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Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter



Sunshine Region Meeting
Social Distancing
~ Jacki Kaiser's "Wits End" ~
(more on Pages 2 & 3)



Sunshine Region Membership Meeting: 24-Jun-2020

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President
~Bob ZuHone~



'84 Eldorado

The monthly General Membership Meeting of the AACA Sunshine Region was held June 24, 2020 at 10:30AM at Jacki Kaiser's house.

Meeting called to order by Bob ZuHone. Bob said that as of now the fire house is not available and they do not know when it will be.

Linda Langenegger spoke about the car tour on July 10, 2020. It is Collector Car Appreciation Day. We will meet at The Landings at 10:45AM. We will end at Detwiler's for ice cream.

The club has been asked to do a Birthday drive by. No information was at hand. Bob ZuHone will follow up. The Cohen's donated a picnic basket. It was suggested by Joan Bowles to give it to Jacki Kaiser for hosting the meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Swanton at 11:30AM and seconded by Frank Bowles.

~~~Jon Bowles, Secretary



*Editors Note: 24 Club Members & one puppy (that disliked being photographed) were on hand for an outdoor meeting where we could practice Social Distancing. The giant oak trees at "Wits End" gave us ample shade and provided the perfect setting for our monthly meeting. "Thank You" to Jacki Kaiser for making the venue available. Photos by Mayne, Swanton, & ZuHone.*



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## July President's Message

Greetings Tourists,  
 I hope this finds everyone well although a bit warm. Some club members joined Jim & Deborah Wilson on Sunday June 21st for a tour to Venice to drive by Jim's mother's house to help celebrate her 97th birthday. "Happy Birthday June". We held our June club meeting at Wits End, Jackie Kaiser's home, a pastoral setting amongst beautiful old oak trees. Many in attendance noticed that it was a bit warm outside that day. There was a lot of room for social distancing. Jacki has invited us for the July meeting with this alteration. We will be meeting on her large lanai where there are fans to cool the air, and it is suggested that you bring your lunch along with your folding chairs.

Quite a few members brought their old cars and therefore, the yard was like a small car show. Very nice. I just heard back from the lady who would like us to drive past her house for her son's birthday. He is nine years old and loves cars of any type. I would like to see if we can get some members to join in a drive-by. His birthday is July 4<sup>th</sup>, and we can do the tour any time of the day. I am thinking in the morning before it gets too hot. Their address is in Palmetto, and it is about 22 miles from Fruitville Rd. If anyone can do this, please call me (941) 371-9339 or email [zuhone@verizon.net](mailto:zuhone@verizon.net). Please keep healthy. Best regards,

~~~Bob

Birthdays



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|-------------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Nita ZUHONE | 01-Jul | John CAVANAUGH | 09-Jul | Pauline MARTIN | 10-Aug |
| Ed SMITH | 05-Jul | Tony PIAZZA | 10-Jul | Wendy CARTIER | 13-Aug |
| Mary WILSON | 06-Jul | William MARTIN | 10-Jul | Jack KNUESE | 13-Aug |
| Jeryl SCHRIEVER | 07-Jul | Calvin HIGH | 10-Jul | Arnold BERNS | 15-Aug |
| Georgia NICHOLSON | 07-Jul | Gerry SHAPIRO | 25-Jul | Cathy AKI | 27-Aug |
| Jackie RUCKEY | 09-Jul | Janet HIGH | 03-Aug | Barbara BROWN | 27-Aug |

Mistakes are a part of life; you can't avoid them. All you can hope is that they won't be too expensive and that you don't make the same mistake twice. ~~~Lee Iacocca

Calendar of Local Events

- ** Sat, 04 Jul: Birthday Drive-By**
Palmetto, FL - See President's Message. Contact Bob ZuHone if you can participate.
- **Fri, 10 Jul, 10:45AM: Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day Tour** - See details on Page 6.
- **Wed, Jul 22, 10:30AM: Membership Meeting**
"Wits End", 2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240
- **Every Monday, 11:30AM: Lunch at Papa Nick's**
Per Gene Cohen, the Monday lunch group is **CANCELED** until further notice.

**AACA Sunshine Region Events

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## AACA National Meets & Tours

- Jul 19-24** • Reliability Tour • Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA
  - Sep13-18** • Revival AAA Glidden Tour (VMCCA) • Saratoga Springs, NY
  - Oct 19-23** • Central Division Tour • Broken Arrow, OK
- Rescheduled or Canceled**
- Aug 12-15** (was May 13-16) • Eastern Division Tour • East Shore of MD
  - Aug 20-22** (Canceled) • Southeastern Fall Nationals • Elizabeth, IN
  - Aug 21-22** (was Jul 23-25) • Annual Grand Nationals • Allentown, PA
  - Oct 10** (Swap Meet Canceled, Car Show Only) • Eastern Fall Nationals • Hershey, PA

## Editor Comments

Happy 244th birthday to the United States of America! May God continue to bless this great nation and get us back on track after a difficult past few months.

It is great to see that restrictions are beginning to be lifted in Florida. The bad news is that we are now in the off season for Car Shows & Cruise-Ins here on the gulf coast. "Cadillac Jimmy" is done until September. "Lance's Crusin' to the Hop" plans to continue with a few monthly events through the Summer. I haven't seen anything from "DJ Jeff Parks", so will just have to wait and see. I hope everyone had a chance to work on their auto related projects while quarantined. I was able to make some progress but certainly not as much as I should have considering the time available.

I spent over a week cleaning out the fuel tank of my '73 Honda CL450. The "Red-Kote" that I applied six years ago had lifted, and the rust had returned. Following the time consuming repair, Bill Swanton came over to help get it running. We quickly found that the battery would first have to be replaced. We needed another project, so we decided to realign '53 Chevy front bumper.

It took us over three hours to do the job! I suggested that we celebrate by having "Happy Hour". Bill's response, "I've reached the age where "Happy Hour" is a nap".

Considering my state of exhaustion, I realized that Bill had the better idea. So we agreed to call it a day.

~~~Jimmy Mayne  
maynejc@gmail.com



Anniversaries



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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Peggy & Henry PUGH | 06-Jul-1973 |
| Connie & Jimmy MAYNE | 31-Jul-1965 |
| Doris & James GOESE | 02-Aug-1952 |
| Carolyn & Bruce SKAGGS | 02-Aug-1958 |
| Mary & Cliff WILSON | 20-Aug-1966 |
| Arlene & Al EVANGELISTA | 23-Aug-1969 |



Swap Corner

1929 Chevrolet Radiator Shell in good condition. Will need new plating.
Shirley Wise (941) 484-3857\$125

1970 Buick Electra convertible, red, red or white interior, white top.
John Cavanaugh (941) 350-2157WANTED

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Do you have "Auto Related" items to sell, or is there something that you are looking for? Let people know by listing it in SnS. ~~~Editor

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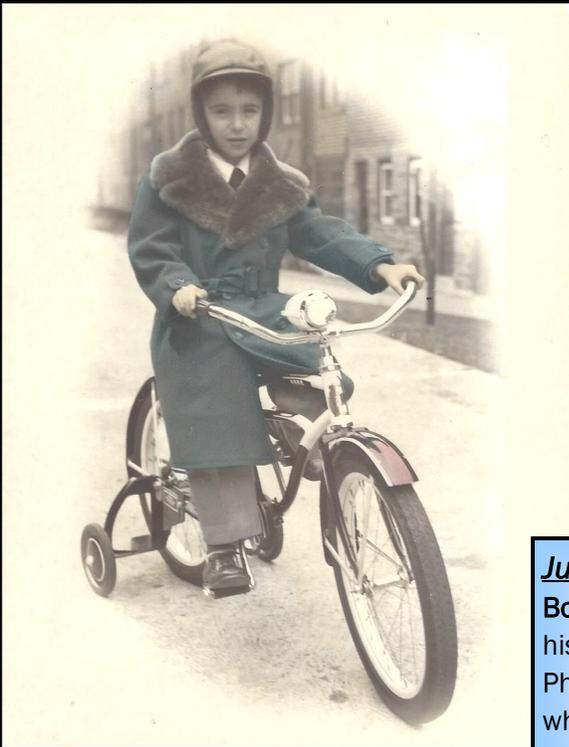
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### July Mystery Photo



Can you identify the Club Member in this photo taken circa 1953-54? His family did not have a car until he was older. Answer will be published in next month's Stutter 'n Sputter.

#### June Photo

Bob ZuHone with his 1941 Cadillac. Photo was taken while in high school about 1961.

## JULY 10, 2020 COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

Our annual National Collector Car Appreciation Day Tour will be held on Friday, July 10, 2020. We will meet at 10:45AM, with a prompt departure at 11AM, at the new Starbucks in "The landings", out front between Olive Garden and Sweet Tomatoes. There will be no breakfast this year, but arrive early if you want to have a cup of coffee at Starbucks!

Our tour will be traveling up Siesta Key with some back roads, ending with the traditional ice cream stop!

Please RSVP to Linda Langeneger at 941-960-3477 or emf30gl@verizon.net I'm hoping you can join us, and I look forward to seeing you again!

Your tour host,

~~~Linda Langeneger

Sunshine Region AACA Virtual Meeting: 04-Jun-2020

It had been such a long time since we had been able to see each other, Bob ZuHone & Barb Shapiro decided to go digital using ZOOM technology. It was a huge success with 25 folks participating via 17 connections.

We even had members tie in from Pennsylvania & Maine. Following a few business items, we got to the main purpose which was to "just catch up" after our many days in quarantine. ~~~Jimmy Mayne



Joan Bowles

Scott

Fathers' Day Drive & Birthday Celebration: 21-Jun-2020

The Sunshine Region AACA & the Suncoast British Car Club teamed up for a two hour drive through some of Florida's more picturesque roads. Our drive started on Fruitville Road and wound its way down to Venice. Along the way we drove past the home of June Wilson, the mother of SBCC President, Jim Wilson. Mrs Wilson was celebrating her 97th birthday. All 19 cars in our group held up signs, blew our horns, & waved pompoms as we circled the block where June lives. We then headed to Nokomis Groves for some well deserved ice cream. We had 14 of our AACA members participating with eight cars represented out of the 19 cars that participated. All in all, a great turn out and great fun with no car issues on a very hot day.

~~~Bruce Skaggs



## Pourquoi? Parce Que J'Aime Cette Voiture!

I was at Jeff Albrecht's Service, and this Renault "Le Car" was there. The sunroof was missing, the opening covered with a piece of plywood, and spare tire tied in place with a rope. The interior looked quite sad and was filled with odds & ends. It also had a flat tire and quite a bit of surface rust. So what's unusual here you ask. Well, the little car had Utah plates on it. I asked Jeff about someone driving it all the way from Utah; Jeff said he didn't drive it, he brought on a trailer. The owner left Sarasota with his truck & trailer and got to Tallahassee where the transmission on his truck went bad. The gentleman left the truck at a repair shop, rented another truck, then proceeded to Utah. He picked up the Renault, made his way back to Sarasota, dropped it off, and went back to Tallahassee to pick up his repaired truck & return the rental truck. My guess is the cost of retrieving this sad little car probably exceeded its value by ten times. I can't help but wonder what happened in that car to make it so valuable to the owner. Any guesses?????

~~~Bob ZuHone



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