

# STUTTER 'n SPUTTER

Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter



## AACA Sunshine Region Picnic: 17-Mar-2019



Over 50 members & guests were on hand for our club picnic which happened to fall on St Patrick's Day this year. The event was held at the Farm Bureau Pavilion on Palmer Blvd. In addition to the fantastic food prepared and shared by the membership, we were entertained by President Bob with a very challenging Automotive Trivia contest and a "How Close Can You Get Without Touching" backing-up skill competition. He also presented home made "Thank You" trophies to Web Masters Barb & Jeryl and Newsletter Editor Jimmy for their on-going efforts. It was a great day all around. ~~~Jimmy Mayne

Photos: Malaney, Mayne, C Wilson)



Backing the '56 T-Bird  
~Alex Huppé~



1967 Olds Cutlass



~Barb Shapiro & Jeryl Schriever~



1965 Olds Delta 88

2001 BMW Z3

## AACA Winter Nationals, Ocala FL

This meet held Feb 21-23 was very similar to the one held in 2017 by a coalition of several local AACA regions & chapters in central Florida. There was a great kickoff on Thursday evening with an ice cream social held at the national headquarters of the

1987 Oldsmobile  
Cutlass Supreme



National Parts Depot in Ocala with their display of nearly 250 vehicles in their massive warehouse. Ranging from an AACA Zenith Award winning 1927 Cadillac Custom Roadster, the 50 millionth & 100 millionth Fords assembled, and numerous never driven vehicles plucked from showrooms that were placed in the collection. Truly a wonder.

Show day on Saturday, with warm and perfect weather, had approximately 300 registered vehicles on the field at the College of Central Florida for judging or display. The team of AACA



Cliff Wilson (L) receiving  
award from Bob Parrish

Judges went to work at 11AM to get the job done. Sunshine Region members participating were Bob zuHone who received the HPOF award for his 1978 Chrysler New Yorker and Cliff Wilson receiving the Senior award for the 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme. The awards banquet held at the Ocala Hilton was very lively with the awards announced by Chief Judge Hulon McCraw. Next years Winter Meet will be in Miami, Feb 20-22.

~~~Cliff Wilson

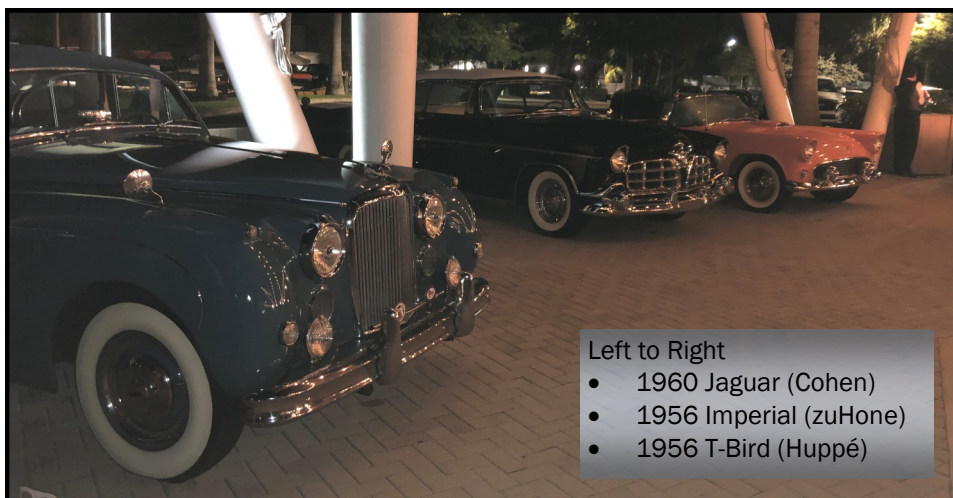


## Wade Family Wedding Rehearsal: 02-Mar-2019

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Our club was paid \$250 in exchange for providing three cars for the occasion.

Sharon & Gene Cohen, Julia & Bob zuHone, and Alex Huppé attended. We were invited to join the family for dinner & drinks. The group included quite a few car people including the groom and his great aunt & uncle from West Virginia, both of whom were AACA national judges. A very pleasant evening was had by all. We were treated like guests rather than vendors.

~~~Bob zuHone



Left to Right

- 1960 Jaguar (Cohen)
- 1956 Imperial (zuHone)
- 1956 T-Bird (Huppé)

## April President's Message

Greetings Sunshine Region. I hope this message finds everyone well.

Sad news at the loss of Monroe Kokin. Things change so quickly, and we never know what the day will bring. My condolences to his family.

It's my hope that everyone enjoyed the club picnic, I think the Farm Bureau is a good location for an event of that nature. Please let me know how we might improve future events. April is here and so is the Sunshine Region spring tour to the north coast. It may not be too late, so contact Phil DiCarlo if you still would like to participate.

The Browns are planning a tour to Boca Grande, an interesting place to visit, an historic light house, and a museum reflecting the railroads impact on the island. Please join us if you are able. Contact the Browns for more information.

I have had a suggestion for a short tour to visit a local business. It would need to occur on a week day. What do you think? Here's another thought, there are places we could meet to eat during the week. Always looking for suggestions, so step up and let me know. If you don't want to talk to me, let someone else tell me.

Happy touring,

~~~Bob zuHone

### Anniversaries



|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Pauline & William MARTIN | 08-Apr      |
| Heather & Phil DICARLO   | 10-Apr-2010 |
| Jackie & Al RUCKEY       | 19-Apr-1965 |
| Linda & Tony PIAZZA      | 03-May      |
| Julia & Bob ZUHONE       | 09-May-2001 |
| Gael & John ANDERSON     | 24-May-1964 |

### Birthdays



|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Rod LEEZER      | 07-Apr |
| Sharon COHEN    | 08-Apr |
| Jim EDWARDS     | 11-Apr |
| Barb SHAPIRO    | 18-Apr |
| Heather DICARLO | 26-Apr |
| Don HUGHES      | 28-Apr |
| Joan BOWLES     | 04-May |
| Joyce TONE      | 06-May |
| Belle SWANTON   | 08-May |
| Steve AKI       | 15-May |

### Calendar of Events

**\*\*Fri-Sun, Apr 5-7: AACA Sunshine Region Spring Tour**  
9AM depart from Bob Evans (Fruitville & McIntosh).  
Two nights. Contacts 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

**\*\* Sat, Apr 13: Boca Grande Tour**  
9AM depart from Walmart (Honoré & Clark) 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, May 6: 10:30AM Asolo Theatre Back Stage Tour & Lunch**, 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**

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### 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**

**Aug 4-9 • Vintage Tour • Kingston, Ontario**

## Meeting Minutes: 27-Mar-2019

The monthly General Membership Meeting of the AACA Sunshine Region was held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at the Sarasota County Fire Dept Station 2, 2070 Waldemere St., Sarasota, Florida. Thirty-five members and guests were present. President Bob zuHone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President zuHone welcomed three guests – Rod House (1953 Chevrolet Pickup) and Stan & Karen Weinstein (1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass Convertible). He also thanked Jack & Karen Knuese for providing the refreshments.

Jack Knuese read Monroe Kokin's obituary. He was recently involved in an accident in his 1964 Corvette that resulted in his death. Monroe was active in the Sunshine Region, the British Car Club, and the Orchid Society.

Secretary's Report – Joe Malaney: Jacki Kaiser made a motion to approve the February 27, 2019 Sunshine Region Minutes as published. Dick Brown seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gerry Shapiro: Gerry listed the checking account and CD balances. Expenses for the month were \$798 for the club picnic (a \$250 deposit for the Pavilion will be returned to the club), \$244 for printing & mailing the *Stutter 'n Sputter*, and \$50 for the refreshments for the February meeting. Jacki Kaiser made a motion to approve the report. Linda Langenegger seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

### Committee Reports

Sunshine –

- Ellen Cavanaugh continues her cancer treatment.
- Lois Greer continues her monthly chemotherapy treatments.
- Scott Langenegger had Thoracoscopic Cardiac surgery after two unsuccessful ablations in the catheterization lab.
- Joan Bowles had a knee replacement in February but complications will require a second surgery.

Newsletter – Jimmy Mayne: Jimmy requested that 'Snowbirds' send photos and articles of their car related adventures during the summer. When he asked if anyone identified the March Mystery Photo, many hands went up. It was 13 year old Gene Cohen with his bicycle (which is still in his garage).

### Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 31 – AACA Venice Region Car Show. If you want to drive down in a group, meet at the parking lot of the Walmart Neighborhood Market at Clark & Honoré at 8:00AM. Bob zuHone, 941-371-9339

Friday thru Sunday, April 5-7 – Tour to Cedar Key. Phil DiCarlo, 941-232-0298

Saturday, April 13 – Tour to Boca Grande – Depart the Bealls parking lot at Clark & Honoré at 9:00AM. Dick Brown, 941-373-3898

Monday, May 6 – Backstage tour of the Asolo Repertory Theater. Details to follow. Barb Shapiro, 941-365-3756

President zuHone reminded the group of the April 28<sup>th</sup> Devereaux-Kaiser Show. Gene Cohen is in charge of the Car Corral. Volunteers will be needed.

President zuHone was the default guest speaker as both his primary and backup guest speakers were unavailable. He spoke of the early days of the Lexus automobile in the U.S. and how their service was much above the industry standards.

The door prize, a book *The Lexus Story*, donated by President zuHone, was won by Sharon Cohen.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at the Sarasota County Fire Dept Station 2, 2070 Waldemere St., Sarasota, Florida.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

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~~~Joe Malaney, Secretary Pro Tem

## Auto Emblems as Art

*(Continued from Cover Page)*

What to do with all those car emblems?

As car collectors, we seem to accumulate a lot of extra emblems while working on our projects. I am no exception and have my share. I am a Snowbird and have plenty of spare time while I am here. What to do to fill that time when not at the beach? This year I brought a box of my emblems with me and got a little creative. I wandered into a few local thrift shops and picked up several shadow box picture frames at a bargain price. I then laid out all the emblems and frames onto my work table. After a few hours of moving things around, I found the layouts I needed. Several days later I had reworked the frames and added new backing material. The emblems were now attached to their new homes. These were my extras and no longer needed so I put them on E-bay. I actually got more money presenting them in this manner rather than just selling the emblems alone. This generated some cash for my ongoing restoration project back in Michigan.



~~~Al Ruckey, Michigan Snowbird

## Editor Comments

It's that time of year when the snow in the North melts to make way for the return of the Snowbirds from the South. For those of you leaving, please remember to keep us "Full Timer Floridians" informed of your activities. Send pictures & articles from the shows you attend and updates on your projects. Even though you

are physically not here with us, you are still an integral part of the Sunshine Region group. Here's wishing you safe travels, and we will be looking forward to your return.

~~~Jimmy Mayne  
maynejc@gmail.com



## Finally I understand why cars have these things



# 50TH ANNUAL DEVEREAUX - KAISER CAR MEET

Presented by  
**THE SARASOTA FIREFIGHTERS  
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**April 28th, 2019      10AM - 3PM**  
Sarasota County Fairgrounds - 3000 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota FL

**FREE For Show Cars**

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**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  
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Event Coordinator: Dana Anderson - Scfd471@verizon.net - 941-650-4727  
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*I live my life with no regrets. It's one of the benefits of not being able to remember things.*

~~~John "Maxine" Wagner

## April Mystery Photo

Can you identify the Club Member and Vehicle in this photo taken in 1966? Answer will be published in next month's Stutter 'n Sputter.



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sunshineregionaaca.org

### March Photo

**Gene Cohen** at the age of 13 on his bicycle in October 1954.

## Monroe J Kokin

*(Obituary from Asbury Park Press on 26-Mar-2019)*



Venice, FL - Monroe J. Kokin, 74, passed away Friday, March 22, 2019, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Born and raised in the Bronx, Monroe later resided in various towns throughout central NJ for many years before retiring to Venice, FL in the mid-nineties. He served his country in the National Guard and was employed by the Department of Corrections as a Records Officer and later promoted to Records Sergeant for Middlesex County. He also served as a past president and past delegate of PBA 152. In his retirement, he developed a passion for orchids and was an accomplished orchid grower. Serving as a board member of the Sarasota Orchid Society for ten years, and president for 8. Monroe is predeceased by his wife Linda, (2010), and is survived by his Stepdaughters, Cami Granahan and her husband Tom, Danielle Mason; Grandchildren, Molly, Jack, Ella, and Blake; his dear companion Claudia McMenamin, as well as many nieces and nephews. Graveside funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at Floral Park Cemetery 104 Deans Rhode Hall Rd, Monmouth Junction, NJ. Donations in Monroe's memory may be

directed to The Sarasota Orchid Society (<https://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/>). Arrangements are under the care of Belkoff-Goldstein Funeral Chapel.

*Editor's Note: On the morning of Sunday, March 10, Monroe was driving his 1964 Corvette to the AACA Lemon Bay Car Show in Englewood when he was involved in a very serious accident with a motor cycle. Since then he was in the trauma center at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Monroe joined the AACA Sunshine Region in 2015. He was also a member of the Suncoast British Car Club and Venice Corvette Club. He will be dearly missed. R.I.P.*

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 ~Gene Cohen~



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