every Monday : PizzaSRQ Informal Lunch**

11:30AM, 5674 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota FL 34232.

Questions? Call Gene Cohen (941) 587-4311.

\*\*AACA Sunshine Region Events

### AACA National Meets & Tours

**Feb 7-9 • AACA Annual Meeting • Philadelphia, PA**

**Feb 21-23 • AACA Winter Nationals • Ocala, FL**

**Apr 4-6 • Southeastern Spring Nat'ls • Charlotte, NC**

**Apr 29-May 1 • Southeastern Divisional Tour • NC**

**May 30-Jun 1 • AACA Grand Nationals • Auburn , IN**



## January Mystery Photo



Can you identify the Club Member & Vehicle in this photo taken over 30 years ago? Answer will be published in next month's Stutter 'n Sputter.



## December Photo

Karen (née Moen) & Jack Knuese circa 1957-58. Karen was 15 when they started dating. He ordered this new 1957 Corvette while attending the University of Wisconsin.

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## Birthdays



|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Phil DICARLO  | 22-Jan |
| Bill SWANTON  | 17-Jan |
| Tom* KAISER   | 27-Feb |
| Steven HALL   | 15-Feb |
| Dana ANDERSON | 16-Feb |
| Monroe KOKIN  | 28-Feb |

\*Deceased

## Anniversaries



|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Robin & Brian PHARES    | 19-Jan-2016 |
| Gail & Scott LANGENEGER | 28-Feb-2004 |

*If you restore a car,  
 and you're making  
 money, then you're  
 doing it wrong.*  
 ~~~Jay Leno

Meeting Refreshments

Thank you to all those that signed up to do refreshments for 2019. I want to remind you that all of your expenses are reimbursed by the club. Just save all of your receipts and turn them into Gerry Shapiro our Treasurer.

~~~Jacki Kaiser

# 50TH ANNUAL DEVEREAUX - KAISER CAR MEET



Presented by  
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**January 27th, 2019 10AM - 3PM**  
 Sarasota County Fairgrounds - 3000 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota FL



**Admission \$5 donation, Kids under 6 free**  
 Vehicles 25 years and older only - No judging or registration fee  
 Cars, Trucks, Service Vehicles and Motorcycles Welcome - Car Corral \$25  
**Food Trucks - No outside alcohol or glass containers**

Event coordinator: Dana Anderson Scfd471@verizon.net 941-650-4727  
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