

# STUTTER 'n SPUTTER

Sunshine Region AACA Newsletter



1952 Crosley Hotshot  
Powel Crosley Estate  
(see Page 2)

**Powel Crosley Estate; 02-Nov-2022***(continued from Cover Page)*

Thirty Sunshine Region members and friends participated in the Wednesday, November 2, 2022 tour to the Powel Crosley Estate! Although they started out with very overcast skies, sunshine soon engulfed the caravan of 17 cars that travelled there via beautiful "back roads." The awesome route was first planned by President Cavanaugh, which the tour director had permission to borrow! The docent was Olivia Sawdy, her first time as a tour guide, and she did an outstanding job! She was also the photographer as the tour participants gathered around the 1952 Crosley Hotshot that Tom Kaiser donated to the Estate when he was on its board.

Seagate, the name of the Estate, was the winter home of Powel & Gwendolyn Crosley. The palatial mansion always conveyed feelings of warmth, comfort, and charm!

It was amazing to see how many different items Powel invented, promoted, and sold. He did not just deal with cars and radios; he included such novel ideas as the "shelvador" refrigerator, the first refrigerator with shelves in the doors.

It was fascinating to learn that Powel loved symmetry: everything had to be symmetrical, no matter what the final result was. In one room, on either side of the entrance steps, were doors exactly the same. One door hid behind it an elevator. The door on the other side when opened, simply revealed a wall! But the doors were symmetrical!

The house itself was built to be fireproof, constructed

mostly of stone and steel. Powel built the home directly on Sarasota Bay for his wife, Gwendolyn. Her large bedroom was facing the water with a fantastic view: Powel's smaller bedroom, facing the front drive, had no view at all!

Powel was fascinated with cars since he was a child, and had his first big success with mail order marketing of auto gadgets to car owners; then it was phonographs, then radios. For his listeners, he started daytime dramas, sponsored by Proctor & Gamble, which are now known as "soap operas." In the late 1930s Powel introduced the Crosley automobile, the beginning of "compact cars."

Other inventions included televisions, disc brakes, 35MM cameras, and four airplanes!

Powel & Gwendolyn lived at Seagate from 1930 to 1939. The Powel Crosley Estate was purchased by the Manatee County Commission in 1991 to prevent the loss of the historic home to urban development. The commission secured the house and 16.5 acres of Bayfront!

Following a very illuminating tour, the participants enjoyed lunch at the famous Anna Marla Oyster Bar on U.S. 41, where they enjoyed the wonderful menu of fish and seafood! Service was great, as always, and it was the perfect way to end the day, with food, fun, and fellowship!

~~~Linda Langenegger

Group Photo by Olivia Sawdy

Cover Photos by Joe Malaney & Bob zuHone

## Florida Packard Meet: 20-Nov-2022

The Annual Florida Packard Meet took place at the traditional venue of "Wits End", home of Jacki Kaiser. Unfortunately, the weather was not very cooperative. Early morning rain, overcast skies, a brisk wind, and temperature in the 50's put a damper on the festivities. Official starting time was 9AM, but the first Packard did not arrive until shortly after 10. But by noon, half a dozen gorgeous Packards had arrived. Several Sunshine Region AACA members were in attendance, but none drove a Packard. Under less than ideal weather conditions, all present seemed to be enjoying the event.

~~~Jimmy Mayne



'53 Clipper



'47 2-Dr Coupe



'53 Clipper



'54 Cavalier



'15 Runabout



'39 110 Sedan

**2023 AACA Winter NATIONALS**

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## 1927 Marmon Little 8

While driving from NH to PA, our car was throwing weird alerts. We drove to a GMC dealer, and it went into the shop. It took a week to find the problem. One computer chip was fighting with another computer chip, While we were there, Ed noticed this old car in the showroom with the following description:

*“Marmon Motor Co., Detroit, MI as early as 1920, employed as many as 5000 people to produce innovative & stylish Automobiles through the 1920’s. In 1927 Marmon introduced a unique automobile, the Little Marmon, the first eight cylinder car in the world to sell for under \$1000. The Little Marmon was a great success; and by the end of 1928, more than 47000 cars had been sold. At the time, Ford was producing*



*the Model “A”, much smaller and a motor half the size.”*  
 ~~~Lorraine Orr

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### Anniversaries



|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Linda & Steven HALL         | 02-Dec-1978 |
| Belle & Bill SWANTON        | 24-Dec-1977 |
| Lorraine & Edward ORR       | 26-Dec-1964 |
| Debbie & Jim WILSON         | 28-Dec-1985 |
| Maggie KRUGER & Mark SPEARS | 05-Jan-2022 |

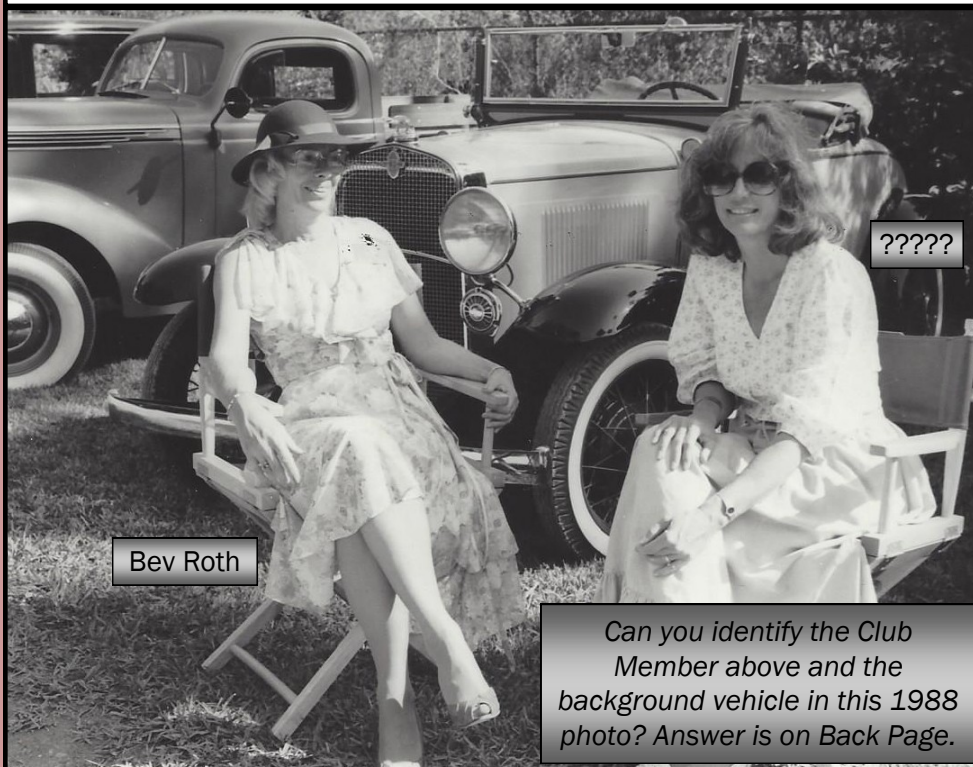
*The failure is the man who stays down when he falls.*  
 ~~~David Dunbar Buick

### Birthdays



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|-------------------|--------|
| Kimberly QUINTENZ | 04-Dec |
| Gloria LESSIG     | 06-Dec |
| Gael ANDERSON     | 10-Dec |
| Debbie WILSON     | 10-Dec |
| AI EVANGELISTA    | 14-Dec |
| Richard BROWN     | 16-Dec |
| Jane PERRAULT     | 17-Dec |
| Bruce SKAGGS      | 19-Dec |
| Scott LANGENEGER  | 19-Dec |
| Bob ZUHONE        | 22-Dec |
| Ann CARLIN        | 30-Dec |
| Jan SANTORO       | 30-Dec |
| Frank BOWLES      | 30-Dec |
| Betsy ANDREWS     | 02-Jan |
| John KEFALONITIS  | 04-Jan |
| Arthur SICILIANO  | 09-Jan |
| Susan FIGLIOTI    | 10-Jan |
| AI BESSE          | 14-Jan |
| Edward ORR        | 17-Jan |
| Bill SWANTON      | 17-Jan |
| Phil DICARLO      | 22-Jan |
| Marge HALL        | 31-Jan |

## December Mystery Photo



Bev Roth

*Can you identify the Club Member above and the background vehicle in this 1988 photo? Answer is on Back Page.*

## Restoration Tips & Tricks submitted by Brad Hindall

*Editors Note: This is Brad's second group of problem solving tips. See September issue for more.*

- To remove a rusty fastener in either wood or metal, first try to tighten it before trying to remove it. Also, for stubborn screws in wood, apply heat to the head from a soldering gun or iron. Do not insert screws without applying beeswax or paraffin to the threads, especially into hard wood.
- When dealing with bolts that have cotter pin holes, file a mark on the bolt end in alignment with the hole.
- To tighten or loosen studs, firmly tighten two nuts against each other separated by a washer. The washer will prevent a socket from going on too far while turning the studs.
- It is not a good idea to attempt to start a vehicle that has been in storage or out of commission for a long time. It is imperative that the oil pan be dropped and checked for sludge, water, etc in the crankcase area. If not, the old sludge could be pumped into oil lines and create a large problem.
- Some of us are into vehicles where we cannot pick up a phone and just order whatever part we need. Oft times an old head gasket can be reused if it is not too badly ruined by simply soaking it in hot water for about an hour thereby swelling the asbestos so a good seal can be obtained.
- To remove a clutch pilot bearing bushing pack the hole in the rear of the crankshaft with grease and obtain a short rod that is a snug fit for the bearing. Drive the rod into the cavity and hopefully the bushing will start to move out under the hydraulic pressure.
- New old stock cork and paper gaskets usually shrink while in storage. If you have this problem soak the gasket in hot water for a little bit. It will usually come back to proper size.
- It is always wise to check the radiator overflow pipe once in a while, especially if the vehicle has been setting for a while (bugs are always looking for a place to hide, particularly in Florida) To check simply place a rubber tube over the pipe end and blow. If a restriction is found run a soft wire through the pipe or blow it out under pressure.
- Before starting a restoration or other major undertaking on a car new to you, it is usually a good idea to have the vehicle steamed cleaned or at least pressure washed inside and out. With the crud removed the entire project will be slightly easier.
- To prevent leaf spring breakage make sure all spring clips are tight. Leaf springs usually break on their rebound and not on compression. When properly tighten the clips allow all the leaves to do their job, not just the main one. Broken springs can also result from improper spring shackle adjustment.
- Some camper light bulbs come in 12 volts that fit into a standard socket. Make an emergency trouble light by taking a standard droplight, replace the plug with two large alligator clips, replace the 110-volt bulb with the camper bulb you purchased from your friendly RV dealer and hook it to your 12-volt battery,
- Sometimes, particularly on more modern vehicles, spark plugs are difficult to get started because of where they are. Using a piece of rubber fuel line slipped over the spark plug ceramic will often allow one to get the plug at least started on the threads.
- To prevent future battery terminal corrosion, thoroughly clean and dry the terminals and clamps and paint with Karo or other corn syrup, it will dry in about an hour and no more corrosion.
- A perfect clamp to hold a bolt or stud for additional work, without harming the threads or shoulder surface, can be made by making a split nut. Simply hacksaw a slot in one of the flats of the proper sized nut, screw the item to be reworked in the nut and clamp the split nut in a vise on any two of the other five flats.
- A good trick to align head gaskets and heads during installation where bolts, not studs, are used is a couple of bolts longer than the regular head bolts with the heads cut off. Hacksaw screwdriver slots in the unthreaded ends to remove the alignment studs after a few regular head bolts have been installed.
- Determining Rear Axle Ratio, 3 possibilities.
  - 1) The most accurate way is to remove the differential cover plate and count the number of teeth on both the pinion gear and ring gear. Divide the ring gear number by the pinion gear number.
  - 2) Jack up one rear wheel, put the transmission in neutral, and have a helper turn the rear wheel, by hand, through two exact revolutions. Count the number of revolutions the drive shaft is going through to a tenth of a revolution. This is made easier by making a mark on the driveshaft to aid in counting. Go through this procedure a few times and take an average.
  - 3) If you are really lucky a little metal tab may still be affixed to the differential housing after all these years and it may have the information you are looking for.

## Board or Directors Meeting 09-Nov-2022

The Sunshine Region Board met for a breakfast meeting at Hot Sands Bar & Grill. In attendance were John Cavanaugh, Carolyn Skaggs, Jacki Kaiser, Barb Shapiro, Bob zuHone, Linda Langeneger, Joe Malaney, and Richard Brown. The nominating committee chair Linda Langeneger reviewed the slate of officers for 2023-24. No one has volunteered to serve as Secretary.

The major topic of discussion that ensued was the future of the Sunshine Region. Our numbers are waning with memberships in the low 60's, meeting attendance in the 20's, and event attendance in the single digits for the most part. One glimmer of hope was 17 cars and 26 people in attendance at the Powel Crosley Estate Tour with Linda Langeneger as event planner. Realistically, how do we survive with all the dwindling numbers? Aging and health issues are taking a toll and fatigue from serving over and over creates morale problems. Who is left to step up to carry the club forward? Who is left to give back?

Communication has been the backbone of the Sunshine Region. Thankfully our Web Master, Barb Shapiro, keeps us digitally informed, despite major responsibilities at home.

Our newsletter has been a major form of communication featuring articles & pictures that keep members informed regardless of where they are residing. However, Jimmy Mayne will be taking a well

deserved departure as Editor of the award winning Sutter 'n Sputter. The December, 2022, will be his 60th & final publication. Will someone volunteer to be Editor? Do we need to consider another way of communicating with the membership? As a temporary way to fill the void, Carolyn Skaggs volunteered to write a monthly schedule which Barb Shapiro volunteered to send out digitally.

Bob zuHone will be forming a committee to clarify our arrangements with the Fire Department regarding the 2023 D-K Show.

The Board moved on to positive thinking by giving back to our community. Donations will be made to the Circus Arts Conservatory and to Powel Crosley Historical Tours. Jacki Kaiser will again have the Packard Show on November 20th from 9-3. Linda Langeneger is planning several tours for 2023. Best of all, we are planning a picnic like the one we did February, 2022. Bob zuHone will check out our proposed date of Saturday, March 11, 2023 with Farm Bureau. The picnic will be celebrating our members by giving back with food, fun and games for a get together. Since it will be the month of St Patrick's Day, you can add a little green to your attire with your green name badge and come out to be with your friends of the Sunshine Region. Respectfully submitted,

~~~Carolyn Skaggs, Secretary

## Calendar of Events

**Fri-Sun, Dec 2-4: Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance.**

TPC Golf Course, 5300 W Lutz Lake Fern Rd, Lutz, FL 33558, <https://gasparillaconcours.com>

**\*\* Thr, Dec 15, 6PM: Holiday Lights Trolley Tour**

Event Planner - Carolyn Skaggs

**\*\* Wed, Dec 21, 12 Noon: Membership Meeting. & Holiday Gift Exchange**

Shriners Hot Sands Bar & Grill, 600 N Beneva Rd, Kitchen opens at 11AM for lunch orders.

**\*\* Sat; Mar 11: Sunshine Region Picnic (Tentative)**

Sarasota Farm Bureau, 7289 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota 34240. Event Planner - Bob zuHone

**\*\* Sun, Apr 30, 9AM-2PM: 52nd Devereaux-Kiser**

Sarasota County Fairgrounds

**\*\*Every Monday, 11:30AM: Lunch at Papa Nick's.**

4940 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 (in Shopping Plaza) Questions? Guys call Bob ZuHone (941) 371-9339, ladies call Carolyn Skaggs (239) 281-6288.

\*\*AACA Sunshine Region Events

## AACA National Meets & Tours

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## President's Corner

We had a fabulous morning for the Veterans Day Parade down Main Street. We arrived at Main & SR301 about 9:30AM. It was a relatively warm and a very sunny morning. The parade officially started at 10:00. I knew four spectators along Main St. Two came over to the car to say "hello". We had school marching bands, Fire Department trucks & cars, the new Sarasota School Board members, Sarasota Hospital personnel, and a number of cycle riders just to mention a few. Five Sunshine Region members had their cars in the parade. By 11:00, our group had finished, and most of us proceeded over to Fruitville Rd on the way home. Listening to the radio, I heard that Riverview, FL, just south of Tampa, had very heavy showers while we had none. We were so fortunate to have such fabulous weather.

At our November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, our Sunshine Region AACA Club gave an outstanding fabulous congratulations to our retiring Jimmy Mayne as Editor of the Stutter 'n Sputter, monthly publication for the past five years. Bruce Skaggs volunteered to assume the position of Newsletter Editor. We had offered Jimmy triple no-pay but he said thanks but no thanks. Jimmy said that he would help Bruce with the procedures, etc. And we did not have to offer Bruce double no-pay.

Karen Knuese volunteered to assume the Secretary's position which completed our slate of Officers for 2023-24.

Our November program was recognition of the Veterans who were present at the meeting. Each told of their individual experiences in the Service. Linda Langenegger presented a ribbon and they had first choice of her home-made cookie cake. The Veterans who were present were Gene Cohen, Steve Hall, Brad Hindall, Jack Knuese, Ed Orr, Joe Malaney, Bob Tone, & John Cavanaugh. Last item that may be of interest to our readers: Veterans Day is on November 11<sup>th</sup> and does not change. World War One ended on the 11<sup>th</sup> month, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day and on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. The poppy is worn on the right side. The red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who did not have their loved ones return home and the green leaf represents the grass & crops growing and future prosperity after the war that had destroyed so much. It is the younger generations who do not understand the meanings of this paragraph.

~~~John Cavanaugh, President

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## Welcome New Members

### Gerry & Irene Corbino

are here from the western suburbs of Chicago. They were introduced to our Club by Carolyn Skaggs and are also members of the Suncoast British Car Club. Their classic is a 1950 MGTB.

**Membership Meeting: 16-Nov-2022** (Photos from Meeting on Facing Page ▶)

The monthly meeting of the Sunshine Region AACA was called to order by President John Cavanaugh. He led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The Club recognized Jimmy Mayne with an award plaque & clock combination (photo Pg 9) for outstanding service and dedication for excellence in journalism as the Editor of the award winning Stutter 'n Sputter newsletter from 2018 thru 2022. He received a well deserved standing ovation from the Sunshine Region members.

Nominating Committee Chair Linda Langenegger presented the following slate of officers for 2023-24:

- President, Carolyn Skaggs
- Vice President, Jack Knuese
- Secretary, Karen Knuese
- Treasurer, Joe Malaney

All were accepted unanimously. Bruce Skaggs volunteered to be the Editor of a simplified digital newsletter and a special thank you to Karen Knuese, and to Bruce Skaggs for stepping up at the last moment.

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Joe Malaney reported all bills were paid including donations to Circus Arts Conservatory and Powel Crosley History Tours.

Secretary Carolyn Skaggs reviewed the October minutes.

Sunshine Julia zuHone asked that members please contact her if cards need to be sent.

Membership Lorraine Orr presented a different name tag that cost \$2 less and can be purchased from a business in Venice area. No action taken.

Our newest members are Gerry & Irene Corbino.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Linda Langenegger reported that 17 cars and 30 people attended her Powel-Crosley tour which was excellent attendance.

Veterans Parade: John reported five cars attended. December 15<sup>th</sup> Holiday Lights Tour-Carolyn Skaggs reported a few seats are still available. Call 941-346-3115 to make reservation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Gasparilla Concours and Car Show contact Jim Wilson at [debandjimwilson@aol.com](mailto:debandjimwilson@aol.com) for more info.

Gene Cohen received an invitation to attend the Sahib Holiday Party on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and invited all members to join an AACA table for the evening. He sent a sign up sheet around. Contact Gene if you would like to join him or if you need more details.

**THE PROGRAM**

Honoring our Veterans - John Cavanaugh; Gene Cohen; Steve Hall; Brad Hindall; Jack Knuese; Joe Malaney; Ed Orr; and Bob Tone all told stories about their time served in service to our country.

Bruce Skaggs won name tag drawing.

Reminder: Bring \$5 wrapped gift to the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Dessert will be served after lunch at 11am and gift exchange game will be the program at 12 noon at Hot Sands Bar and Grill, Shrine Center, 600N Beneva, Sarasota. Respectfully submitted,

~~~Carolyn Skaggs, Secretary

*Editor's Note: "Toys for Tots" were collected at this meeting and given to Bob zuHone for Delivery (see photo on Page 9)*



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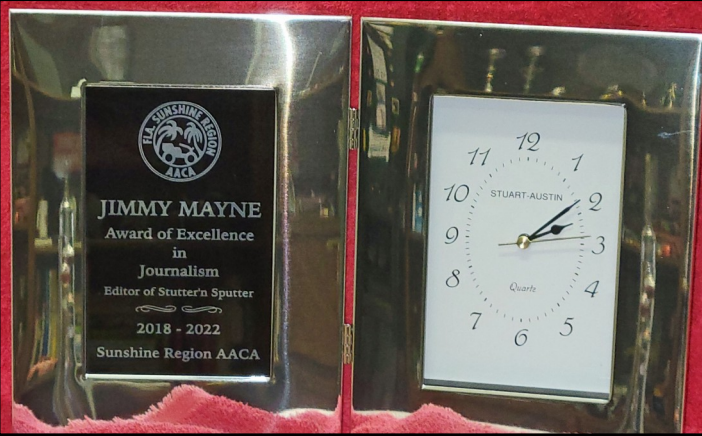
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## 1927 Nash Speedster



take it to two car shows. It is the type of vehicle that would have been constructed to go racing in the 1920's. Speed equipment was really not available so off with the body, fenders, and running boards to remove as much weight as possible. All the work was done by me with the exception of powder coating the frame. Car has an original Nash



After three years I have recently completed the build of my 1927 Nash Boat Tail Speedster. I previously had a 1926 Nash Touring car and sold it. I had a parts cars resting in my storage area trying to decide what to do with them. I searched the internet and realized no one had ever built a Nash Speedster. I took the challenge thinking it would take about one year. I should have known better, three years later it's finished. Since I completed it in August, I have only been able to

OHV 6 cylinder engine with three speed transmission. Brooklands wind screens were added as a windshield. My plan is to compete in hill climbs and do some touring.

~~~Al Ruckey

# Veterans Day Parade - Sarasota, FL: 11-Nov-2022 *(continued Next Page ▶)*



Dan Kennedy

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> tropical storm Nicole passed west of the city, hitting Sarasota with high winds and heavy rainfall throughout the day. It did not look good for the Veterans Day Parade scheduled for the next day. However, the

Parade Marshal, Sunshine Region member, Dan Kennedy, pulled it off to perfection! Friday morning arrived with blue skies and temperatures rising slowly to the low 80's. It was a perfect day for the Parade! The theme for the Parade was "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave". The Parade was led by a Color Guard and other members of local Law Enforcement. Veteran's groups from World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War were in attendance. Participants included bands from Sarasota and Venice High Schools along



Police Escort



Patriotic Crowds



Sarasota High School  
**JROTC**  
BULL DOG BATTALION



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with local civic clubs and scouting groups. Five members of the Sunshine Region AACA had their cars in the Parade: Tony Piazza, Jimmy Mayne, Bob zuHone, John Cavanaugh, and Gael & John Anderson. It was a great day to honor America's Heroes!  
~~~Jimmy Mayne



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**Sunshine Region Parade Cars**

- 1) 1958 Chevy Impala (Mayne)
- 2) 1979 Buick Park Ave (Cavanaugh)
- 3) 1965 Ford Thunderbird (Piazza)
- 4) 1931 Plymouth (zuHone)
- 5) 1925 Dodge Touring (Anderson)



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**Editor Comments**

Well, here it is my final publication of the Stutter 'n Sputter, issue number 60 of 60. It's hard to believe that I've been doing this now for five years. I have no regrets.

I've said many times before that the quality of the Newsletter is dependent on the contributions from the membership. I'm not going to try to name them all, but you know who the consistent contributors have been. The one specific person that I do want to mention is Joe Malaney whose work behind the scenes as our Proof Reader probably went unnoticed by most folks except for me. I believe there was only one issue in five years that Joe didn't find something that needed to be corrected.

Bruce Skaggs will be replacing me as Newsletter Editor. I believe he has something a bit different in mind regarding the communication process. I wish him well, and I trust that you will give him the level of support that I have received.

I'm now looking forward to spending more time working in the Man Cave and less time in front of the computer.

So with that let me end by wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Healthy & Prosperous New Year. Good luck to us all!

~~~Jimmy Mayne

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PS: A big "Thank You" goes out to the entire Membership for your very thoughtful gift.

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Linda Langeneeger and their 1931 Chevy Roadster "Eloise" (reference November 2022 issue) at "Spanish Point" in 1988 relaxing with her friend Bev Roth.