

Marge & Randy Hall Tour to Punta Gorda: 11-Sep-2019

Following a weeks delay due to weather concerns associated with Hurricane Dorian, 13 Sunshine Region members (8 cars), departed Sarasota on a Saturday morning heading south to Punta Gorda. The weather was nothing short of fantastic with blue skies & temperatures in the low 90's. Our numbers would have been slightly higher, but the revised date conflicted with a Red Hat Society event to which some of our Ladies were previously committed.

After about 40 miles, we made our first destination which was Randy's garage where he kept his collection of five gorgeous classics:

- 1906 Buick Model G
- 1912 Ford Model T
- 1923 Ford Model T Depot Hack
- 1911 Buick Model 21
- 1909 Buick Model 16



Glidden banner from their 1911 Buick that they found in an antique shop!

Our second stop was the Punta Gorda History Center. Here Marge reviewed the early development of the area including lots of detail on Punta Gorda's early railroad & shipping history. Stop number three was the old Train Depot where Marge again told us about early development and roles of key local historical people. Our next destination was the Laishley Crab House for lunch. Our dining experience was enhanced by our tables location which provided for a fantastic view of the Peace River as it empties into Charlotte Harbor. The final stop of the day was the Military Heritage Museum. Our museum guide was Justin T Chumak, Army Lt Col (Retired). He was extremely knowledgeable on military history from the American Revolution through today's conflicts in the Middle East. After a long day, members began to individually depart and work their way north back to their homes in Sarasota. All in all, the round trip covered about 100 miles for the day. Many thanks go out to Marge & Randy Hall for making this possible.

~~~Jimmy Mayne (Photos: Malaney & Mayne)



1909 Buick Model 16

1911 Buick Model 21

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# Membership Meeting: 25-Sep-2019

The monthly General Meeting of the AACA Sunshine Region was held at 7PM on Wednesday, 25-Sep-2019 at Sarasota County Fire Department Station #2. 31 members were present.

Bob zuHone called the meeting to order.

Linda Langeneger led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to accept the minutes for the August, 2019,

meeting was made by Jacki Kaiser seconded by Frank Bowles. Motion was adopted.

Refreshments this month are provided by Bob & Julia zuHone.

### **Old Business**

The tour to Punta Gorda was well attended. It was a very interesting adventure, and the restaurant was good. Jimmy Mayne suggested that we give Randy & Marge Hall a years membership to the AACA and our club as a "Thank You" for making all the arrangements for the event. Suggestion was accepted. Linda Langeneger will take care of the contact & paperwork.

### New Business:

The club will participate in the Sarasota Veterans' Day Parade 11-Nov-2019 at 9:30AM. Cars will line up near the Hollywood 11 Theaters.

It was suggested to take a Murder Mystery Train Ride if there is enough interest. The train takes off from Ft Myers at 5PM and returns at 10PM. The cost is about \$80. There is a local hotel with special rates if you want to spend the night.

The British Car Club will be holding their Holiday Dinner on 01-Dec-2019 at the Venetian Golf & River Club in Venice. The cost is \$40 per person with a discount if you bring a vintage car. The deadline will probably be mid-November.

Bob zuHone passed around his mother's 1929 Kodak camera for all to see how a camera worked in the past. Guest speaker was Chief Michael Regnier of the Sarasota County Fire Department. He spoke about how many calls are made each year and to how they are responded. They handle about 700,000 calls annually, of which 85% are medical emergencies. He stated that all firefighters are also certified as EMTs or

paramedics. There are 525 men & women in the Sarasota County Fire Department. Annual budget is \$90 million of which \$78 million is collected in taxes. Door prize was an AACA Sunshine Region clock donated by Jim Wilson and won by Barbara Brown. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

~~~Joan Bowles



Calendar of Events

Sat, Oct 19: Lake Mirror Concours d'Elegance: 10AM-3PM, 121 S Lake Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801

**Wed, Oct 23, 7:00PM: Membership Mtg Firehouse #2, 2070 Waldemere St, Sarasota, 34239

Sat, Oct 26: BOPC Car Show & Swap Meet

9:30AM-2:30PM, Downtown City Park, E Park St & N Bartow Ave, Auburndale, FL 33823, \$25 reg (T-shirt included before Oct 7). Pat Whissel (727) 781-7774

** Mon. Nov 11: Sarasota Veterans Day Parade

Our Club has been invited to participate. We will line up at 9:30AM on Main St just west of the Hollywood 11 AACA National Meets & Tours Theaters on the North curb. It is possible we may be asked to provide a ride for a WWII Veteran. Cars will be placed early in the parade so that if you need to leave because of overheating you can. Please contact Bob ZuHone if you can join us.

**Sun, Dec 1: Suncoast British Car Club & AACA Sunshine Region Holiday Dinner Dance

5:30PM, Venetian Golf & River Club, 502 Veneto Blvd, Nokomis, FL 34275 (Gents - Coat & Tie)

**Sun, Apr 19, 2020: 51st Annual Devereaux - Kaiser 10AM-3PM, Sarasota County Fairgrounds

**Every Monday, 11:30AM: PizzaSRQ Informal Lunch 5674 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota FL 34232. Questions? Call Gene Cohen (941) 587-4311

**AACA Sunshine Region Events

Oct 9-12 • AACA Eastern Fall National • Hershey, PA

Oct 23-26 • AACA SE Fall National • Mobile, AL

Nov 6-9 • AACA Western Fall National • Fallbrook, CA

Feb 6-8, 2020 • Annual Convention • Philadelphia, PA

October President's Message

Greetings Fellow Tourists,

Welcome to Fall, which in Florida means the opposite of what it means up North, more agreeable old car weather for touring. In Syracuse I would be getting everything ready for winter storage.

We had a very nice tour to Punta Gorda hosted by Randy & Marge Hall. We visited the Punta Gorda museum and the newly expanded military museum. Sunshine region eating club with an old car disorder had a very nice lunch before heading home. Thanks Marge and Randy :).

Details are included elsewhere in this issue for the Veterans' Day parade on Nov 11th. Contact me for further information, Particularly if you plan to participate in the parade.

I am preparing to go to Hershey Fall AACA meet. My first year was 1962, and I believe I have missed only six years since that time.

The annual joint holiday dinner meeting with the Suncoast British Car Club will be held on December 1st. Gourmet dinner and dance music at the Venetian Country club. The charge is \$40 a person, and if you drive an old car you will save \$20.

Enjoy the nice weather. Happy motoring,

~~~Bob zuHone

### Travelling on Old Route 66

In 1957, my parents and I drove from Chicago to St Louis on Route 66, then down to the Ozarks. We had a 1956 Buick Special, I was driving. Mother in the middle and Dad on the right. All three of us were in the front seat. We were going about 90 MPH when a '57 Caddy convertible and a '57 Olds convertible passed us. Both cars had dealer plates. I said to Dad, "Let's see how fast they are going". He said OK. We got up to 120 (top speed), and the two cars disappeared down the road – Route 66. After about 10 minutes, Dad said take it down, so I dropped the speed to about 100 to105. That was how we entered East St Louis. Of course, we had to judge for stop lights, not like the limited access highways we have today. Remember, there was no speed limits in the unpopulated areas in those days. I believe that a national speed law was passed 1958 or 1959.

~~~John Cavanaugh

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Sad Fate of Two Old Convertibles

Freshmen at Bradley University in Peoria. Illinois weren't allowed to have a car when I attended that school, so my father sold my 1951 Ford two-door with a

1953 Mercury engine. For my sophomore year, my dad replaced it with a 1953 Pontiac convertible. In December of my sophomore year, the Pontiac blew a head gasket. I had a friend who said he could fix the motor, and we dismantled the top of the engine. But unfortunately, it snowed for a couple of days so the car was outside in the cold and snow.

At that time, I decided to transfer to NYU in New York City. So what did I do? I flew back to New York and left this great convertible in the street, never to retrieve it. I never even heard from anyone about the car again. Young kids do stupid things. Then my father bought me a bullet-nose 1952 Studebaker convertible, and I proceeded to make a left turn in front of a cement truck with that car. It was the end of that car also.

~~~Arnold Berns

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### **Howard Steamboat Museum**

Here are some pictures from the car show Carolyn & I helped put on for the benefit of the *Howard Steamboat Museum*. The Howard's built Steamboats on the Ohio River in Jeffersonville, Indiana, dating back to the 1800's, and their home was built in early 1900. This is the third annual car show to benefit the museum and the second year we have put it on.



# **1979 Buick Riviera: Then & Now**

Both of these pics are of a 1979 Buick Riviera. **\*\* Silver:** March 1978, me with a prototype vehicle in California doing a final Brake System evaluation prior to going into production.

**\*\* Gold:** September 2019, 40 years later I finally have one of my own in "The Man Cave"'.

~~~Jimmy Mayne



Editor Comments

As noted in the article above, I recently acquired a 40 year old vehicle of which I was a part of its mid '70's Engineering Team. The strange thing is that this car doesn't seem that old to me. I suppose that's a sign that I too am aging.

As I look around at our Membership, I don't see very many young faces. It makes me wonder, "Will there be a new generation of Classic Car enthusiasts to follow?"

Let's certainly hope so. In the meantime, we can all be happy that we have lived in the era that we do. As the saying goes, "I may be old, but I at least I got to drive all the Cool Cars."

~~~Jimmy Mayne maynejc@gmail.com



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## **October Mystery Photo**

Can you identify the Club Member & Vehicle in this photo taken about 1979-80? Answer will be published in next month's Stutter 'n Sputter.



September Photo Jim Wilson & friend in 1959 standing behind a 1958 Cadillac.

# **Anniversaries**

Sharon & Gene COHEN Karen & Stan WEINSTEIN Karen & Jack KNUESE Elaine & Ed SMITH Barbara & Richard BROWN Kimberly & Aaron QUINTENZ 26-Nov-1992

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We were making the first machine of considerable size in the history of the world for which every human being was a potential customer.

~~~Walter P Chrysler

Summer Project in Maine

Jeryl & I have been busy this summer doing an amateur restoration of a 1916 Saxon four cylinder roadster. The car was assembled from rusty parts we found in a Connecticut basement some years ago. Bit by bit, over the years I've been picking away at the car. But this year Jeryl was inspired to paint and complete the car for an exhibit on women's suffrage



at the Seal Cove Automobile Museum. And when Jeryl gets inspired... well, it's a call to action. The Saxon replicates "The Golden Flyer, a car driven across country and back... over 9,000 miles... by Alice Burke & Nell Richardson, stumping for passage of the 19th amendment, universal suffrage. We hope that the Saxon will be ready to deliver it to the Museum at the end of October.

~~~Alex Huppé

### **Birthdays**

| Dan KENNEDY        | 11-Oct |
|--------------------|--------|
| Ben BERMAN         | 11-0ct |
| Len BERMAN         | 11-0ct |
| Shirley WISE       | 16-0ct |
| Jack WINDT         | 16-0ct |
| Bob TONE           | 20-0ct |
| Linda HALL         | 24-0ct |
| Julia ZUHONE       | 25-0ct |
| Arlene EVANGELISTA | 07-Nov |
| Gail LANGENEGER    | 22-Nov |
| Stan WEINSTEIN     | 24-Nov |
| Gladys* DEVEREAUX  | 26-Nov |

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\*Deceased

