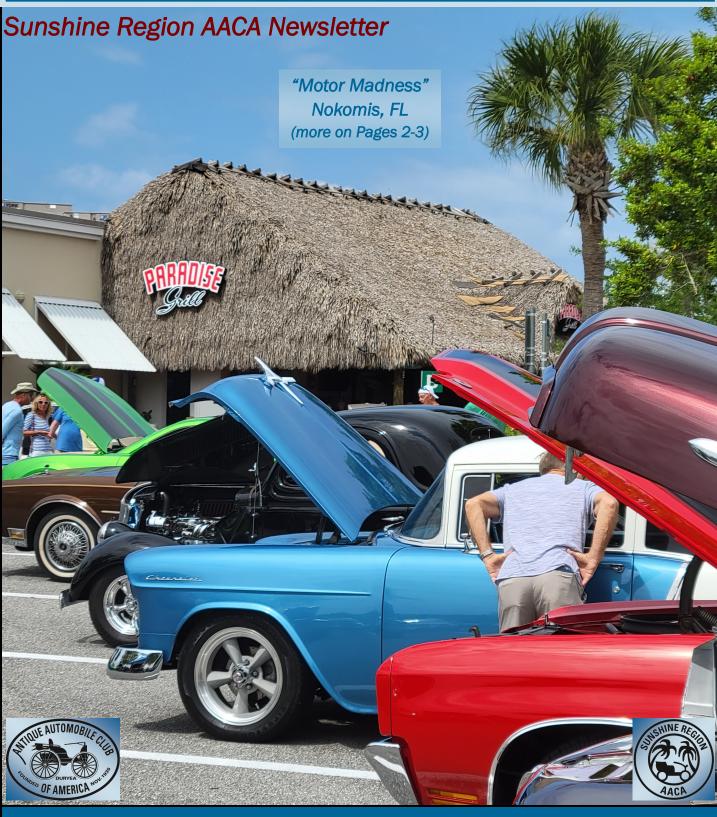
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"Motor Madness" - Nokomis, FL: 18 Apr-2021

After a one week delay due to rain, the "Motor Madness" car show, sponsored by the Paradise Grill in Nokomis, FL, was held on Sunday, April 18th. This was a charity event to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project and a food drive for the South County Food Pantry. Everything was planned to perfection, and the event took place flawlessly. The raffle generated \$1100 for the Warriors and approximately 300 pounds of food was donated for the Food Bank. Registration was free and included a commemorative T-shirt. The official count was 87, but since registration was not required, I believe that the actual number of vehicles on display was closer to 100. Music was provided by local DJ, Jeff Parks.

It was a great opportunity to see friends not only from the Sunshine



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11AM TILL 3PM



2021 Piglet Tour, April 11-16

Sunday, April 11, found the two widows "on the road again," this time driving to the Ocala Hilton for the Model "T" & Model "A" Piglet Tour, so named by the Tour Director, after his participation on a "Hog Tour." There were 28 cars and one big yellow bus. The widows, Jacki Kaiser and Linda Langeneger, joined the

2021 Piglet Tour

experience! The ladies spent the afternoon in the quaint village of Micanopy.

The final day of touring was **Friday**'s visit to National Parts Depot and their fabulous auto museum where Linda discovered a 1953 light green Studebaker! In the afternoon the widows wandered through Marjorie

tour each day by riding in back seats of the antique automobiles.

Monday the two ladies traveled in a 1930 Model "A" Coupe and visited an outstanding private car collection. Later they toured the Kirby Family Farm, where the "products" are children. Their mission is "helping children stay on track or get back on track". **Tuesday** the widows rode in a 1924 White Yellowstone Bus and checked out the Farmall Tractor Museum and another great private car collection.



a 1931 Model "A' Victoria, was to a beautiful Botanical Garden and then an opportunity to investigate the new World Equestrian Center in Ocala, the

"Horse Capital of the World." It has four full size competition arenas, a truly magnificent complex! Thursday Jacki & Linda toured in a 1931 Model "A"

woody station wagon. They explored the Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida in Gainesville, a really wonderful



Kinnan Rawlings' home & grounds, having had lunch at the Yearling Restaurant.

Every evening some of the ladies on tour played cards. One night the fire alarm went off, followed by an evacuation order. Well, there they were, eight ladies on the ninth floor, who could NOT use the elevator and, therefore, were anticipating walking down nine flights of stairs. However, suddenly an announcement came over the loud speaker: "False alarm!" Whew - what a

Wednesday's ride, in The last game of cards, on the last night, was won by Linda, who thus became the "Queen" and had to wear her royal crown all the next day! On the tour booklet's back cover was a picture that Gordon Langeneger had drawn for an antique car tour in 2012. It was originally

relief!



framed and each driver on that tour was given one. The gesture was a really nice honor for Gordon to be remembered in such a special way.

The week of touring was rain free, despite all the ominous forecasts, and the two widows truly enjoyed the beauty of Ocala, with its gorgeous horses, miles of fences, canopied roads, and rolling green hills. The Piglet Tour will remain an outstanding memory for years to come.

~~~Linda Langeneger

# Membership Meeting: 21-Apr-2021

Editor's Note: Message received April 22nd from our Secretary, Joan Bowles, stating that her computer had crashed, and she would not be able to have it repaired before mid-May. Consequently, the April Meeting Minutes are not available for this issue.

Due to the threat of rain, the meeting was moved from outside into the shelter of Jacki Kaiser's lanai. Photos courtesy of Joe Malaney.





### Calendar of Events

\*\*Wed, May 19 10:30AM: Membership Meeting 2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240

\*\*Fri, Jul 9: Collector Car Appreciation Day Tour

\*\*Sat, Dec 4: 5th Anniversary Gordon Langeneger Memorial Tour

\*\*AACA Sunshine Region Events

### AACA National Meets & Tours

May 20-25 • Founders Tour (1932-1996) • Mountain State Classics Region • Davis, WV

Jun 2-5 • Eastern Divisional Tour • Eastern Shore Region & Bay Country Region • Eastern Shore of MD

Jun 3-5 (*Date & Location Change*) ● AACA Annual National Convention ● Williamsburg, VA

Jun 17-19 • Eastern Spring Nationals • Saratoga Region • Saratoga Springs, NY

Jul 1-3 • Central Spring Nationals • Auburn, IN

Jul 11-16 • Vintage Tour • Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

Jul 22-24 • Grand Nationals • Minnesota Region • New Ulm, MN



# Chevy BelAir Classics

Sitting side by side at the March 7th Nokomis, Florida, New Hope Christian Church Car Show.

Left (Green): 1953 Sport Coupe - Jimmy Mayne

Right (Blue): 1954 Two Door Sedan - Anthony Falcone

### **Board of Directors Meeting: 07-Apr-2021**

The meeting was called to order by President John Cavanaugh at 10:36AM at the home of Jacki Kaiser. Present were John Cavanaugh, Mark Spears, Bill Swanton, Joan Bowles, Linda Langeneger, Jacki Kaiser, Bob ZuHone, Barb Shapiro, & Newsletter Editor Jimmy Mayne. Absent was Dick Brown

- Jimmy Mayne spoke to the Board about his concern for our Club as a whole. He discussed the number of club members and the number of advertisers that presently have ads in the newsletter. He mentioned the need to mentor new members, and that they should get their name badges in a timely manner. Wendy Cartier, who is Shirts & Badges Chair, was not present. Jacki Kaiser said she will call Wendy about the badges.
- Bill Swanton discussed his suggested "New Member Pack" and passed it around for the Board members to pursue. It was mentioned that there are still outstanding dues to be paid.
- Jimmy suggested the club attend area cruiseins and work with DJs like Cadillac Jimmy for membership recruitment.
- Jimmy suggested that every Board member take on a specific responsibility to fulfill identified Club needs. Some Officers should be exempted from additional duties because magnitude of their existing jobs:
  - President oversees all aspects of our Club
  - Treasurer could take on additional responsibility for the membership & printer distribution lists currently compiled by Barb
  - Secretary who takes the minutes.

We would need other Board members to own the following:

- Membership Chair: responsible for new

member recruitment.

- Advertising Coordinator: responsible for recruitment, nurturing, & follow-up.
- Communications Coordinator: for Website design & content as well as other electronic communications (Barb Shapiro is already doing this).
- Publications Coordinator: to provide original written articles, photos, and other materiel for the Newsletter.
- Devereaux-Kaiser Show Chair: to work closely with the SFFBF organization, and also look into other fundraising activities.
- Joan Bowles suggested advertising in the newspaper as that is where she and Frank found out about the Sunshine Region. Actually, the article was a publicity submission which is free, as compared to an actual ad which is costly.
- Jimmy suggested additional ideas for the newsletter, and said he will do at least one more issue, the May Sutter n' Sputter.
   President Cavanaugh asked Jimmy if publishing the newsletter bi-monthly or quarterly would help. It was decided members need to get it every month.
- Mark Spears said he joined the club for fun and that although the club has lost some members, there is a core group in the Sunshine Region that gets together and has a good time.
- Mark Spears offered to be the Advertisement Chair.
- Bob ZuHone offered to take on a job in addition to doing the Senior Living Facility tours.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon. Respectfully submitted,

~~~Linda Langeneger, Secretary Pro Tem

Phil DiCarlo had his left hip replaced April 15th. He spent only one night in the hospital and is recovering at his new home on Sunnyside Place. He's doing very well and walking inside every day, but he can't do any work for a while.

~~~Jimmy Mayne, 24-Apr-2021

**Gene Cohen** has had two major back surgeries. The first was April 5th and the other April 7th. He is in rehab at Sarasota Bay Club on 14th St and expects to go home early in May. Please keep Gene in your thoughts & prayers. ~~~Barb Shapiro, 19-Apr-2021

### **May President's Message**

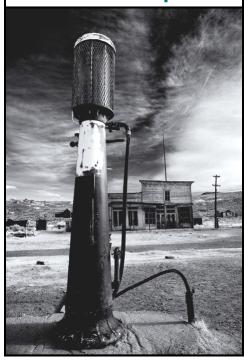
Our Sunshine Region monthly meeting was a success in spite of potential negative weather. Jacki's backyard was tooooo wet and tooooo soft in order to drive on it or to meet on the grass. Our meeting was held on Jacki's Lanai and the cars were left in front of the garages. With a great treasury club balance, and in order to encourage more wearing of name tags, we will have a drawing. Those who will have on their name tags at our next meeting will have an opportunity to win a \$25 gift certificate.

In cooperation with the chairman of the Speaker's Committee, I will be willing to talk about the musical string business that came to Sarasota from Chicago in 1972. The two companies are Super-Sensitive Musical String Co. and Black Diamond Guitar Strings.

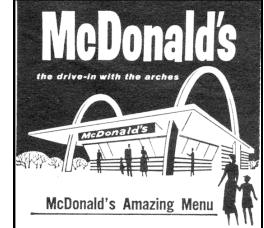
Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, May 19th at 10:30 at Jacki Kaiser's - Wits End.

~~~John Cavanaugh

1930's Gas Pump



1960 Menu Prices



| Pure Beef Hamburger | 15€ |
|--------------------------|------|
| Tempting Cheeseburger | 19¢ |
| Triple-Thick Shakes | .20¢ |
| Golden French Fries | .10¢ |
| Thirst-Quenching Coke | .10€ |
| Delightful Root Beer | .10∉ |
| Steaming Hot Coffee | .10∉ |
| Full-Flavor Orange Drink | .10¢ |
| Refreshing Cold Milk | .12∉ |

Magnetic Signs

A new batch of 12"x18" vehicle signs has been ordered and will be available for purchase by mid May for \$20/pair. These are great for promoting our Club at Shows and on Tours. Contact Jimmy Mayne or send a check to Bill Swanton to reserve yours.

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Around the World by Car: Syracuse, NY, in 1993

Karen & Rick Dobbertin met at a custom car show in Rochester, NY. Karen was showing her Corvette, and Rick was showing his extensively customized Chevy Nova. They eventually married and shared a dream. They built a vehicle to do an around the world tour by land & sea. The vehicle was called the Dobbertin Surface Orbiter.



This was the result of a ten year effort and constructed entirely in their home. The first problem was that the garage was much too small to accommodate the Orbiter. So the rear wall was knocked out, and the garage was extended 20 feet. The starting point was a stainless steel milk tank from an 18 wheeler. The Orbiter was 32 feet long, 8 feet high and 7.5 feet wide. It looked like something from a science fiction movie. The vehicle retained the shape of the tanker except for the front end which had two large windshields and a



pointy snout. The frame designed by Rick was stainless steel as well. It was designed to house the running gear and protector plates to keep everything safe. On the top were lights with a four

mile range. Headlights on the front of the cab and running lights as well as the rear. The bottom had a shaft tunnel to accommodate the shaft and the prop. There were six large tanks, four for fuel and two for water, powered by a 6.5L GM diesel engine, a 4-speed automatic transmission, six large 16 inch wheels,



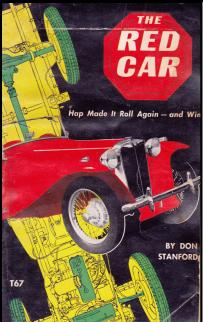
and thousands of hours of labor.

On the road the Orbiter could reach 70 miles an hour and get 12 MPG. In the water fuel consumption was down to 2 MPG. The Dobbertin's lined up more than a hundred sponsors including the U.S. Coast Guard. Rick & Karen traveled to trade shows, boat shows, and custom car shows to seek support for their dream. Following completion, their plan was to leave Syracuse from the NY State Fairgrounds on Labor Day weekend. However, last minute problems caused a delay until December. The first leg of the trip was down the east coast to Miami, then crossing the Caribbean through the Bahamas, and eventually to Puerto Rico. The Orbiter capsized at the dock in San Juan and needed extensive repairs to continue. Continuing on, the Orbiter traveled to several South American and Central American countries. and eventually passed through the Panama Canal.



The Dobbertin's traveled up the west coast to Los Angeles. By that time the couple realized how difficult it was to spend so much time together in such a confined space and decided to end the adventure. A short time later, a divorce was in the works. Rick eventually sold the Orbiter for an undisclosed amount. He did build another such vehicle, but I'm not sure what became of it. I find things like this and the people who create them most interesting.

"The Red Car" and More



was always interested in cars, boats, & airplanes. At an early age it was my wooden toy cars & trucks and eventually "Tonka" type vehicles. My parents encouraged my interest, and my dad actually took me to some sports car races in the early 60's where MG's, Triumph's, & Austin Healey's competed at Watkins Glen, NY.

I was around 10 or 11 when my parents bought me a book called "The Red Car" by Don Stanford. Not being a big reader, it was a perfect introduction into my imagination of buying old sports cars and bringing them back to life. The story is about a 12 year old boy named Hap Adams and a wrecked 1948 MG TC. After that I couldn't wait to find my first car when I turned 16. It was a '63 Triumph TR3, white with a black half the cars that I interior and a little four cylinder engine that I learned, just like Hap, to restore and find its best performance using just the tachometer. The day I drove my white TR3 home, I was heading up a steep hill after going over some railroad tracks when the wind caught the front of the hood; the hinges were already broken. I looked sadly in my rearview mirror and saw the hood

Growing up it seemed I sail behind. When it landed, a big Lincoln drove right over it. My dad was following the Lincoln, so we stopped, picked up the mangled hood, and place it in his trunk.



The next day, I went to the junk yard and found a hood, but it was red. I never painted it white. I later sold the car and bought a silver blue '63 Austin Healey 3000. I would go on to buy and sell many cars thru the years (as many as five cars per year) from sports cars, to

luxury convertibles, to muscle cars. As the saying goes, "I wish I had kept sold". I miss so many of them, but I thank my parents for encouraging my dreams at such an early age!





Bob ZuHone - - Jimmy Mayne - - Ed Smith

Carlisle - Lakeland, FL: 20-Feb-2021

On a clear sunny Saturday morning, three members armed with cash, left Sarasota heading to Lakeland looking forward to the big Swap Meet associated with the Carlisle Car Auction. Upon arrival we were disappointed to find that the Swap Meet portion of the event had been canceled. Also, a cold front had moved in, bringing brisk winds & temperatures in the low 40's. After 2-3 hours of trying to stay warm, we decided to head home. We managed to salvage the day by taking back roads, and stopping for lunch along the way. ~~~Jimmy Mayne

Lakewood Ranch Elks Car Show: 10-Apr-2021





55 Chevy Pickup

This was an annual event sponsored by the Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Lodge on a bright, perfect Florida day. There were approximately 60

vehicles on display with the lodge open for food & drinks, vendor displays, and plenty of oldies music. As usual, there were door prizes, a 50-50 raffle, and some limited trophies awarded.





Editor Comments

"Best Paint"

I have been asked for ideas as to the type of material that could be used in the Newsletter. Here are some suggestions, but I'm sure there could be many more.

- Member interviews (focus on new members)
- Featured Advertiser write-ups
- Write-ups with photos of your car projects
- Technical "how to do's"
- Personal car related experiences
- Historical vehicles and/or events
- Puzzles, quizzes, etc.

With regard to material format, here are a few guidelines.

- <u>Written Articles</u> can be typed directly into the body of an email. If sending attachments, they need to be in a format compatible with Microsoft Word such as .doc, .docx, or .txt.
- <u>Pictures</u> sent electronically should be in .jpg or .jpeg format with a minimum file size of 350KB. I can fit them better if they are not cropped beforehand.

- Hard Copy Photos can be sent by to me by snail mail. I will return them immediately after scanning..
- <u>PDF Files</u> are extremely difficult to work with. So please DO NOT send them.
- Video Files cannot be used.

Most important, the materiel should be your creation. If it is copied from another source, copyright laws require that we have written permission from the original author before republishing. There are a few exceptions such as memes found on the internet. But even these should be kept to a minimum.

If you have any other questions, thoughts, or

comments regarding the Stutter 'n Sputter, please let me know. As I have said many times before, this is your Newsletter. I just happen to be your current Editor.

> ~~~Jimmy Mayne maynejc@gmail.com



May Mystery Photo

Can you identify the Club Member on the Right in this photo taken in the 1980's? Answer will be published in the next Newsletter.



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<u>April Photo</u>

Gerry Shapiro in his first car when he was two years old.

Birthdays



04-May Joan BOWLES Joyce TONE 06-May **Belle SWANTON** 08-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 Carolyn SKAGGS 23-Jun Gordon* LANGENEGER 23-Jun

Fair Warning



Impossible means that you haven't found a solution yet.

~~~Henry Ford

# **Anniversaries**



\*Deceased

| Julia & Bob ZUHONE    | 09-May-2001 |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Gloria & Bill LESSIG  | 19-May-1979 |
| 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 |

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