

STUTTER 'n SPUTTER

Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter

Our 1910 Hupmobile
~ Don Hughes~
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Our First Family Car - 1910 Hupmobile

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The Hupmobile was manufactured from 1909 through 1939 by the Hupp Motor Car Company of Detroit. On the cover is our 1910

(not 1907) Model 20 which was "Our First Family Car". I remember riding in it with my grandfather when I was seven years old. It remained in the family and was later left to me by my great uncle. It was my first old car, and I've had the bug ever since.

After spending several years in the basement of our store on Wyoming Ave (Scranton, PA), it was sold to Brian Spears, a Hupmobile Collector and self restorer in Greenwich, CT. The cover photo was taken in 2007 after the car had been sold, delivered, & subsequently reassembled in Connecticut. This is the way I remember our Hupmobile looking in 1951 when I rode in the HYDE PARK CENTENNIAL.

These last two photos illustrate the progress as of July 2019 and the restorer's comments: "New bearings have been added to the driveshaft, the axle housings are out to be machined to add bushings to the brake cross shafts. The housings were badly worn as well as the shafts, so something had to be done to ensure I am able to stop when needed. The front fenders were sandblasted and metal prepped so I can work on them without them becoming rust balls. The first order of business was to repair the brackets that mount them and now on to the sheet metal work. I learned long ago to make your pieces in place or you stand a good chance of having to make things twice. Everything fits so far!"



It's hard to believe that this is actually the same car some 12 years later. Also, note in the background of the last picture is what appears to be a Hupmobile Skylark. That was the last car the company produced before shutting down in 1939. ~~~Don Hughes

Early River Crossing

Editor's Note: I wonder if they always made it. Thanks Al Ruckey for the photo.



There was a study done in the early 20th century of all the entrepreneurs who entered the automobile industry around the same time as Henry Ford; there were something like 500 automotive companies that got funded, had the internal combustion engine, had the technology, and had the vision. Sixty percent of them folded within a couple of years.

~~~Eric Ries

Golf Lakes Car Show (Bradenton, FL): 23-Feb-2020

This was the third time for this annual event held at our over 55 retirement community in Bradenton. It was the perfect weather day which begins with a cruising parade in the park leading to the show in the Club House area parking lots. Over 100 cars, entertainment by Lance's "Cruzin' to the Hop" music, lots of food by the park's kitchen volunteers, quilt raffle, and many trophies awarded. There was a great, enthusiastic crowd on hand with the residents looking back at memories of old iron in their past. The show benefits the Wounded Warrior program. A Manatee Sheriff Department vehicle led the parade with three WWII veterans being honored. 60 plus park volunteers make it possible to be successful. A fantastic benefit show for a great cause!

~~~Cliff Wilson

Photos: J Mayne & C Wilson



1955 Pontiac Star Chief



1948 Hudson



1932 Pontiac



1953 Buick Custom



Camaro Scale Mock-Up

## What Is It?

In the 1890s as the automobile began appearing on the streets and roads no one quite knew what to call it. The term horseless carriage seemed to get used often, however the that name didn't live up to the importance of the invention.

While the first American automobile race was being planned in 1895, Herman Henry Kohlsaatt, the owner of the Chicago Times Herald, the sponsor of the race decided to get some publicity. The newspaper sponsored a contest to come up with a better name for the automobile for which there was a \$500 prize.

There were thousands of entries. The paper decided to split the prize three ways and declared the winning name "motorcycle". The name was unsuccessful and soon faded away, at least on four wheel vehicles. The following is a list of some other names that didn't make it: quadricycle, autobat, autocar, autocycle, autogen, autogo, autokinet, automotor, autopher, autovic, self-motor, motor-wagen, farmobile, gasmobile, lancarmobile, pneumobile, steammobile, texmobile, zentmobile, ipsometer, petromobile, and trundle.

It isn't certain how the car finally became known as the automobile, but it is generally accepted that the British were the ones that firmly planted the name. By 1910,

the name was quite universally accepted around the world.

The early days of motoring required a stalwart person or persons to be a motorist, it was not for the faint of heart. A requirement for at least a basic mechanical knowledge and a bag of tools. Before the use of alcohol or antifreeze the engine was drained after each use, obviously so it wouldn't freeze in cold weather, but another reason was so that hot water could be added to make the vehicle easier to start the next time it was needed.

An important part of starting was making sure the engine had gasoline. In those early days most cars had something called a petcock above each cylinder to which was added a little gasoline to prime the engine and make it run.

Oh how different the modern auto is. I have so often heard people say they don't make them like they used to, I say that it is a good thing. I think what people really mean is that modern cars don't have any personality. I can still remember when every car had its own distinctive look.

~~~Bob ZuHone

Calendar of Events

Be sure to Check Email for Changes

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

****Mon, Apr 20, 7PM: Membership Meeting**
Firehouse #2, 2070 Waldemere St, Sarasota, 34239

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

May 27-31 Spring Carlisle Auction, Carlisle, PA

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

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## AACA National Meets & Tours

To our valued members:

The AACA and its affiliates are monitoring issues related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as abiding by the CDC and other governmental agency recommendations. Our members are our utmost concern and we will make notifications as necessary should our events or operations be affected in any way.

**AACA National Board of Directors**

**Apr 23-25 • Western Spring Nationals • Show Low, AZ**

**Apr 26-May 1 • Founders Tour • Show Low, AZ**

**May 7-9 • Central Spring Nationals • Auburn, IN**

**May 13-16 • Eastern Division Tour • East Shore of MD**

**Jun 12-14 • SE Spring Nationals • Charlotte, NC**

## April President's Message

Hi Tourists,

Well we have had an interesting month with almost all of our car events canceled. The fire department contacted me and said that they would not be able to provide our meeting room until after the corona thing is over. I should keep in touch with them and find out when they are going to be able to reopen the room. I guess that you'll have time to do things around home, like work on old cars and do our "honey do list" provided by the chairman of the board. I don't know about you, but I certainly have one.

I am concerned about the Devereaux-Kaiser show, and I know that the firemen are too. The important thing is that we all stay healthy. As much as I love old cars, our health is more important.

The folks at the Farm Bureau were very nice about my canceling the pavilion reservation for our picnic.

Please be careful and safe. This too shall pass.

~~~~Bob

Anniversaries



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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Pauline & William MARTIN | 08-Apr |
| Heather & Phil DICARLO | 10-Apr-2010 |
| Jackie & Al RUCKEY | 19-Apr-1965 |
| Julia & Bob ZUHONE | 09-May-2001 |
| Nita & Matthew ZUHONE | 22-May-2003 |
| Gael & John ANDERSON | 24-May-1964 |



April Mystery Photo

Can you identify the Club Member & Vehicle in this photo taken in 1958? Answer will be published in next month's Stutter 'n Sputter.



Birthdays



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|-----------------|--------|
| Rod LEEZER | 07-Apr |
| Sharon COHEN | 08-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 |

March Photo

Alex Huppé with his 1959 Desoto. Photo taken in the Fall of 1987 in upstate New York.

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Florida HCCA Spring Tour: March 5-8, 2020

The Florida Region HCCA Spring Tour took place in the Villages on Thursday through Sunday. The “Wayfaring Widows”, Jacki Kaiser & Linda Langeneger, traveled to the host hotel in Spanish Springs where they anticipated riding in the back seat (with top down) of a 1915 Model “T” Ford! Other Sunshine Region members on tour were Jeryl Schriever & Alex Huppé.

Thursday night’s festivities included meeting old & new friends and enjoying a Pizza supper! Friday morning the tour participants visited Dennis Thompson and his Gypsy Gold Farm in Ocala. It is the home of Gypsy Vanner horses brought to the US in 1995 from Britain’s Gypsy breeders who developed the beautiful stock. Once in the U.S. the horses were established as a recognized breed for the first time. Gypsy Vanner horses are known for their elegant heads and feathered (hairy) legs; a truly gorgeous spectacle!

Then the tour visited a private car collection of outstanding vehicles, including a hearse with the license plate, “CHOOSE LIFE!” A little irony there!

Saturday morning was extremely cold, especially in the back seat of a top down “T”. The “Wayfaring Widows” were so bundled up it was difficult to turn their heads, but the sunshine filled day and the beautiful scenery helped ease the morning’s freezing ride.

The Florida State Fire College was the museum and lunch stop. This school is where firefighters attend classes for additional training: search & rescue, burning vehicles, kitchen fires, etc. Instructors demonstrated with two cars how they are taught to put out vehicles fires. Very interesting! The “Wayfaring Widows” made their way back to Sarasota on Sunday, later finding out their next tour was cancelled. One tour for now was good, but we are ready for their next back seat adventure!
 ~~~Linda Langeneger



1912 Model “T”



Gypsy Gold Farm



Vanner Stallion

### AACA Touring Award

10K Mile Pin earned by Jim Wilson for passing the mark in 2019. He has logged a total of 11,201 tour miles in his Triumph TR6.  
 Congratulations!



## “Dangerous Ladies Shindig”



Sunshine Region members Jeryl Schriever & Alex Huppé attended Florida Studio Theatre’s (FST) annual fundraiser 24-Feb in support of the FST Suffragist Project, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

## 2nd Gen Olds 442 ('68-'72)



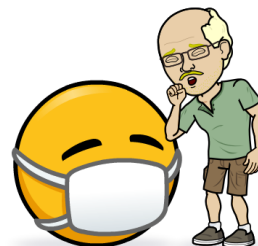
## Editor Comments

Wow, I certainly did not see this coming. The lingering impact of the global COVID-19 virus has forced a lifestyle change for all Americans. But fortunately, we live in the greatest country on earth, with the best human & physical resources required to beat this, and we will. The restrictions being placed on us are temporary. Although it means inconveniences, these are for our own well being as well as for the protection of others.

March is historically one of the best times on the Gulf Coast of Florida for Car Enthusiasts. However, this year the words of the month were “CANCELLED” or “POSTPONED”. This applied to all Sunshine Region events, most Local Cruise-Ins, and many great annual shows: AACA Venice Region, “A Vette Together”, Kimal Lumber, Gamble Mansion, Gasparilla Concours, & more.

The April calendar is based on the best info I have, but it will certainly be changing as the pandemic developments evolve. Barb Shapiro will keep us updated by email regarding Club activities. In the meantime, avoid unnecessary trips & personal contacts, and catch up on home (i.e. car) projects . And most importantly, pray for our Leaders, Medical Professionals, & others that are on the front line. As Bob states in his April Presidents Message, “This too shall pass.”

~~~Jimmy Mayne, maynejc@gmail.com



1948 Triumph 1800 Roadster Coupe

~Barry Alexander, Owner~

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1953 Bentley R Type
 ~Steve Hall~



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