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Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter



Arcadia Florida Antique Tour
(see Pages 2 & 3)



Antique Tour to Arcadia, FL: 11-Jan-2020

(photos continued on Pg 3)

We had a nice group of 24 members and a variety of 11 cars meet at Stottlemeyer's BBQ parking lot to begin our tour of back roads to Arcadia to investigate the Antique Shops and enjoy lunch at the Magnolia Street Grill. We traveled several canopy roads, over a wooden platform bridge, down a single lane road, and covered some very nice "curvy bits", as the British call them, on the route to Arcadia. Cars included a rare 1958 Porsche 356, 1978 Cutlass Supreme, 1979 Buick Riviera Turbo, 1956 baby T Bird, 1956 Chrysler Imperial Newport "almost too wide for the single lane road we traveled down", and several British Cars. "Hats off" to these members who like to take their collector cars out for a good drive.

George, the owner of Magnolia Street Grill & Seafood presented his usual outstanding daily specials, great fresh fish dishes, and friendly excellent service. We always look forward to eating at the Grill.

Several members went on to Main Street to do some antiques. Others, like Debbie & I, chose to head back home. Cheers,

~~~Jim Wilson (Photos by Mayne)



Preparing for Departure



Gene Cohen

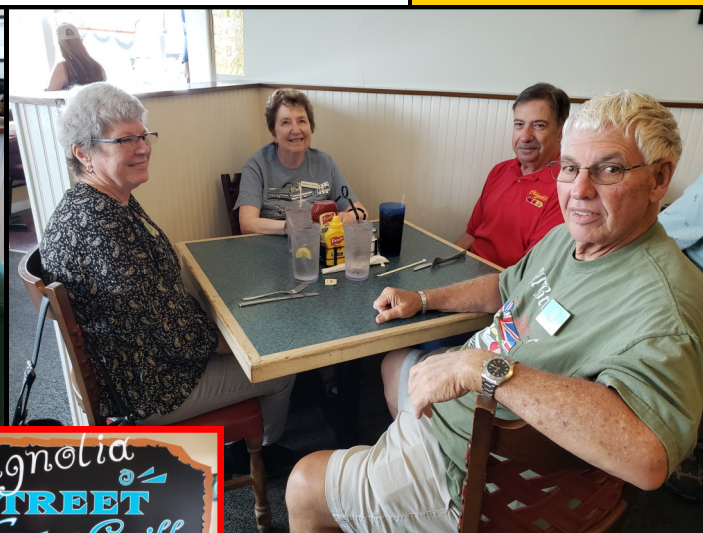


Bob ZuHone & Joe Malaney



Shirley Wise





### February Mystery Photo

Can you identify the Club Member (on the Left) & Vehicle in this photo taken about 1978? Answer will be published in next month's Stutter 'n Sputter.



### 2020 AACA WINTER NATIONALS

### FEBRUARY 27-29 MIAMI, FL



### January Photo

Joyce Tone (née LeMay) taken in 1961. She was sitting in Bob's 1955 Porsche 550RS which he later ran in the 1962 Pike's Peak Hill Climb.



## Feld Entertainment Tour: 24-Jan-2020

*(photos continued on Pg 5)*

After traversing some enjoyable back roads, including a drive around the west side of the lake at Nathan Benderson Park, everyone arrived on time at the large Feld complex. It is located on 46 acres, and is the third largest single-business building in Florida. (580,000 sq.ft., or the size of three football fields) Feld Entertainment is home to 600 full time employees, and houses over 10,000 costumes, including gorgeous, huge elephant blankets. The 50+ trucks for Monster Jam weigh 12000 lbs. each, and learning details about Monster Jam fabrication & shows was a favorite stop for the guys.

Feld Entertainment Studios produce only LIVE shows throughout the U.S. and globally. They include the former Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus; Disney on Ice; Marvel Universe LIVE; Monster Jam; Sesame Street LIVE; Jurassic World LIVE; and more. It was a unique and exciting experience, as Feld does not do public tours, and we thank Sabrina Lowe, Gail & Scott Langenegger's daughter, for being my "family only contact," and arranging the tour. It will be remembered as a highlight of the Sunshine Region's special events!

~~~Linda Langenegger

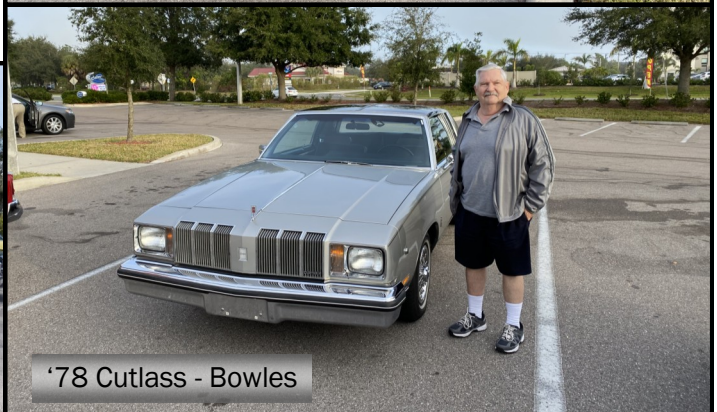
Photos: Knuese, Malaney, C Wilson, J ZuHone



'49 Plymouth - ZuHone



'79 Buick - Cavanaugh



'78 Cutlass - Bowles



River Roo Pub & Grill



'88 Porsche - Knuese



<< Karen Knuese
Linda Langenegger >>



<< Kristina Ronboletti
Sabrina Langenegger >>



Julia ZuHone



<< Al Ruckey
John Cavanaugh >>



Karen Knuese & Barb Shapiro

February President's Message

Hi Tourists. It's 2020, and I wish that was my vision. An elf escaped from jail, and the call went out "A small medium at large" Sorry ☹️, I couldn't resist . We had a great tour to Arcadia on the 11th. Really good lunch at the Magnolia Sea Food House and some antique shopping for those who wanted to join in. Thank you Jim Wilson for organizing the trip, nice job. A few months ago, I was at the dentist and into the office came a woman who later told me she was 95 years old. She was from Arcadia, and as we chatted she told me her family had lived there for over 150 years. Her grandmother was a little girl at the time. It seems a traveling pastor arrived in town and held a revival meeting. After the meeting the family invited the pastor to dinner. Apparently the pastor took a shine to the little girl who's name was Arcadia. The next day the pastor spoke to the mayor and suggested the town change it's name to Arcadia. A true story, maybe or maybe not, but interesting either way.

Please note included insert for this years schedule of meetings. As you are probably aware, not all will be on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Some additional 2020 scheduled club events:

- February 29th we will do Murder Mystery Dinner Train in Fort Myers. Contact Bob or Julia ZuHone

for more info including hotel recommendations.

- March 22nd will be our Second Annual Club Picnic at the Farm Bureau Pavilion on Palmer Blvd just past the Big Cat Habitat.

- May 27th will be our Club Pizza Meeting at Urfer Family Park on Honoré at Bee Ridge Rd. I am looking for someone to spearhead another tour. Linda and Jim can't do them all. ~~~Bob ZuHone

2020 Membership Meeting

Dates at Fire Station #2

| | | |
|-----------|------|-----------|
| January | 29th | Wednesday |
| February | 24th | Monday |
| March | 23rd | Monday |
| April | 20th | Monday |
| May | 27th | Wednesday |
| June | 24th | Wednesday |
| July | 22nd | Wednesday |
| August | 26th | Wednesday |
| September | 21st | Monday |
| October | 26th | Monday |
| November | 18th | Wednesday |
| December | 16th | Wednesday |

Calendar of Events

****Tue, Feb 18, 9AM: National Cemetery Tour**

Meet at Sommers Dutch Restaurant, 4000 Cattleman Rd, Sarasota 34233. Lunch following tour.

Fri-Sat, Feb 21-22: Carlisle Winter FL Autofest

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

****Mon, Feb 24, 7PM: Membership Meeting**

Firehouse #2, 2070 Waldemere St, Sarasota, 34239

****Sat, Feb 29: Murder Mystery Dinner Train 5:45PM**

boarding at 2805 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966, Cost \$106/person.

****Sun, Mar 22, 12-4PM: Sunshine Region Picnic**

Farm Bureau Pavilion, 7289 Palmer Blvd (east of Big Cat Habitat). Bring a dish to share.

Sun, Mar 29: AACA Venice Region Show

7AM-3PM, Centennial Park, Downtown Venice, FL

Sun, Apr 5, 9AM-1PM: 18th Annual Kimal Lumber BTAC
Venice Community Center (new location), 326 Nokomis Ave, South Venice, FL

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

****Wed, May 27:, 6PM Pizza Party & Membership Mtg**
Urfer Family Park, 4012 Honoré. Bring a dish to share.

Fri, 10 Jul: 11th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day

****Every Monday , 11:30AM: Lunch at Papa Nick's**
4940 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 (in Shopping Plaza) Questions? Call Gene Cohen (941) 587-4311

**AACA Sunshine Region Events

AACA National Meets & Tours

Feb 6-8 • Annual Convention • Philadelphia, PA

Feb 27-29 • Winter Nationals • Miami, FL

Apr 2-4 • SE Spring Nationals • Charlotte, NC

Membership Meeting: 29-Jan-2020

The monthly General Membership Meeting of the AACA Sunshine Region was held at 7 PM on Wednesday January 29, 2020 at the Sarasota County Fire Department Station #2. There were 39 members present. Call to order was at 7:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob zuHone.

Motion to accept minutes made by Linda Langenegger and seconded by Ed Smith.

Bill Swanton thanked Gerry Shapiro for all of his years of volunteering as Treasurer. Bob gave Gerry a bottle of Apple juice, a glass with a car base, and a gift certificate for Bonefish Grill. Bill Swanton reported that we have \$6196.45 in the checking account and \$3,907.83 in a CD. Bill said that for the year, only four advertisers have paid and that only 39 out of 62 members have paid their dues.

Bill suggested that we ask advertisers to speak at our meetings.

Arnold Berns will be going into the hospital for back surgery tomorrow.

The picnic will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at Florida Farm Bureau from 12-4 PM. We will invite advertisers.

A tour to the National Cemetery will be Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Club will meet at Sommers Restaurant at 9 AM,

go on tour, and then back to Sommers for lunch.

Murder Mystery Train ride will be February 29th, 2020.

Bob zuHone told of going to the 90th Anniversary of the Outdoor Academy. There were cars from every decade. He told stories about the kids questions and reaction to the old cars.

Cliff Wilson spoke about what is required for different classes at an AACA car show and how the judging system point system works.

Bob thanked Jim & Debbi Wilson for planning the tour to Arcadia and the Magnolia Street Seafood Grill. He also thanked Linda for the Feld tour. He asked for volunteers to organize tours so that it isn't the same people always doing the work.

Mark Spears was awarded the "Hard Luck Trophy" for running out of gas.

Linda mentioned that members, Bob zuHone & Cliff Wilson, were on the 2019 AACA National Winners List.

The Andersons were thanked for providing the refreshments.

Door prizes were won by Jack Knuese, a Pontiac shadow box, and Jim Wilson, a book of the history of GM.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob zuHone and seconded by Gene Cohen.

~~~Joan Bowles, Secretary

*(Editor's note: See photos on Page 8)*

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## Birthdays



|                  |        |                |           |
|------------------|--------|----------------|-----------|
| Peggy Pugh       | 13-Feb | James GOESE    | 15-Mar    |
| Steven HALL      | 15-Feb | Linda PIAZZA   | 21-Mar    |
| Dana ANDERSON    | 16-Feb | Roxanne LEEZER | 23-Mar    |
| Aaron QUINTENZ   | 24-Feb | Connie MAYNE   | 26-Mar    |
| Sal SANTORO      | 26-Feb | Mark SPEARS    | 26-Mar    |
| Tom* KAISER      | 27-Feb | Jim WILSON     | 28-Mar    |
| Linda LANGENEGER | 04-Mar |                | *Deceased |

## Anniversaries



|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Roxanne & Rod LEEZER         | 02-Feb-1974 |
| Gail & Scott LANGENEGER      | 28-Feb-2004 |
| Jan & Sal SANTORO            | 10-Mar-1973 |
| Jeryl SCHRIEVER & Alex HUPPE | 20-Mar-2010 |
| Barb & Gerry SHAPIRO         | 22-Mar-1964 |
| Joyce & Bob TONE             | 30-Mar-1963 |



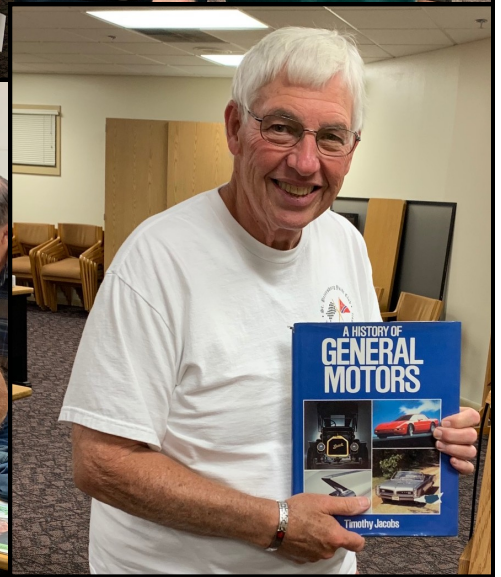
## 29-Jan-2020 Membership Meeting Photos

Top: Gerry Shapiro (L), Outgoing Treasurer, receiving tokens of appreciation from Bob ZuHone (R), Sunshine Region President.

Bottom Left: Mark Spears (L) receiving "Hard Luck Trophy" from Jack Knuese (R).

Bottom Center: Jack Knuese - First Door Prize Winner (Pontiac Grand Prix Shadow Box)

Bottom Right: Jim Wilson - Second Door Prize Winner (A History of General Motors)



## **Board of Directors Meeting: 20-Jan-2020**

Meeting held on January 20, 2020 at Papa Nick's restaurant. Attending were Bob zuHone, Linda Langenegger, Joe Malaney, Dick Brown, Ed Smith, Bill Swanton, Gerry Shapiro, Mark Spears, & Joan Bowles.

- Discussion about having a picnic again this year at the Farm Bureau. Last years turnout was good. Motion to hold a picnic was made by Mark Spears, seconded by Bill Swanton. Date is March 22, 2020. We will invite our advertisers.
- Las Vegas night was discussed.
- Devereaux-Kaiser show will be Sunday, April 19, 2020.
- Bill Swanton spoke of a possible tour to Parts Depot Center in Ocala. Other tours suggested included the Antique Boat Show in Mt Dora and a trip to Sebring.

- Murder Mystery Dinner Train will be February 29, 2020. There is a special deal at the motel if you want to say overnight.
- There will be an auction March 21, 2020 in Punta Gorda.
- Outdoor Academy would like cars for their 90th Anniversary. They need cars for each decade.
- It was suggested to have a Poker Run.
- Bill Swanton gave the Treasurer's Report
  - Checking: \$6,196.45
  - CD: \$3,907,83.
- Bill would like to have more ads in the Stutter 'n Sputter.

~~~Joan Bowles, Secretary


Private Collection near Mt Dora, FL

(continued on Pg 10)

Belle & I just returned from a great weekend up around Mt Dora, FL, to visit my brother and to see the "Gala of the Royal Horses" at the Grand Oaks Resort in Lady Lake. We certainly enjoyed all the training and riding that took place with these beautiful Lipizzaner, Spanish Andalusia, Friesians, & Arabians.

The next day after we got our horse fix, we visited a storage facility run by the company my brother worked for almost 25 years. The owner is quite the car collector, and his son has a business out of Orlando that rents classic cars for special events. The collection we saw all were low mileage and in many cases original paint & interiors. Larry, the owner, said they all had a story and many took several years to actually purchase. The one I liked (I guess I am always a Pontiac man) was a 1938 Pontiac Silver Streak convertible with a rare V8 engine. The story on this vehicle was a Pontiac dealer out of New York saw this car coming off the truck from the manufacturer back in 1938 and decided to keep it for himself. It remained in the dealers showroom until he passed away. It was then transferred to his son who only kept it for sentimental reasons. One year Larry was at Hershey, found the son's contact information, and decided to call him. The son said you can look, but it's not for sale. Larry went and looked at it, and despite previous warnings, made him an offer which of course was turned down. Over the years Larry would call twice a year just checking to see if the son might change is mind. It took twelve years, but on New Year's Day he called the son asking the same question. The son hesitated and asked what would you offer me? Larry checking before hand the guide price made him an offer, the son took a few minutes, came back on the phone and accepted Larry's offer!

Belle really like the black Buick Roadmaster which

reminded her of days in Germany when her dad had one while stationed overseas. This particular one has the original paint & interior with only 18,000 miles and was fully loaded. Another vehicle Larry found was a fully loaded 1957 Olds 98 Starfire. He first saw it on the cover of a magazine called *Collectible Automobile* dated February 1994. Again it took several years, but it's now a part of his collection. Other cars at the Mt Dora location are:

- 1954 Chevrolet with "PowerGlide" transmission lots a chrome, windshield visor, & a glass prism on the dash so you could see the stop lights that were blocked by visor
- 1941(?) Cadillac Series 75, not exactly sure of the year, this was a new trade waiting on detailing
- 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline Aerosedan with wood grain sides which was stunning!



'58 Buick



'38 Pontiac



'48 Chevy

Mt Dora Collection

(continued from Pg 9)

- 1940 or 41 Plymouth convertible, Larry found this for a friend several years ago while at Hershey. His friend ask to be on the lookout for one, and Larry said this was the best example he could find that year. It originally had a plaid interior, but his friend redid the interior in black. Several years later Larry's friend called and told him he had cancer and if he wanted the Plymouth, he would sell it to him for what he paid several years ago. So it came into Larry's collection.

On top of what he has in Mt Dora, Larry also collects scale models of all kinds of classic cars. He had about a dozen in his storage facility and about 600 at home! There is big sign on the wall that came with the building. The owner wanted \$30,000 for the sign and a Corvette shell sitting on top of the office. Larry agreed and then negotiated down the price of the building by

\$60,000. He is now in his 80's and nowadays enjoys showing his collection more than driving them. He plans to continue adding to his collection.

~~~Bill Swanton  
30-Dec-2019



'54 Chevy



Plymouth



Cadillac



**51st Annual Devereaux-Kaiser Car Show**  
**April 19th 2020**  
**Sarasota County Fairgrounds**  
**10am-3pm**

### Passing the Buck



Outgoing Treasurer, Gerry Shapiro, hands off Club Financial Records & Check Book to Bill Swanton.

*An inventor fails 999 times, and if he succeeds once, he's in. He treats his failures simply as practice shots.*  
 ~~~Charles Kettering


“Roar Before the 24” (Daytona, FL): January 3-5, 2020

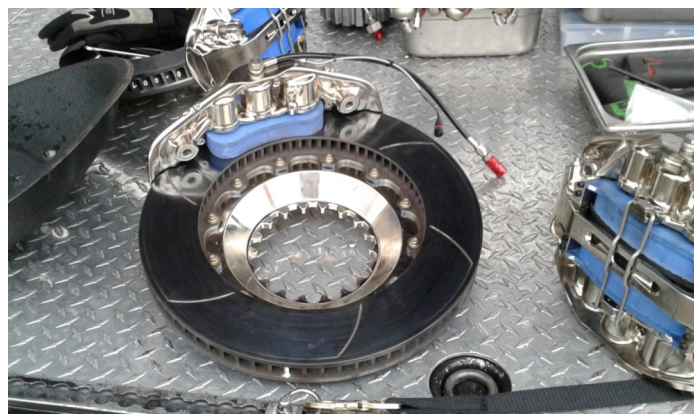
On Friday I drove to Daytona International Speedway to see the practice session for the 24 Hours of Daytona Endurance Race coming up January 22-26. It is a special event sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, International Motor Sports Association, and Daytona International Speedway. Scouts and their families camp in the infield for two nights. Tours, track walks, and autograph sessions are included for the kids. Best of all, the kids under 15 are free and adults pay only \$20 a day. General Admission for non scouts is still only \$20 a day with full access to the pits, what a deal! The pits are open to all, this access was unheard of before now. The new Corvette was a huge draw, I was able to take some great pictures (even touched the front spoiler), Racing and practice was continuous the whole three days.

I took pictures of the Corvette front brake rotor assemblies. They change the rotor, caliper, & pad assembly in less than a minute four times during the 24 hour race. There were several other classes of race cars participating as well. The Cadillac DPi cars, Lamborghini, Porsche GT RSR, McLaren, Acura NSX, BMW M3, and Aston Martin were some of the other famous marques.

Several famous drivers were seen walking through the pits including, Juan Pablo Montoya, Simon Pagenaud, Scott Dixon, Ryan Hunter-Reay and Kyle Busch of NASCAR fame.

This is the third year I have attended this event. A huge number of families and kids make it special. I plan to attend next year too.

~~~Jim Wilson



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### Editor Comments

The year 2020 is a “Leap Year” which occurs every four years resulting in February containing 29 days instead of the normal 28. This is done to keep our calendars in sync with the seasons. The early Egyptians were the first to calculate the need for periodic calendar adjustments, but it was Julius Caesar who actually changed the calendar in 45 BC. It wasn’t quite as simple back then because the “Julian Calendar” contained only 355 days instead of 365. Thus, an additional month was added to the calendar every 2-3 years.

Even with this change, there are still 11 excess minutes annually. Pope Gregory XIII instituted a revised “Gregorian Calendar” in 1582 so that leap years occur every four years except for years evenly divisible by 100 but not by 400. So now you know, enjoy your extra day!

~~~Jimmy Mayne, [maynejc@gmail.com](mailto:maynejc@gmail.com)



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