

# STUTTER 'n SPUTTER

Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter



1953 Hudson Hornet  
~ Dave Lanning ~



### 34th Annual Lemon Bay AACA: 08-Mar-2020

*(photos continued on Pg 3)*

The Lemon Bay AACA Car Show is held every year on the second Sunday of March at the Elks Lodge in Englewood, FL. As it turns out, this was the last major show to get in just under the wire before COVID-19 forced cancellation of all large gatherings in the area. The weather was perfect with sunny skies & low humidity. I didn't get an exact count on the number of cars entered, but I'm estimating that there were over 150. It's always a great show, and it gives us an opportunity to reconnect with friends from other nearby AACA Regions. In addition to the Lemon Bay, there are always several Venice Region members participating. Dave Lanning from Englewood was there with his 1953 Hudson Hornet (Cover Photo) which won the People's Choice Award. I also got a chance to chat with Bill Trier from Venice who brought

his beautifully restored 1929 Ford Model "A" which he has decided to sell. As always this event has the makings of a great show including a live DJ, food vendors, car corral, swap meet, dash plaques, & lots of trophies. Congratulations Lemon Bay Region on another outstanding event! ~~~Jimmy Mayne



1929 Model "A"  
~Bill Trier~



1953 Hudson  
~Dave Lanning~



1958 Cadillac



1980 Buehrig



1951 Henry J



1937 Cadillac 60



1955 Ford Skyliner



1957 Buick Century



Lemon Bay Region  
Englewood, FL



1934 Ford Phaeton



1961 LeSabre



1958 Impala

*Gas is almost under a dollar. Restaurants are all drive-in style. And everyone has shaggy hair.  
Welcome back to the **1970s!***

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## Eleven Days of Hell

Being 83 years old, when it was announced that the coronavirus, Covid-19, was spreading around the country, naturally I was concerned about my wife and myself. Little did I know what grief this virus was about to bring to our family.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Day 1:** My daughter-in-law called to say our son, David, had lost his taste and smell and he wasn't feeling good. Now, our son is 57, a diabetic with a history of a heart attack.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, Day 2:** She called to say he had a severe headache, high temperature, a cough and nausea. Wow, this sounded just like what they were saying were the symptoms for coronavirus. She called the doctor who said to monitor his progress, keep his temp down and DO NOT BRING HIM TO THE HOSPITAL unless he can't breathe.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, Day 3:** His symptoms were much worse but his breathing was still OK. Doctor said he would send someone out to bring testing kit but David would have to test himself. Test kit didn't arrive until the next day.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, Day 4:** Even isolated and running temp he gave himself the test and the nurse told his wife that the results would be back in 7-10 days. As you can imagine, my wife and I were beside ourselves. Not only could we not see him but his condition seemed to be worsening. He was in isolation, not eating, now aching all over and continuing to run a temp, the only bright spot was his breathing still was ok.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, Days 5 thru 9:** Very little change in his condition, things are looking rather bleak and all of us are beginning to have second thoughts about his chances of making it. His sisters are calling every day

and all are praying for improvement since there is really nothing his wife can do but try to fix him meals and give him support. All their communication is via their cell phones since he is isolated in the back bedroom of their house. At this time he is eating very little and spends most of the time sleeping.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, Day 10:** We get a call from his wife that his temp has spiked and he is laying on the floor sweating. A panic call to the doctor offered little reassurance, if his breathing gets labored send him to the hospital. Later in the day his temp goes down and he ate a little for supper, but what would tomorrow bring, our hope was leaving.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>, Day 11:** We got a text from our daughter-in-law that he wanted breakfast and he didn't have a temperature. His chest was no longer hurting and his blood sugar had finally settled down. He ate lunch and at 4pm he requested that we come out in the backyard to see him (we live next door). He looked pretty good considering and he sounded good. That night he ate supper for the first time since he got sick.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, Day 12:** No symptoms, no temp, no chest pain and no cough. HE HAD MADE IT.

It is now April 16<sup>th</sup>, he is getting his strength back and feels better each day. Our prayers have been answered. What have we learned from all of this? Prayer works, we have a wonderful daughter-in-law and loving family and friends. And what is my message to you who are reading this? Take this virus seriously and hug your kids tight.

~~~Bruce Skaggs

## Calendar of Events

**Be sure to Check Email for Changes**

**Jun 17-20: Spring Carlisle Expo & Auction, Carlisle, PA**

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

\*\*AACA Sunshine Region Events

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## AACA National Meets & Tours

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

**Jun 24-27 • Eastern Spring Nationals • Beckley, WV**

**Jul 19-24 • Reliability Tour • LockHaven/Wellsboro, PA**

**Jul 23-25 • Annual Grand Nationals - Allentown, PA**

**Aug 12-14 • Eastern Division Tour • East Shore of MD**

## May President's Message

Hi Tourists (that aren't touring),

I hope that everyone is well. I suspect that you are all ready to get back to normal. I have heard the doomsday predictors say that we will never be back to the way it was. I don't agree with that sad outlook. We live in a country with the finest medical system and research facilities in the world. Perhaps the most important factor is the indomitable spirit of the American people. I am not willing to spend the rest of my life living in isolation. It isn't going to happen overnight, but it will happen.

I have spent three weeks cleaning my garage, looking at things that I put on the shelf and had forgotten about. It is amazing how long I can spend just going through one box and finding that I went out to buy something that was in that box in the garage. And I could not find it or else I forgot it was there. I'm sure that no one else has had that issue. Oh, by the way, it isn't done yet!

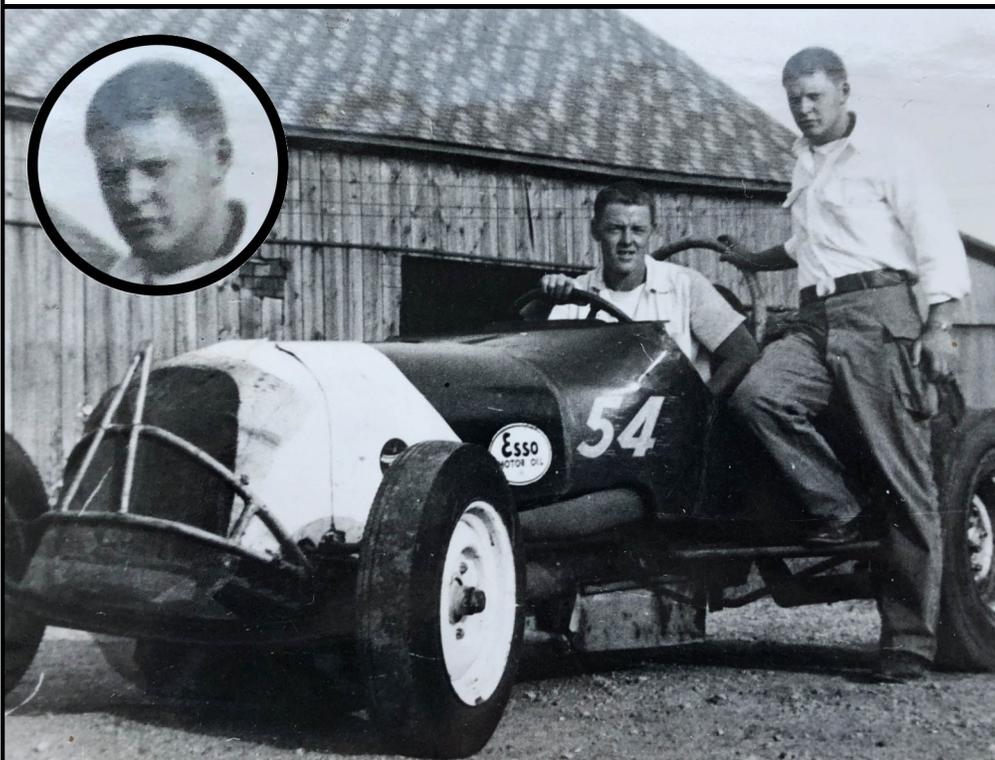
I am looking forward to seeing everyone's face again, in person that is. Communicating by computer & phone is great, but not the same as seeing a smiling face.

Don't let the present situation get you down.

~~~Bob

## May Mystery Photo

*Can you identify the Club Member (standing) with his brother in this photo taken circa 1950-51? Answer will be published in next month's Newsletter.*



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### April Photo

Joe Malaney, (age 23) in  
his 1957 Chevy. Photo  
taken in 1958.

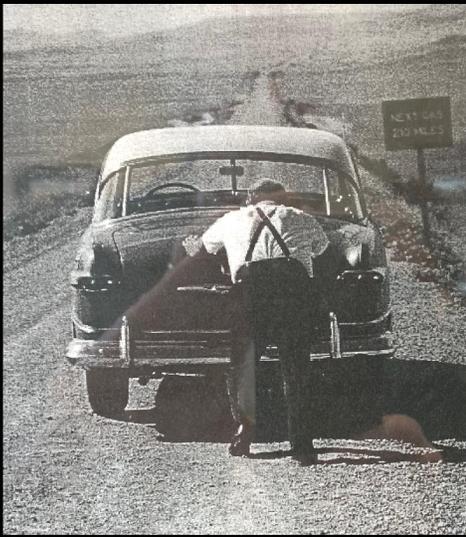
### Tales from Final Assembly

I worked in the Oldsmobile Main Assembly Plant in Lansing, MI, the summers between my college years of 1967,68, & 69. One of the most memorable experiences is when I had just worked a double shift and was leaving with a thousand other employees, all rushing out the same main gate past the security station. I noticed in front of me were two guys carrying a Cutlass bucket seat between them, and it was

wearing a hat & coat. I was warned to keep my eyes forward or else!  
The final assembly plant at the time was like the wild west. The union was so strong nobody worried about getting fired. It was great for me, I worked double shifts just about every Monday & Friday because of the high rate of absenteeism.

~~~Jim Wilson

### Next Gas - 210 Miles



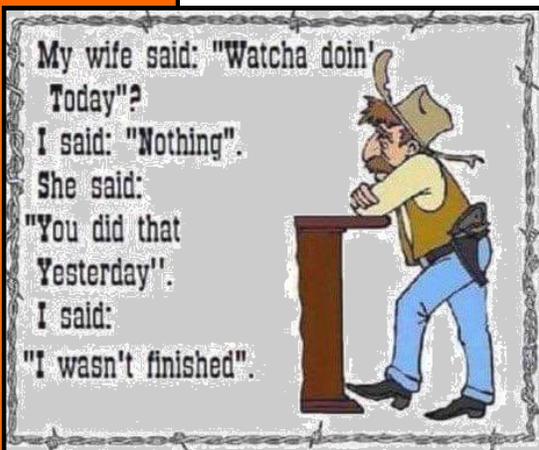
We've always loved the automobile, and we all love Henry Ford's original vision to open the highways to all mankind, the freedom & movement.  
~~~Alan Mulally

*The world has flipped upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their children are yelling at them to stay indoors.  
"It's for your own good!"*

### Anniversaries



|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Julia & Bob ZUHONE    | 09-May-2001 |
| Nita & Matthew ZUHONE | 22-May-2003 |
| Gael & John ANDERSON  | 24-May-1964 |
| Tootie & Dan KENNEDY  | 03-Jun-1968 |
| Linda & Tony PIAZZA   | 03-Jun-1969 |
| Janet & Calvin HIGH   | 17-Jun-1954 |



*After six weeks of quarantine, wives have started knitting scarves for their husbands.*



*They said a Mask & Gloves were enough to wear to the grocery store.  
They lied, everybody else was wearing clothes.*

## Editor Comments

By the time you receive this Newsletter, most of us will have been in "Self Quarantine" for over six weeks. It has gradually made me start thinking & acting more like a dog. I sit on the sofa staring out the window hoping to see someone walk by. I roam the house looking for food. And I get really excited at the idea of taking a ride in the car.

Most of our Snowbird members have departed without us having the opportunity to say "Goodbye". We wish you all a great Summer and look forward to your return in the Fall. Hopefully, you will keep us informed of your northern activities.

There isn't much on the calendar. All Sunshine Region events through May have been cancelled. Also, all National AACA events for the month have either been cancelled or rescheduled.

I have been asked by some of you about the short term future of the Stutter 'n Sputter. I would like to keep it going if I can get enough material. At the moment this is the only thing that the club has that's still active. There won't be any articles about local car shows because there won't be any new shows for a while. I still have a couple of fillers in the file, but I'm hoping to be able to include a few blurbs regarding your "Stay at Home"



activities. Also, this would be an ideal time to scavenge through those boxes for future "Mystery Photos". If anyone has any other thoughts, please let me know.

Until then, good luck to us as we move into the next steps required to get our country back to normal.

~~~Jimmy Mayne, maynejc@gmail.com

## Birthdays



|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Joan BOWLES        | 04-May |
| Joyce TONE         | 06-May |
| Belle SWANTON      | 08-May |
| Steve AKI          | 15-May |
| Jacki KAISER       | 02-Jun |
| Tootie KENNEDY     | 03-Jun |
| Joe MALANEY        | 06-Jun |
| John ANDERSON      | 08-Jun |
| Jimmy MAYNE        | 08-Jun |
| AI RUCKEY          | 11-Jun |
| Elaine SMITH       | 12-Jun |
| Alex HUPPE         | 18-Jun |
| Cliff WILSON       | 22-Jun |
| Gordon* LANGENEGER | 23-Jun |
| Carolyn SKAGGS     | 23-Jun |

\*Deceased

## A Man's Happiness

- Give a man a car; he'll be happy for the day.
- Give a man a woman; he'll be happy for the night.
- Give a man a woman who loves cars; he'll be happy for life.

## Is Our Treasurer a Time Traveler?

1985 "Back to the Future" 2020  
Dr Emmett Brown Bill Swanton



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2001 BMW Z3  
 ~Jimmy Mayne~



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