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Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter



1963 REO Bus
~ Steven & Linda Hall ~
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1963 REO Bus (AKA: "Feedwagon")

(continued from Front Cover)

I was told that this 1963 REO bus started out as a city bus in California, and then at some point was converted into an RV. When I got it, it was totally stripped down, and the original gas engine had been converted to a Detroit Diesel engine. In January of this year, I met an interesting person who had a vision of turning the bus into a mobile diner, and we have become equal partners on the project. We went with a Cuban inspired theme and proceeded to transform it accordingly. It has been a very fun project and is almost complete. We can't wait to get it licensed and on the road. We call it the REO Feedwagon!!

Specs: 30 feet long; 6V53 Detroit Diesel engine: Six-Speed Allison transmission; Air Brakes; Semi Truck sized tires with new rims (got rid of the split rims).

~~~Steven Hall

*Editor's Note: REO is an acronym for Ransom Eli Olds. See article on Page 3.*



Looking Forward



Looking Rearward

## Ransom Eli Olds (03-Jun-1864 to 26-Aug-1950)

- Ransom Olds founded the “Olds Motor Vehicle Company” on 21-Aug-1897 in Lansing, MI.
- Company was sold to Samuel L Smith in 1899 and moved to Detroit under the name of “Olds Motor Works”. Ransom Olds stayed on as Vice President & General Manager.
- The factory caught fire 09-Mar-1901 destroying all prototypes except for the Curved Dash Runabout which was put into production later that year.
- The Curved Dash was mass produced using the first stationary assembly line, and output went from about 425 in 1901 to 2500 in 1902.
- Ransom Olds left his original company in 1904,

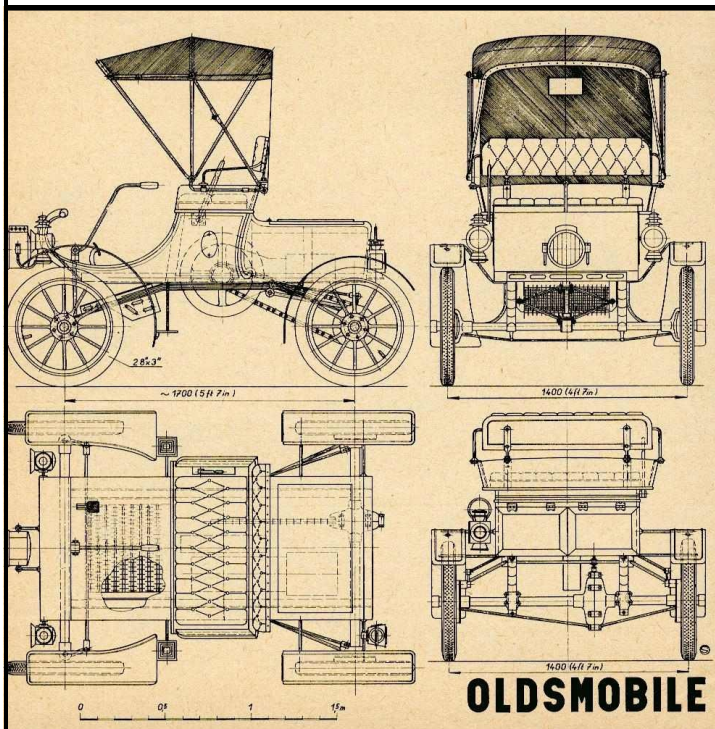
returned to Lansing, and then started the “REO Motor Car Company”. REO manufactured a variety of cars, trucks, & buses from 1905 to 1975.

- On 16-Sep-1908 William C Durant capitalized General Motors and bought several companies including the “Olds Motor Works”.
- GM continued production of “Oldsmobile” models from 1908 until 2004.

~~~Jimmy Mayne



1901 Olds Curved Dash Runabout



Calendar of Events

****Tue, Sep 22: Senior Living Facilities Drive-By**
Contact Bob ZuHone to sign up. Details will follow via email.

****Wed, Sep 23, 10:30AM: Membership Meeting**
2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240

Sep 30 - Oct 4: Fall Carlisle - Flea Market, Corral & Auction - 1000 Byrn Mawr Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013

****Sat Oct 24, 2PM: Period Correct Costume Event**
Chez Mayne, 8839 Bloomfield Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238. Dress to compliment the car you drive. Plan your attire early, and stay tuned for more details!!

Fri-Sun, Nov 6-8: Gasparilla Concours D'Elegance
Tampa, FL, <https://gasparillaconcours.com/>

Sun, Nov 15, 9AM-3PM: Florida Packard Show
Jacki Kaiser's (Wit's End), 2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd, Sarasota FL 34240. For Info (941) 371-0070. No food vender this year.

**AACA Sunshine Region Events

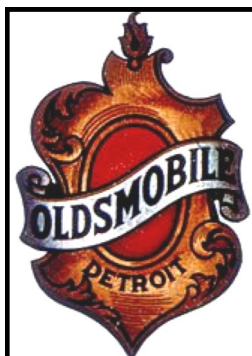
AACA National Meets & Tours

Oct 19-23 • Central Div Tour • Broken Arrow, OK

Rescheduled or Canceled

Sep 13-18 (Canceled) • AAA Revival Glidden Tour • VMCCA • Saratoga Springs, NY

Oct 9-10 (Swap Meet Canceled, Car Show Only) • Eastern Fall Nationals • Hershey, PA



Membership Meeting: 26-Aug-2020

The monthly General Meeting was held on August 26, 2020 at the home of Jacki Kaiser. There were 20 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob zuHone.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jacki Kaiser and seconded by Jim Wilson.

Jimmy Mayne spoke about the newsletter. He asked for photos to put in the newsletter. He then told the club about the magnetic signs that were available to purchase for \$10 a piece. Members would use them on their cars whenever we were at a car event. He also said that business cards were available for members to give out to people who might be interested in the car club.

It was brought up that the club could use new members. It was suggested to attend the Cruise-Ins and set up a table and give out flyers with information about the club.

It was suggested to have a costume party where you come dressed as the fashion of the era of your car,

with the possibility of a barbeque after. The date was set for October 24, 2020.

A drive-by at the Brookdale Nursing Facility was planned for September 22, 2020 in the AM.

Linda Langenegger gave an update on the Feld Entertainment Center.

Joyce Tone asked to be kept informed about any illnesses.

A speaker was needed for the next meeting, Bob Tone volunteered.

Bob zuHone talked about the Imperial car before it was part of Chrysler.

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Langenegger and seconded by Frank Bowles.

October meeting will be at Jacki Kaiser's.

Annual Packard event will be November 15, 2020 at Jacki Kaiser's 9 AM-3 PM. There will be no food vender.

~~~Joan Bowles, Secretary

Photos by Joe Malaney



## Editor Comments

Local DJ's are ramping up their Cruise-In schedules this month.

- "Cadillac Jimmy" will start Sat, Sep 12, at Culvers on Cattleman, and Sun, Sep 13, at Shake Station on US 301. He will be emailing a complete schedule shortly.
- "Lance's Cruisin' to the Hop" has six shows scheduled this month starting Sep 5 at Hooters (Sarasota Pavilion) on US 41.
- The best way to keep up to date on all local shows is to check "Candy Girl's Cruise-In News" online at: <https://carnewsbycandygirl.com/>

My wife made a suggestion (in the presence of our President) that we do a costume event in October. In

that moment, the die was cast!

It will take place Oct 24th at our home in Silver Oak. Save the date, and plan your attire. Members & guests are asked to dress in accordance with the classic that they drive. It's a Gated Community so you will need to RSVP. More info to follow. We are looking forward to seeing all the creativity!

The initial batch of magnetic car signs sold out quickly at our August meeting. I will be reordering before the end of September to fill any additional requests. Please submit your orders ASAP.

~~~Jimmy Mayne  
maynejc@gmail.com



September President's Message

Greetings fellow tourists,
 I hope this finds you well. We appreciate those of you who were able to make it to the August meeting. It continues to be a bit on the warm side to be outside. However, in as much as we cannot meet indoors, this is a good alternative. And of course, continued thanks go to our hostess, Jackie Kaiser, for making her home available. We had about two dozen people and 9 or 10 old cars. It is good to see everyone, even if it's only half of your face.
 For those of you who got the email meeting reminder, I mentioned a requested "drive through" at Brookside Adult Living Center for September 1st. They have now asked that we reschedule for September 22nd. That allows us more time to organize our end. Club members suggested that we make a morning out of it by asking a couple of other facilities if they would like us to do the same for them. That way, we can make it more of a club tour. I will contact a few more facilities, arrange a schedule, and lay out a route. We will perhaps do an ice cream stop at the end. More details will follow via email.
 Jimmy & Connie Mayne proposed that we do a costume event at their home in place of our October meeting. Everyone should dress to fit the vintage & country of origin of their car. We may (or may not) do a short tour beforehand. Upon arrival, we will have a very brief meeting followed by a late lunch. Hope to see you soon, and best regards.
 ~~~Bob ZuHone

## Club Tour & Show Signs

A limited number of 12" x 18" magnetic backed vinyl signs suitable for use on our vehicles at group events are now available for \$10 each. If purchased in pairs, they are not only better for display, but also easier to keep clean when not in use. Storing them



back-to-back minimizes the risk of attracting unwanted debris. Snowbirds are encouraged to place orders now so that they will be here upon your return to our winter paradise. Contact Bill Swanton at (513) 349-7414 or wcs1753@aol.com.

~~~Jimmy Mayne

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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

All of those cars were once just a dream in somebody's head.

~~~Peter Gabriel

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Sunshine Region goes to Maine



On August 11 at 11 AM, fourteen members of the Sunshine Region toured the Seal Cove Auto Museum on the coast of Maine: virtually of course. Through the wonders of Zoom, interim Executive Director Bill Barter walked our club through the wonderful display of mostly Brass-era vehicles.

I have a special fondness for Seal Cove Auto Museum. I visited there many years ago when Richard Paine, the owner of the collection, was still alive and his entire goal was to stuff as many cars into the space as possible. The cars were inches apart, dirty, and the lights so dim it was hard to see anything. When Richard died, a Trust took over and sold over half of the cars to create an endowment to help support the museum. The vehicles sold were duplicates or didn't quite fit the parameters set of "mostly cars manufactured in New England." I have been on the Board of Directors for a number of years serving as Secretary.

Seal Cove's major new exhibit, *Engines of Change: A Suffrage Centennial*, focuses on the role the automobile played in women's independence and suffrage, and how improvements in technology were harnessed to mobilize social movements. The Sunshine Region tour began with a short introduction outside the museum and then continued indoors. Starting with a replica of the car that Bertha Benz is

known to have driven, the club wound its way through early vehicles, each with a story. There were several "real" visitors to the museum that day, so they joined the tour. A stop in the center of the room allowed all to admire the golden Saxon, made famous by two suffragists, Alice Burke & Nell Richardson, the first women to drive across the country and back. The ladies made their trip from April through September in 1916, driving 10,700 miles for suffrage. Alex & I have told you about this car. We loaned it to the museum for the exhibit, and it seems to be quite a hit.

From the Golden Flyer, the tour moved around the museum past the 1917 Simplex Crane, 1915 FRP, and the super beautiful 1913 Peugeot. Rare Fords were everywhere, but also represented were: Locomobile, Mercer, Maxwell, Metz, Pierce Arrow, Pope Hartford, Rauch Lang, REO, Searchmont, and White. A fine collection of early motorcycles ended the hour long tour. To see and read more about these vehicles and the others at the museum, check out the museum website at sealcoveautomuseum.org. On behalf of the Seal Cove Auto Museum, I want to thank you for the contribution made by the Club. It is much appreciated. And thank you for visiting! It's great fun to have my "Florida family" spending time with my "Maine family."

~~~Jeryl Schriever



1915 Saxon  
~Schriever/Huppé~



1915 FRP  
~Bill Barter~

## September Mystery Photo

Can you identify the Club Member & Vehicle in this photo taken about 1986? Answer will be published in next month's Stutter 'n Sputter.



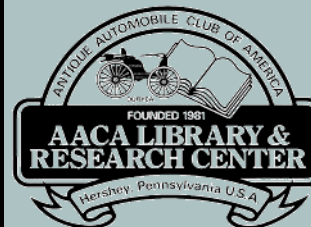
## Anniversaries



|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Cathy & Steve AKI   | 20-Sep-1997 |
| Joan & Frank BOWLES | 22-Sep-1962 |
| Sharon & Gene COHEN | 16-Oct-1966 |
| Karen & Jack KNUESE | 22-Oct-1960 |
| Elaine & Ed SMITH   | 22-Oct-1966 |
| Marge & Randy HALL  | 29-Oct-2009 |

## August Photo

Jim Wilson at the Detroit Auto Show (Cobo Hall) in October 1960 sitting in a 1961 Buick. He was 11 years old.



## Birthdays



|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Doris GOESE        | 03-Sep |
| Karen KNUESE       | 17-Sep |
| Henry PUGH         | 26-Sep |
| Gene COHEN         | 27-Sep |
| Maurice* DEVEREAUX | 28-Sep |
| Matthew ZUHONE     | 29-Sep |
| Dan KENNEDY        | 11-Oct |
| Ben BERMAN         | 11-Oct |
| Len BERMAN         | 11-Oct |
| Randy HALL         | 12-Oct |
| Shirley WISE       | 16-Oct |
| Bob TONE           | 20-Oct |
| Linda HALL         | 24-Oct |
| Julia ZUHONE       | 25-Oct |

\*Deceased

## Welcome New Member

### Gary Dykeman

A longtime friend of Jacki Kaiser and Bob & Julia ZuHone.

## More Tales from My Early Days at the Dealership

### *(Our President's experiences as Car Salesman)*

There were many more things that happened at the Chrysler-Plymouth store. There was this guy named Charlie who had substantial scarring on his face. He worked in the used car department. One cold winter day when everyone was bored, Charlie decided to tell us what had happened to him. He explained that he had been dating a girl, and one night when they were out, they apparently had much too much to drink. Afterwards, he was driving too fast, lost control, and hit a bridge abutment. His date was fine, but Charlie spent two months in the hospital. He said his lady friend never came to see him while he was recuperating. He

said he could not understand it just because they had wrecked her husband's car, and he wanted a divorce. Charley's comment was "no sense of humor". I am amazed how some people think.

I have mentioned previously that the dealership also sold G.M.C. Trucks and Subaru. The truck manager sold an amazing number of trucks. When the question came up "how does he do it?", it was learned that every truck deal that required a special push, the buyer received a free Subaru to close the deal. The owner of the dealership was not aware of it.

~~~Bob ZuHone

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