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Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter

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AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour



Sunshine Members
at Drivers' Meeting

The first major tour of AACA this year was held April 19 thru 22 at the Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. Participants arrived on Monday, 4-19 to pick up their tour packets and get checked in at the resort. There was an introductory dessert social and drivers' meeting at the on-site restaurant to receive an overview of the itinerary for the week.



Karen At Mission Inn

Starting out on Tuesday the 20th, the first stop was the Howey Mansion constructed in 1925-27 and now privately owned having been restored to its original grandeur. After an informative group tour, it was off to



Howey Mansion

Dade City to explore the town and have lunch. After lunch, everyone was treated to see and explore the terrific private collection of AACA member Tommy Small and his wife Sandy. His collection of roughly 20 cars & trucks was just the beginning. His 12,000 sq ft pole barn houses over 700 automotive related signs, many vintage gas pumps, thousands of license plates, dozens of Gulf Oil collectables, etc., without even mentioning the home, which in itself is a museum having every room with hundreds of items. Bikes, juke boxes, barber shop equipment, ice cream parlor fixtures & scoops, 1700 perfume bottles of every description, and other items too numerous to mention. Truly a one of a kind experience to behold.



Tommy Small
Collection

On Wednesday, it was off to Tavares and Mount Dora for a narrated canal cruise of the Dora Canal providing a peaceful and quiet ride with the opportunity for great photography. There were also seaplane rides available for those interested. The town of Mount Dora has many small shops & restaurants to explore, and there was plenty of time to explore the area. An additional optional stop was a ride to the 7000 acre Wekiwa Spring State Park with plenty of recreational activities to enjoy. Returning to the inn, a poolside pizza party was held to end the day. Thursday was the last scheduled day of touring taking us to Ocala to visit the outstanding car collection housed in the expansive car parts distribution operation of the National Parts Depot known for their restoration supplies. Over 200 vehicles are on display at any one time with many Mustangs and Lincolns in

abundance. Many of the cars have only from 10 to 100 total miles on them. The 100 millionth and 300 millionth Fords manufactured are included in the collection. A large collection of Kodak products and memorabilia is also housed in the building.



National Parts Depot



NPD Exhibits



The Gypsy Gold Horse Farm was available for those signing up, and the Appleton Museum of Art was also an option. It was then the return to the inn for the closing banquet and program. A great time was had by all for the 45 vehicles involved and the total miles



Gypsy Gold Horse Farm

driven was 250-300 miles for the week depending on the venues selected.

~~~Cliff Wilson

Photos by C Wilson & J Knuese. Cover photo taken at Tommy & Sandy Small's.

Editor's Note: Several Sunshine Region members were participants on this tour including Mary & Cliff Wilson, Karen & Jack Knuese, Carolyn & Bruce Skaggs, and Debbie & Jim Wilson.



Closing Banquet Head Table



1915 Olds  
Oldest Car on Tour

## Membership Meeting: 19-May-2021

The General meeting of the AACA Sunshine region was held at "Wits End" May 19, 2021. 22 members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Cavanaugh.



### Officer Reports

**Treasurer:** Bill Swanton updated the group regarding the checking account balance.

**Secretary:** Joan read minutes from last month. Jacki Kaiser made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Frank Bowles.

**Newsletter:** Jimmy was away but it was announced that he needs articles.

### Sunshine:

- Joyce Tone said that Ruth Dane has passed.
- Gene Cohen is in rehab. Sharon is in assisted living while Gene is in rehab. Some members have taken her out to lunch.

### New Business

#### Tours:

- Linda Langeneger will be doing two tours. One will be the annual Collector Car Appreciation Day tour.
- Brad Hindall will do a tour in the fall.
- Jim & Debbie Wilson will plan a trip to Arcadia after the Magnolia Inn re-opens.
- Jacki Kaiser will have a tour of the National Animal Rescue.
- Mark Spears will plan a Military tour.

**Monday Lunch Group:** These weekly lunch gatherings have been restarted. (more info shown in Calendar).

Drawing was held for a \$25 Wawa gift card and was won by Joan Bowles. Motion to adjourn made by Bob ZuHone and seconded by Brad Hindall at 11:30AM.

~~~Joan Bowles, Secretary

Photos by Malaney & Swanton



Calendar of Events

****Wed, Jun 16, 10:30AM: Membership Meeting**
2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240

**** Sat, Jun 19: Senior Living Facilities Drive-By Tour**
Bob ZuHone is organizing. Details to follow.

****Fri, Jul 9: Collector Car Appreciation Day Tour**
Details on Page 5.

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

****Every Monday, 11:30AM: Lunch at Papa Nick's**
4940 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 (in Shopping Plaza) Questions? Call Bob ZuHone (941) 371-9339

**AACA Sunshine Region Events

AACA National Meets & Tours

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 • Buick Show • Auburn, IN

Jul 11-16 • Vintage Tour (1931 & Earlier Vehicles) • Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

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

June President's Message

We had a special day with the celebration of Bill and Gloria Lessig's 42th anniversary. Hopefully, they had a great and successfully productive time celebrating their 42nd behind closed doors.....

Linda reminded me Tuesday night that I was to give a talk on music strings. A few pictures were brought of the musical greats that Ellen & I met at VanWezel and at the international music shows. Some of the musicians were Itzhak Perlman, B.B. King, Milt (The Judge) Hinton, Charlie Daniels, Roy Acuff, and Shoji Tabuchi. In 1974, Dad & I received a letter from Shoji Tabuchi wanting to endorse our Super-Sensitive Red Label Violin Strings. I said to Dad, "What does one do with a Japanese Cajun Blue Grass Country Western fiddle player?" The letter sat on Dad's desk for three months. One Sunday night, Dad called and said to turn on 60 minutes, and Shoji was being interviewed. The next day we called and were able to add Shoji to our string endorsement list.

In 2005, Steinway made 150 special edition pianos commemorating the 150th anniversary of Steinway. Ellen and I bought #123. I have a picture with Henry & Polly Steinway taken in 2005 at the National Association of Music Merchants in Los Angeles in 2005. Henry was the last living member of the Steinway Piano Company.

~~~John Cavanaugh

*You can know or not know how a car runs and still enjoy riding in a car.*

~~~David Byrne



Collector Car Appreciation Day

Friday, July 9, is National Collector Car Appreciation Day. Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) is sponsoring their 12th annual event. Each year the U.S. Senate passes a resolution recognizing the collector car hobby as a strong American tradition and pastime, one that promotes the collection and restoration of historic & classic vehicles.

Our Sunshine Region is going to celebrate this special day with our 9th annual National Collector Car Appreciation Day Tour, hosted by Linda Langenegger.

We will meet on Friday, July 9, at 10:00AM for breakfast at The Serving Spoon restaurant on Osprey at Hillview Ave. Then we will tour to St Armands, driving around the Key to show off our special cars & trucks for the public to view and appreciate. The tour will end with an official ice cream stop. Every tour should have one! Please note: **you may drive ANY vehicle.** It does not have to be 25 years old. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our June meeting. Or you may contact Linda at 941-960-3477 or emf30gl@verizon.net.

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## Hagerty Drivers' Club (Sebring, FL): 21-Feb-2021

Just received the Speed Tour Quarterly Magazine with a picture of Bruce Skaggs (1) & myself (2) at Sebring International Raceway.



Speed Tour Quarterly  
Vol 8 Issue 2, 2021  
Robert Kerr photo

We were with several other Suncoast British Car Club members headed to Sebring International Raceway, and joined the Hagerty Drivers' Club car show held the morning of the 21st. A record setting 450 cars attended the car show. I first attended a Hagerty Drivers' Club show back in 2018 at Fernandina Beach Airport. There were no more than 20 cars in attendance; this was when Hagerty first started

holding these shows. Maybe it was relief from Covid restrictions that brought everybody out, because Sebring is practically in the middle of nowhere. The Hagerty people were overwhelmed with the huge turnout. They had only one food truck available for lunch; I am sure glad I brought my own. One of our SBCC members, Steve & Patty Philips, won a best in class for his wonderful, just painted, original MGB. The vintage racing was spectacular with six different groups including racing cars from 1957 to 1989. Everything from a Healey Bug Eyed Sprite to a Royale RP4 (fantastic open cockpit sports racer) were on the track racing for everybody to see. Other cars of note were a 1962 Lotus 23B in British Racing Green and a Jaguar XKE Coupe. We also saw several replica Cobras and Ford GT 40's in one group on the track. For the newer cars, a large group of present day Trans AM's (big V8 power) shook the ground as they went by. They even had a couple of 90's NASCAR stockers thundering down the straight in one group. It was a great day, with a nice 90 mile tour over to Sebring with good club member friends, what could be better. ~~~Jim Wilson

## 1960 Chevy Pick-Up

You never know what you might see driving around the neighborhood, so it pays to have your camera ready. A while back, I spotted this beautifully restored 1960 Chevy Apache Series 10 step side pick-up coming into Silver Oak Estates. Turns out that it belongs to a neighbor, Dwight Morrison,



who drives it regularly provided that it isn't raining. On wet days it stays inside to protect the wood floor of the truck bed.

~~~Jimmy Mayne

Latest Robo Call

"Don't expect me to stop if I see you broken down on the side of the road. Every time I call to offer you an extended vehicle warranty, you just rudely hang up the phone."



June Mystery Photo

Can you identify the Club Members & Vehicle in this photo taken about 1995? Answer will be published in the next Newsletter.



May Photo

Shirley Wise & friends at the Apple Blossom Festival Car Show in Winchester, VA, back in the 1980's.

Birthdays



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| Jacki KAISER | 02-Jun |
| Tootie KENNEDY | 03-Jun |
| Joe MALANEY | 06-Jun |
| John ANDERSON | 08-Jun |
| Jimmy MAYNE | 08-Jun |
| Al RUCKEY | 11-Jun |
| Elaine SMITH | 12-Jun |
| Alex HUPPE | 18-Jun |
| Cliff WILSON | 22-Jun |
| Carolyn SKAGGS | 23-Jun |
| Gordon* LANGENEGER | 23-Jun |
| Nita ZUHONE | 01-Jul |
| Ed SMITH | 05-Jul |
| Mary WILSON | 06-Jul |
| Jeryl SCHRIEVER | 07-Jul |
| Georgia NICHOLSON | 07-Jul |
| Jackie RUCKEY | 09-Jul |
| John CAVANAUGH | 09-Jul |
| Calvin HIGH | 10-Jul |
| Tony PIAZZA | 10-Jul |
| William MARTIN | 10-Jul |
| Gerry SHAPIRO | 25-Jul |

*Deceased

Anniversaries



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| Tootie & Dan KENNEDY | 03-Jun-1968 |
| Linda & Tony PIAZZA | 03-Jun-1969 |
| Janet & Calvin HIGH | 17-Jun-1954 |
| Peggy & Henry PUGH | 06-Jul-1973 |
| Connie & Jimmy MAYNE | 31-Jul-1965 |

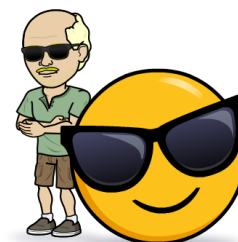
Editor Comments

"Snowbird Season" has come & gone. Very few of our Northern friends made it to Sarasota this year, and most that did have since left. As we "Full Timers" prepare for the warmer months here in Florida, I see restrictions being lifted and major events reappearing on the calendar. I'm thinking "Road Trip"! Until then, here are a couple changes to the local event schedule:

- Cadillac Jimmy has moved his 4th Saturday of the month from Beneva Village Taco Bell to Culver's on Cattleman.
- Muscle Car City may be restarting their last Sunday of the month Swap Meet. Stay tuned.

Here's one final piece of advice based on a recent experience I had while working in my garage. Never sit down on the floor without first having a plan on how you are going to get up.

~~~Jimmy Mayne  
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