

Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter


Veterans' Day Parade - Sarasota, FL: 11-Nov-2021
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## Brad Hindall's Tour: 26-Oct-2021

It was a glorious, glorious day! Tuesday, October 26, the weather was delightfu!! A little cooler, a bit less humid, and a pleasant breeze caused the tour participants to experience a wee bit of "Paradise!" The group met at the Sarasota Classic Car Museum and a route to the DeSoto National Memorial found us viewing a very explicit movie about Hernando DeSoto's ill-fated search in America for gold \& riches. The view of the Braden River from the bluff was spectacular, as was a trek though the native foliage. Leaving the Memorial Park, we proceeded to the Robinson Preserve, where two participants accepted the challenge and climbed the many steps to the top of the tower with an overlook of another magnificent scenic display, including a striking water view. Most of the group had lunch at the Old Salty Dog restaurant on Ken Thompson Pkwy! Food was great, service excellent, and fellowship much fun! Mote Marine was the final option for anyone who wanted to

view sharks and other marine life! It was a tour not to be missed, and a day not to be forgotten! "Paradise" is getting into full swing! That's why we chose to live on the Gulf Coast of Florida!

## Senior Living Facilities Tour - Sarasota, FL: 03-Nov-2021

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The Senior Living Facilities tour began Wednesday morning at the library on Fruitville Rd just east of I-75. We had about 12 club members' cars go with us. The tour began at 9:30AM heading north to the Fountains of Hope facility where the group paused for about 20 minutes so the interested residents could get a close up view of the cars. It was, as always delightful to see the folks enjoy the vehicles.


After that we headed back south to Harbor Chase Assisted Living at the intersection of Honoré \& Proctor Roads and stayed for about a half an hour. Here again we made many people happy, we had the opportunity to push some folks in wheelchairs around to see the various cars. My personal favorite was a 97 year old lady who was quite interesting. We set a dinner date in three years on her 100th birthday, don't tell my wife.

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We left there and proceeded to Evie's Tavern on Bee Ridge Rd for lunch, sitting outside, overlooking the driving range. I believe everyone enjoyed a nice meal.



When lunch was complete we proceeded across Bee Ridge Rd to America's House. This is the new home of long time members Doris \& Jim Goese. I'm sure the Goeses promoted our visit. The Activity Director there said she would like to do it again and at that time we would stay for lunch and enjoy some music.
I believe many of us enjoy these visits as much as the folks we visited, I know that I do, Thanks to those that toured with us.

~~~Bob ZuHone
Photos by Malaney, Mayne, \& ZuHone - Fountains of Hope
- Harbor Chase
- Evie's Tavern
- America's House

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\section*{Eustis Florida Cruise-In: 23-Oct-2021}


Yesterday late afternoon Belle \& I went to downtown Eustis to see the cars at a cruise-in. They blocked off several streets and had a professional DJ in the center. Many of therestaurants and stores were open as well. It reminded us of when we lived in Danville,CA when they did Hot August Nights. We really enjoyed some really cool cars, the mild weather, and the friendly people.
~~~Bill Swanton


Membership Meeting: 17-Nov-2021


The Sunshine Region AACA 17-Nov-2021 membership meeting at Jacki Kaiser's residence was called to order at 10:38AM by John Cavanaugh, who then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 29 members in attendance plus two guests - Phil \& Fran Lemon in their 1956 Metropolitan.
The club gained two new members at the meeting - Ed \& Lorraine Orr and Patrick Kondrat.
- Secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.
- Joe Malaney gave the Treasurer's report.
- Len Berman volunteered to be the guest speaker for the December meeting. He will talk about he and his brother's dead reckoning coordination on their recent Southeast Buick Club trip.

- Ed Smith \& Bruce Skaggs reported on the Veterans' Day parade. The club provided five cars: John Anderson 1925 Dodge; Ed Smith - 1932
Chevrolet; Jimmy Mayne-1953 Chevrolet; Bruce Skaggs - 1962 TR3; Jim Wilson 1973 TR6.
- Nancy Steinbucker
 from the St. Petersburg Garden Club spoke to the group about a Botanical Road Rally on January \(8^{\text {th }}\).
- Bruce Skaggs talked about a Holiday Lights Trolley tour on December 14 \({ }^{\text {th }}\). Contact Bruce for more information.
- John Cavanaugh entertained the group recapping his recent Buick Club tour in Alabama. One of the highlights was visiting the home of Helen Keller. Door prizes for wearing name badges were awarded to Linda Hall and Ed Smith.
The next meeting will be 10:30 on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at "Wit's End". Please bring a \(\$ 5.00\) wrapped gift to exchange.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM.
Respectively submitted,
~~~Joe Malaney, Secretary Pro Tem
Editor's Note: Club Members brought new unwrapped gifts to the meeting for donation to the "Marine Toys for Tots Foundation".


\section*{President's Corner}

We had a nice November Sunshine Region AACA meeting. The speaker who was volunteered (me) gave a more detailed story of the Buick Driving Enthusiast Club (BDE) on the trip to Madison, Alabama. The Helen Keller birth place and history was very interesting, which is at Tuscumbia, AL. I had asked Laura Connolly (docent) to write a detailed history on Helen Keller, family and the plantation. She sent a seven page letter per my request as I told Laura that I have a very good memory but very short. If anyone would like to have a copy of her fascinating letter, please let me know. I can email Laura's letter to you. Helen Keller was dealt lemons at 19 months old (blind \& deaf), but she made lemonade out of her handicaps. The other item of interest was the Berman Museum in Anniston, AL, which is a collection of Nazi and WW2 memorabilia and Asian/European Art. David, former manager of the museum, came out of retirement in order to give our group a detailed tour to the basement that is usually not open to the public. I had given a partial report for the November "Stutter 'n Sputter" on the Madison trip.
The Buick trip a few weeks ago was to Ft Myers as the focal point. We visited the Collier Museum in Naples which had a fabulous million dollar car collection. The Edison museum in Ft Myers was nice to see again. Hope to see y'all at our Christmas/Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 15th. Please bring a \(\$ 5.00\) gift exchange item.
~~~John V Cavanaugh

\section*{Calendar of Events}

Fri-Sat. Dec 3-4: Premier Auction Group - Gates open at 9AM, 75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

\section*{Fri-Sun, Dec 3-5: Gasparilla Concours D’Elegance \\ Tampa Bay Golf Course, 5300 W Lutz Lake Fern Rd, Lutz, FL 33558}
**Sat, Dec 4: 5th Anniversary Gordon Langeneger Memorial Tour (see Pg 10)
Sat, Dec 11, 6:00PM : Sarasota Christmas Boat Parade of Lights
Bayfront Park/Marina Jack's Downtown, Sarasota FL
**Tue, Dec 14: Holiday Lights Trolley Tour
Contact Bruce Skaggs for more information.
**Wed, Dec 15, 10:30AM: Membership Meeting
2805 Sarasota Golf Club Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240. Holiday gift exchange.
**Tue, Jan 18: Nate's Honor Animal Rescue
Bradenton (Jacki Kaiser to provide details)
**Sat Jan 29: Sunshine Region Picnic
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Sarasota Farm Bureau, 7289 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota FL 34240
**Every Monday, 11:30AM: Lunch at Papa Nick's
4940 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 (in Shopping Plazza) Questions? Call Bob ZuHone (941) 371-9339
**AACA Sunshine Region Events
AACA National Meets \& Tours
Feb 10-12 • National Convention • Philadelphia, PA
Feb 24-28 • Winter Nationals • Melbourne, FL • Cape Canaveral Region
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\section*{Annual Florida Packard Show: 21-Nov-2021}


Jackie Kaiser's Packard show Sunday November 21st was a great success. There were 17 Packards, which is quite good considering it was a one make show of a limited production automobile. Participants came from all over Florida and the comradery was very pleasant. Food was prepared by the Knights of Columbus from St Patrick's Church. I suspect the highlight of the day, especially for Jackie, was the return of "Cleo". "Cleo" was the 1936 Packard coupe convertible that had probably been Tom Kaiser's favorite car, it was parked where it had always been parked for the annual show. This was the car in which Tom courted Jackie, it and was used for the bridal car in their wedding. This was obviously very special for


Jackie. The car was sold when Tom passed on and had recently changed hands again so it could be out of storage and returned to "Wits End" for the show. There was a Packard that the owner purchased on the Sunday before the show. He drove it for the first time on Monday, during which the brakes gave out. The brakes were repaired and the owner got the car back on Thursday. On Friday he drove it for about 20 miles and on Sunday drove it from Jacksonville to Sarasota for the show. This was a great day. \(\quad \sim \sim \sim B o b\) ZuHone

Photos by Joe Malaney


Florida Region HCCA Fall Tour - Oldsmar, FL: November 11-14, 2021


The wandering
widows recently found themselves "on the road again," this time to Oldsmar, FL. The travelers were Jacki Kaiser \& Linda Langeneger, going on the Florida Region HCCA Fall tour. They drove modern to the host hotel, "Safety Harbor Resort and Spa", and then secured a ride in the back seat of a big, red 1911 Thomas Flyer. In 1908 this automobile travelled around the world in 169 days, winning a very prestigious race! The Thomas Flyer is very high off the ground and during the tour reached speeds of 50 miles an hour or more! The owners were pleased the widows liked going fast, and the Thomas Flyer "flew" past a line of old cars, much to the delight of the backseat occupants! Such fun!
On Friday, the tour visited a Hindu temple which had some beautiful friezes and sculptured facades on its outside walls. The interior of the temple had very colorful displays, and everyone had to remove their shoes to enter. Later the group visited Mike Sierra's Rolls-Royce Collection; absolutely gorgeous cars! Then all were off to view Milt Roorda's very impressive collection of antique \& classic vehicles.
Saturday the tour visited the restoration shop of
 Brando Pistorious, where they enjoyed lunch as it rained outside for the hour. Brando had some of his recently restored vehicles for us to see. The weather was cooperative; no one had to drive in the rain nor get wet! The 13 cars on tour ended the day with a visit to the "Collection on


\section*{DiCarlo's Garage Construction Update}


\section*{5th Anniversary Gordon Langeneger Memorial Tour}

Saturday, December, 4, 2021.
We will meet at 9:00AM in OLLIE'S parking lot on
Cattlemen Rd near Bee Ridge Rd. Departure will be promptly at 9:30AM.
Lunch will be outdoor seating at an area restaurant. To join the tour, please RSVP to Linda Langeneger.

Phone: 941-960-3477
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\section*{Mark Spears}

In the trunk of his 1965 Ford
Thunderbird changing one of the
eight Convertible Top relays.


\section*{2021 Sunshine Region Annual Membership Dues}

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\section*{Anniversaries}

Linda \& Steven HALL Belle \& Bill SWANTON 02-Dec-1978 24-Dec-1977
Debbie \& Jim WILSON

\section*{Birthdays}
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Bill SWANTON & 17-Jan \\
Edward ORR & 17-Jan \\
Phil DICARLO & 22-Jan \\
Marge HALL & 31-Jan \\
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\section*{December Mystery Photo}

Can you identify the Club Member \& Vehicle in this photo taken in April 1960?


\section*{Editor Comments}

Our Club reaches the end of another year with recent highlights. Snowbirds are returning. Welcome back to Paradise! Also last month, we had three new members join our group, one of which is John Kefalonitis who also became new Advertiser. He is a certified vehicle appraiser. This is a great talent to have in our club when services are needed regarding insuring or selling your Classic. And finally attendance at our Monday Luncheon is increasing. I attended last Monday, November 11 \({ }^{\text {th }}\), and there were 12 of us there. Come join us!

And now please bear with me on a thought that is far more important. As we progress through life, each day could be our last, and tomorrow is never promised. With that in mind, remember "Tomorrow is the First Day of the Rest of Your Life". Make it count! And of most importance, Always be Kind.
~~~Jimmy Mayne, maynejc@gmail.com

The cars we drive say a lot about us.
~~~Alexandra Paul

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\section*{November Photo} John \& Ellen Cavanaugh family in 1980 with their 1938 Buick Special which they affectionately called the Blue Bird Special.

\section*{Welcome New Members}

John \& Barbara Ann Kefalonitis
Their classics include:
- 1951 Packard 200 2Door Sedan
- 1956 Jaguar XK140
- 1971 Harley Davidson Sportster
- 1980 Porsche 928
- 2002 Thunderbird
- 2007 Mercedes 350R

\section*{Patrick Kondrat}

His classics include:
- 1930 Ford Model "A" Speedster
- 1960 MGA
- 1973 Porsche 914
- 1989 Porsche Cabriolet

\section*{Edward \& Lorraine Orr}

Their classics include:
- 1912 Ford Model "T" Roadster
- 1914 Overland Touring
- 1925 Ford Model "T" Station Wagon
- 1930 Ford Model "A" Phaeton
- 1966 Ford Mustang Convertible

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