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Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter



"Fleetwood Village"
Created by
~ Jan & Sal Santoro ~



The Santoro Collection: 09-Feb-2019

(more photos on Pages 3-4)

CADILLAC CONFIDENTIAL - All the best cars are hidden in people's private garages. Saturday February 9th was no exception, and that's the way it should be. Some people get to car shows and put finger prints and belt buckle scratches on beautifully restored cars. And that is the reason special cars are tucked away in secret warehouses! It's always a special treat to get an invitation to a private collection. The rules were simple. No address was to be given. Simply meet at a specific intersection at a given time and you will be given further instructions! We met there and just followed the owner to the location. Last instruction, no addresses on the internet or in any publications.

Ok, you passed the test. Enter one of the best collections of Cadillac cars you would ever want to see. In addition, an exceptional collection of Cadillac memorabilia. If only Henry Leland were still alive, he would be proud! 35 of the club's members were truly amazed at what they viewed. The redesign of this warehouse was as the sign on the wall declared "The Cadillac of Man Caves".

Sal Santoro and his wife Jan guided us through the collection. Sal gave a description and history of each of the cars. As we all know, the history of the car is just as important as the vehicle itself. The Black Cadillac from the movie "Driving Miss Daisy" was a recent purchase. There were Cadillacs from each era starting in the 1930's. The very modified 1947 Cadillac woody station wagon was beautiful.

The memorabilia collection filled several rooms, I think Sal must have purchased every Cadillac item that he ever saw on E-Bay! The photo wall showed him and many famous people including Jay Leno. We all have unsightly car parts stored in our garages. Sal solved that problem by building walls in front of his parts storage racks. The walls were then decorated with various store fronts. A barber shop, bank, café, trophy shop, etc.

We all dream of such a man cave but only a few ever achieve this level. This must have been the number one on his "bucket" list after he retired from UPS. He did mention traveling the entire route 66 with a buddy, in a Cadillac of course. That 38 day journey is documented in the book "Route 66" by Sal Santoro



'55 Fleetwood 60 "Miss Daisy"



'47 Woody Custom Caddy

and Bob Walton. We can't thank Sal & Jan enough for allowing us to share his Cadillac dream. We then traveled to Duffy's restaurant for a very nice lunch in a private room. It is amazing how many people show up at a club activity when food is part of the activity. On the way out of the restaurant I overheard one of the wife's asking her husband why his garage was not that clean! Mine! ~~~Al Ruckey, Michigan Snowbird



'92 Allanté



'66 Eldorado

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JMayne, Ruckey,
Wilson



2005 XLR



'59 "Ghost Busters"
Ambulance



Al Ruckey
Presentation



'76 Cadillac Mirage



Jan & Sal Santoro



"The Barber of Seville"
AKA - Sal Santoro



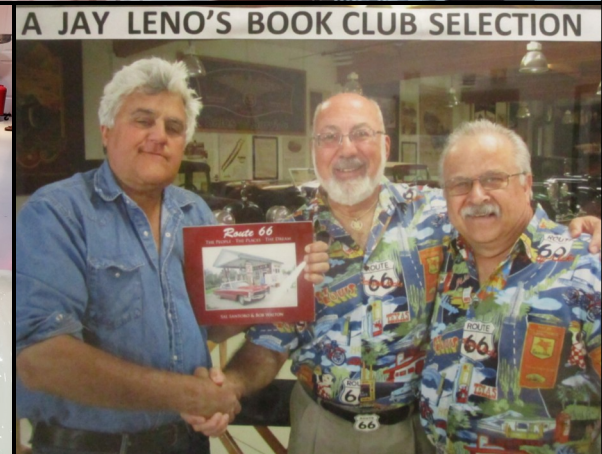
1956 Chevy 3800
1-Ton Panel Truck



1939 LaSalle
Resto-Mod



Elvis at the
"Mirage Garage"



A JAY LENO'S BOOK CLUB SELECTION

March President's Message

Greetings Sunshine Region members,
I hope all is well with all of you. We had a great tour to the Santoro collection of Cadillacs. The cars are outstanding, my favorite being the 1955 Cadillac from the movie Driving Miss Daisy. The building with all it's store fronts is amazing. Thanks again to the Santoros for their hospitality.
Plans for the club picnic on the Sunday, March 17th, are progressing well. The club will provide the main course and drinks. The time will be from noon till 4:00PM. There will be car games with prizes of inestimable value. Please bring your collector car if you are able. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. It is requested that you to sign up by no later than March 14th. If you wish to invite folks from other clubs, they are welcome, we suggest a donation of \$5.00 per person for non members.
If any one has any ideas for any tours, please let us know.
We have three volunteers for cars to go to the Sarasota Yacht Club on March 2nd for a wedding rehearsal dinner. The club has received a \$250 donation for our vehicles; and what's best, after dinner we get to take our cars home. We have been invited to do another paid nursing home show in June, details to follow. That will be a \$300 donation to the club.

Happy touring, ~~~Bob

The Hess Diaries

by Roy Hess with excerpts from my Mother's Journal

My father, Roy, Sr., was a 45 year employee of Ford Motor Co, all at the Denver Branch Assembly Plant. He was foreman of the trim line during the early twenties until production stopped after the '31 Model A. He and my mother, Billie were married in 1917. Mother kept a daily journal, and I have the 1924 and 1925 years. They bought a Model "T" touring car in 1919 to replace the Excelsior motorcycle Dad had when they were married. Mother liked the motorcycle, but wasn't too pleased when he started it in their back bedroom after an overhaul. Imagine! The '19 was replaced by a '26 Tudor, another "T", of course. Mom didn't work outside the home. She drove Dad to work and picked him up after, keeping the car for her own use. She wrote occasional comments in her journal about her day(s) with the "T" and their paired motoring adventures. I would like to share some of them each month as space allows. I will quote her directly, if possible.

"20-May-1924: Roy and I took Harry over Ruby Hill. The flivver (Model T) went over fine in Ruckstell low." Ruby Hill is a steeply sided hill in South Denver, now covered with houses. Ruckstell is a period two speed rear axle for the T. It was so popular in the mountainous west that many dealers installed them in cars before sale.

I welcome feedback to roy.hess@comcast.net.

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Calendar of Events

****Sun, Mar 17: 12-4:PM AACA Sunshine Region Picnic**
Sign-Up by March 14th, Farm Bureau Pavilion, 7289 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota FL. Bring a dish to Share

****Sat, Mar 23: My Hometown Fest** by Sertoma
11-5PM, Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL 34235. Contact Gerry Shapiro (941) 365-3756

****Wed, Mar 27: 7:00PM Membership Meeting**
Firehouse #2, 2070 Waldemere St, Sarasota, 34239

Sun, Mar 31: AACA Venice Region Show
7AM-3PM, Centennial Park, Downtown Venice, FL

****Fri-Sun, Apr 5-7: AACA Sunshine Region Spring Tour**
Two nights. For more info Call Phil DiCarlo (941) 232-0298 or Jack Knuese (941) 780-1507.

Sat, Apr 13: Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance
Curtis Hixon Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602

**** Apr 13 or 14: (Tentative) Boca Grande Tour**
Contact Richard Brown (703) 655-5545

****Wed, Apr 24: 7:00PM Membership Meeting**
Firehouse #2, 2070 Waldemere St, Sarasota, 34239

Sat, Apr 27, Kimal Lumber "Building to a Cure"
9AM-1PM. Venice HS, One Indiana Ave, Venice 34285

****Sun, Apr 28,: 50th Annual Devereaux - Kaiser**
10AM-3PM, Sarasota County Fairgrounds

**** Mon, in Early May: (Tentative) Asolo Theatre Back Stage Tour** Contact Barb Shapiro (941) 365-3756

Fri, Jul: 12: 10th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day

****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

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

Jun 2-7 • Founders Tour • Seward, NE

Jun 26-29: • Eastern Spring Nat'ls • Parsippany , NJ

Swap Corner

The Following items are "For Sale" by Tony Piazza (516) 635-1098.

1) Factory 8 track stereo tape player made for 68/69 Chevrolet Chevelle, mounts under the dash. Player works well with a pair of front mounted speakers. Designed for a four speaker set up, but I only used for front two speakers which damaged its ability to play rear speakers without repair. **\$200** (when you find them, rebuilt units sell for over \$500)

2) General Electric portable AM/FM stereo radio with 8 Track stereo player/recorder ability, excellent condition, still in the box that it came with from the factory. It has three way power, AC, batteries, DC power from car cigarette lighter. It has 4 inch stereo speakers which can be decoupled from the radio and spread up to 7 feet apart for stereo separation. **\$75**

3) Kraco Stereo Cassette adaptor which is designed to slip into an 8 track player, and play the smaller cassette tapes which followed the 8 track tapes. Unit is with box & directions it came from the factory with. **\$45**

4) Carrying case for 8 track tapes including over two dozen 8 track tapes, mostly 50's & 60's music. **\$50**

5) Rebuilt Chevy points distributor. When I purchased

it, the ad indicated that it could be used in either small or big block. I purchased it to convert to electronic ignition, but never did, and now I no longer have the car. **\$50**

6) Pair of Trico stainless steel wiper blades I originally purchased for a 65 corvette, but probably is applicable to all 60's GM products. **\$50**

7) Realistic accessory FM converter . This is an FM tuner which mounts under the dash, or glove box, and is designed to plug into your AM car radio and play FM stations. This was a popular addition back in the 60's & 70's. If you have a factory AM radio that you want to keep factory, but want to also play FM tunes, then this is the way to go. It connects to the AM radio via antenna ports. Connect tuner to battery power. Unit is new in the box delivered from the factory. Looking to get what I paid for it, **\$100**. I bought it for my T-bird, then found out that the T bird radio was internally converted to play FM as well as the factory FM.

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*Do you have "Auto Related" items to sell, or is there something that you are looking for? Let people know by listing it in SnS. ~~~~Editor*

## Meeting Minutes: 27-Feb-2019

The monthly General Membership Meeting of the AACA Sunshine Region was held at 7PM on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at the Sarasota County Fire Department Station #2, 2070 Waldemere St., Sarasota, Florida. Thirty-four members and guests were present. President Bob ZuHone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President ZuHone welcomed Cal High's son Rick and Heather DiCarlo's mother Sarah Morris. He also thanked Heather & Phil DiCarlo and Sarah Morris for providing the refreshments.

Secretary's Report – Joe Malaney: Jacki Kaiser made a motion to approve the January 23, 2019 Sunshine Region Minutes as published. Gerry Shapiro seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gerry Shapiro: Gerry listed the checking account and CD balances. Fifty-Eight members have paid their 2019 dues. Linda Langenegger made a motion to approve, seconded by Jacki Kaiser. Motion was approved.

### Committee Reports

Sunshine – Joyce Tone – Claudia, Monroe Kokin's significant other, recently suffered a stroke. She was in a St. Petersburg hospital for several weeks but has now been moved to Compexcare Hospital in Sarasota. She is showing encouraging signs of regaining movement and feeling in her limbs.

Lois Greer is still receiving chemotherapy on a monthly basis.

Isabel Rauch has been moved to the Inn at Sarasota Bay Club rehabilitation facility.

Joan Bowles recently had a knee replacement. She is recovering at home.

Newsletter – Jimmy Mayne – Jimmy brought several extra copies of the 2018 Stutter 'n Sputter for anyone who would like an extra copy. Jimmy received a 2018 Award of Distinction for regional publications from AACA.

Website – Barb Shapiro – The photos from the Sal

Santoro Tour are posted on the website. Both Barbara Shapiro and Jeryl Schriever received a 2018 Award of Excellence for regional websites from AACA.

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – Club picnic at the Sarasota County Farm Bureau, 7289 Palmer Blvd. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Barb Shapiro is organizing a tour of the Asolo Repertory Theater including the costume department. Depending on circumstances, it might include backstage areas. Date to be determined.

Dick Brown is organizing a tour to Boca Grande. Date to be determined.

President ZuHone presented the "Hard Luck" Trophy to Jack Knuese and Bob Tone for problems on a recent tour to Arcadia. Both Jack's Lotus and Bob's Porsche failed to proceed on the way back home.

Charlie Wake, the grandson of Alexander Winton who founded the Winton Motor Carriage Company, was the guest speaker. He talked about the 1903 63-day cross-country trip from San Francisco to New York City in a Winton. In 2003, Charlie in his 1916 Winton and a friend in his 1903 Winton recreated the trip in 40 days. The original trip was documented in a book, "*Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip*", by Dayton Duncan & Ken Burns. Ken Burns also made TV documentary on the trip. (Note: The book is available on Alibris.com.)

The door prize, a wall clock with the Sunshine Region logo, donated by Jim Wilson was won by Gerry Shapiro.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Sarasota County Fire Department Station #2, 2070 Waldemere St., Sarasota, Florida.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

~~~Joe Malaney  
Secretary Pro Tem

Birthdays



| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Linda LANGENEGER | 04-Mar |
| James GOESE | 15-Mar |
| Roy HESS | 19-Mar |
| Linda PIAZZA | 21-Mar |
| Roxanne LEEZER | 23-Mar |
| Connie MAYNE | 26-Mar |
| Mark SPEARS | 26-Mar |
| John BAKER | 27-Mar |
| Jim WILSON | 28-Mar |
| Rod LEEZER | 07-Apr |
| Sharon COHEN | 08-Apr |
| Jim EDWARDS | 11-Apr |
| Barb SHAPIRO | 18-Apr |
| Heather DICARLO | 26-Apr |
| Don HUGHES | 28-Apr |

AACA Winter Nationals *(photos on Page 9 ►►►)*

The AACA Winter Nationals were held in Ocala, FL, February 21-23. It was a great day at the campus of the College of Central Florida. It is a very nice campus with an adequate number of trees for some shade. There were a bit over 300 cars in attendance, and as always, some outstanding vehicles.. We drove my 1978 Chrysler New Yorker and entered it in the Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class. We didn't stay for the awards banquet, so I don't know if we received an award. My son Matthew said we should have at least won the "Too Much Mustard Color On One Car" Award. Smart Aleck!

~~~Bob ZuHone

## Anniversaries



|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Jan & Sal SANTORO            | 10-Mar      |
| Jeryl SCHRIEVER & Alex HUPPE | 20-Mar-2010 |
| Barb & Gerry SHAPIRO         | 22-Mar-1964 |
| Joyce & Bob TONE             | 30-Mar-1963 |
| Pauline & William MARTIN     | 08-Apr      |
| Heather & Phil DICARLO       | 10-Apr-2010 |
| Jackie & Al RUCKEY           | 19-Apr-1965 |



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1978 Chrysler  
New Yorker



1963 Studebaker  
Avanti



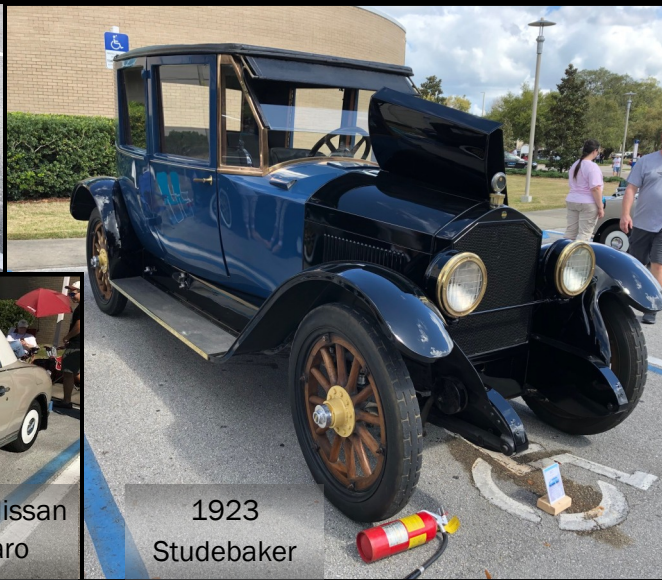
1954 Packard



1927 Packard  
343-290 Touring



▲ 1950 Healey  
Silverstone ▼



1923  
Studebaker



1991 Nissan  
Figaro

## Carlisle Winter Autofest, Lakeland FL: 22-24 Feb-2019

Several members of AACA Sunshine Region made the trip north for at least one day of this three day event. Activities included a manufacturers midway, automotive flea market, car corral, cruise in, & seminars. As always, the highlight of the event was a two day auction in which over 400 cars crossed the blocks. There was truly a bit of something for everyone! ~~~Jimmy Mayne



Phil DiCarlo  
1967 Camero RS



1949 Studebaker



1956 Ford T-bird



1951 Ford  
Deluxe Wagon



### Editor Comments

In February the AACA National Publications Group recognized several local regions for their 2018 newsletters & websites. The Sunshine Region received awards for both (shown on Page 8). Regarding the "Stutter 'n Sputter", as I have said many times, this is your newsletter, and it will only be as good as your input. I'm pleased to say that more & more of you are contributing. If you have provided something that has not yet been printed, don't worry, it isn't lost. I keep everything that I receive knowing that there will be future "dry spells". A special "thank you" goes out to all that have provided stories, write-ups, photos, & other materials publication.

~~~Jimmy Mayne, maynejc@gmail.com



March Mystery Photo



Can you identify the Club Member in this 1954 photo? He was a bit too young to have a car at the time, but he has had many since. Answer will be published in next month's Stutter 'n Sputter.

Visit our Website
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We are continually faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.
 ~~~Lee Iacocca

### February Photo

Jeryl Schriever photo was taken, shall we just say "a while back".

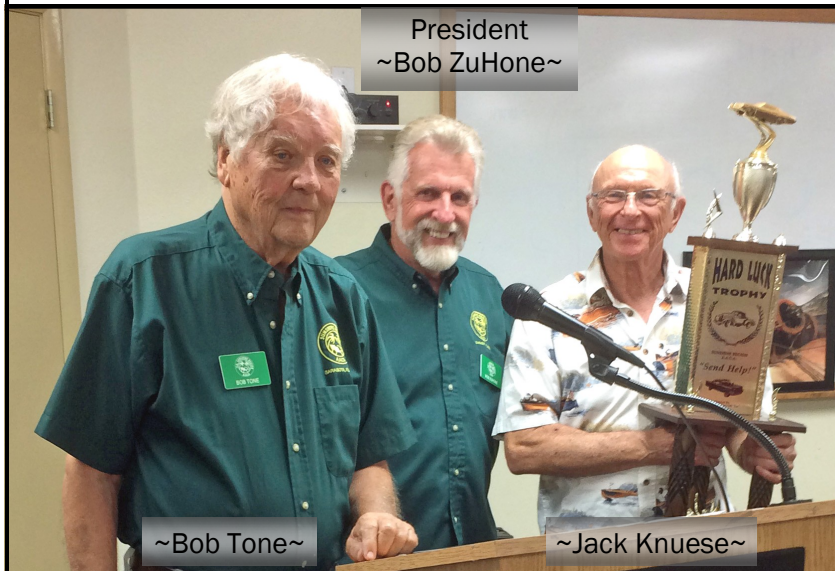
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 COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

### Trophy Campaign Mode



Some folks will do just about anything for a trophy. On a Sunday morning drive to Arcadia, **Jack Knuese** nearly lost a hub & wheel on his 1969 Lotus Elan . The fuel pump on **Bob Tone's** 1958 Porsche failed on the same trip.

### "Hard Luck" Trophy Presentation



President  
 ~Bob ZuHone~

~Bob Tone~

~Jack Knuese~

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1983 Ford T-bird  
 ~Cliff Wilson~



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