**April 2012** 



## Olde News

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### FCTC ASKS FOR DISPLAY CARS

From Bill Soman

First Coast Technical School has invited ACAC members to display their vintage vehicles on campus Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch will be available after 11:30 a.m. The club had fun doing this a few years ago. Contact Bill for details.



#### Dewey Joins St. Patrick's Day Parade



Chief leprechaun Dewey Porter, with his no-so-green Chevy, joined pals from St. Augustine Bank in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. But who is the extra fellow?

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- Apr.13 Olde Guys with Olde Cars breakfast at Steak&Shake, 9 a.m.
- Apr.14 ACAC Cruise-In at Steak&Shake
- Apr.14 Hammock 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Custom & Classic Car Show 11 a.m.- 3p.m. Free lunch for participants. Contact: Terrance Shea cell: 386)237-7004 5328 N. Ocean Shore Blvd. Palm Coast
- Apr. 14 Clay County PAL Car Show, Garber Auto Mall, Green Cove Springs
- Apr. 14 Fruit Cove Baptist Church Car Show, 8 a.m. 2 p.m., 501 SR13, Jacksonville
- Apr. 17 First Coast Tech Car Display 10 a.m. 1 p.m.
- Apr. 19 Board Meeting at Weisses 7 p.m.
- Apr. 21 Fish Fry at St. Paul's, Federal Point, E. Palatka, 12 noon 4 p.m.
- Apr. 21 St. Augustine Cruisers, Ponce de Leon Mall
- Apr. 28 Crankin' A's at Barberville. 1776 Lightfoot Lane Contact: 386) 749-2959
- Apr. 28 Lake Helen Classic & Antique Car Show Blake Park, 493 S. Lakeview Dr.
- May 19 St. Augustine Cruisers Show, FSDB Grounds, San Marco Ave.

Check it out: Club web site: http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity/

#### **AACA Winter Meet in Melbourne, FL**

From John Guarnieri

Lynda and I took the '55 Dodge to Melbourne just one week after I put the top of the engine back on the car. The engine was painted 5 years ago, but some paint was lifting around the bolts on the engine manifold, and to maintain the vehicle's Grand National status, more maintenance was needed than just polishing.

We headed out Friday morning just after 9 a.m. and were nearing I-95 when I realized I'd left my cell phone home. Quick U-turn, for phone retrieval. This senior moment paid off, though, as about an hour out from Melbourne we were called by friends to warn us of an accident north of Melbourne which caused the Highway Patrol to shut down I-95. Had we not returned for the phone, we would have been in a 2-hour tie-up.

We stayed at the host hotel, the Hilton, which allowed us to park directly across the road in reserved trailer parking. We spent the afternoon with the Cape Canaveral Region host club, visiting with the many friends we've made in the AACA and see only at the national shows. The evening was filled with a cocktail party and barbecue dinner, which was catered and featured unending food and desserts.

Saturday morning found us in the shows is more relaxed when preservation awards.

June, when we will be Grand Nationals, be seeking a Senior On to the show. ture perfect, and der 300 show vehidrove down with Ron '76 Buick for an HPOF

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The weather was picthe field had just uncles. Dewey Porter Leone and showed his award. Jim and Tuni Weiss

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MitchII, who cranked the car to life. The

After the show, we recognized St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage at a downtown pub. Saturday night's banquet dinner was sold out, with awards announced by a member from Hershey who prides himself on reading award winner's names in record time. Typically this event would run from an hour to an hour and a half. This character zipped through the names in 40 minutes, with the result that some names could not be recognized. I waited for my class number and went up when what sounded like Guarnieri was announced. As hard as we work to achieve this recognition, this kind of rushing makes no sense

Sunday morning was the reverse of Friday, and we made it home with no incident. Now we look forward to the Grand National and Southeastern Special Fall meet at Shelbyville, TN, on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The Dodge will be shown in both events.

**Ed. Note: HPOF stands for Historic Preservation of Original Features** 











#### Fun in the Sun

Driving skills, shooting skills, cooking skills! All of these were on display at the ACAC Rodeo Picnic March 24<sup>th</sup>, as 31 club members and friends met at the Frank Butler Park West. Games Meister Bill Soman directed drivers in Olde Cars in exercises like Over the Cliff, Spear the Potato, and Blindfolded Parking. Winners of the 3 events: Parking-Jim Weiss, driver, Toby Irwin, navigator; Potato Stabbing-Cliff Williams, driver, Tony Evangelista, stabber; OTCliff-Mark Young. Last event of the day was an Annie Oakley Wanna-Be exercise. Air rifles were provided for attempts to pop a balloon target. Watch out, guys! Kathy Young got the job done with one try.

Ron Leone outdid himself on the grill, offering not only fully dressed 'dogs', but also chili and a buffet of salads, drinks, chips, and a dessert of strawberry shortcake.



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#### **At Amelia Concours:** ACAC pro photo-journalist Joe Greeves toured the show and gifted Olde News with the following shots of outstanding elements.



This year's Concours celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Ferrari 250 GTO, the most coveted example of the brand. Only 39 were ever made and 499 FX is one of four especially built to compete in long-distance runs like LeMans.



Based on a cartoon created by Robert Cumberford of Road and Track, the Cyclops first appeared in 1957. The father and son team of Glenn Matt Thomas built their own version, using 16 gauge steel and plywood.



Louis Chenot's completed model of the 1932 Duesenberg SJ is authentic in every detail, including the V-8 engine that runs, all based on 50 years of research.



The 1961 Corvette Mako Shark concept car was designed by Larry Shinoda and inspired by the Mako shark hanging on the wall in GM designer Bill Mitchell's office. After several failed attempts of painting the car to match the shark, the team stole the shark one night and painted it to match the car. Mitchell never caught on.



Only two 1956 Die Valkerie Cadillacs were ever made. Designer Brooks Stevenson was enamored of potent American V-8's and incorporated the huge Vee into the grille of his design. It has a lift-off top. The car is part of the Bortz collection.



Eric Zausner commissioned famed car designer Steve Moal to build the ultimate hot rod. Fitted with a Ferrari V-12 engine, the Torpedo became an Auto Week cover car shortly after it debuted.

#### **April Board Minutes**

.ACAC Board Meeting Minutes (Printed as received by Olde News.)
March 13, 2012 At the home of Mark and Kathy Young

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with Charlie Williams, Cliff Williams, Mark and Kathy Young, Jim and Tuni Weiss, Dewey Porter and Bob Quackenbush in attendance.

AACA wants us to review our bylaws; President Jim Weiss said that ours were in compliance. Bill Soman should be aware of the 4 free memberships available to new members. No new members in the last week or so. Cliff Williams is chasing down some new members. It was suggested that a short bio of members be included in *Olde News*. Cliff said that 18 name tags have been handed out. It was suggested that door prizes for the women who attend the cruise-ins be included.

The treasurer's report was approved; it is up to date.

Mark said that the newsletter should be no more than 8 pages and in black and white for those who get the newsletter by regular mail. A motion for the newsletter to be printed in color by Tuni was seconded by Charlie and passed.

Joe Greeves sent a pile of photos from Amelia Island to Mark and Kathy for inclusion in the newsletter.

Car Show: Mark has prepared 2 judging sheets—questions about AACA Winners or Senior Cars. There is confusion regarding the previous AACA winners which will be cleared up by the time of our show in November. Should we do a National Show? Trophies—Have Real Trophies. Flyers—not ready yet. D&B maybe doesn't want craft show. Flyers ready by April. AACA not good about advertising our show.

Olde News—sent out immediately after general meeting; did not have time to include the minutes from the general meeting.

Charlie Williams—a sign up list for activities will be available at the meetings when the activity is announced.

Bob Barton should be the one to sell 50-50 tickets at the Cruise-ins at Steak 'n' Shake; also handle getting the door-prize tickets out to the participants.

April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. People making expenditures should get approval from the board before presenting bills to the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Quackenbush, Secretary.

#### OGWOC REPORT

From Dewey Porter

Another record was broken March 9, when 17 Old Guys met at Steak & Shake for their monthly breakfast. For the third month in a row, Dewey Porter's ride *did not* have to go home on a roll back truck!

In addition, the Old Guys crammed S&S lot with Old Cars. Jim Weiss: elegant Willys-Knight roadster. Fred Bauer: modified Chevy pickup. Ray Cornett: Jaguar convertible. John Guarnieri: Rumble Bee Dodge pickup. Porter: '28 Chevy. Charlie Williams: Saturn roadster. Doug Neitzel: Cadillac convertible. Bob Barton: Monte Carlo. Bob Quackenbush: '31 Cadillac limo resto-rod. Porter's Pick: Bob Hubbard's 1956 Ford Country Squire station wagon. A mini car show!

Bob Hubbard also brought a guest, Cliff Smith, and John Guarnieri hosted father and son guests, Carmen and Brad Altavilla.

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#### Prez Sez:

I want to thank all who participated in the Rodeo Picnic at Butler Park. All the events were fun, especially when the crowd was cheering everyone on.

The Melbourne AACA National meet was a success for all our members that brought cars to the show and it was great to see some of our members come down to view the show.

One of the Melbourne club members did a YouTube video with a lot of the cars that were on the show field. The video is 10 minutes long but is well worth watching as it tells you the make and year of the vehicle.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQVRGJjPyZo

I am looking forward to seeing our collector cars driving around St. Augustine.

Happy Driving, Jim Weiss Ancient City Auto Club

Monthly Meeting, April 5, 2012

At Creekside Restaurant, St. Augustine, FL

President Jim Weiss called the meeting together after the meal at 7:08 p.m. Guests Phil Chenevert (came with Peter Starr), who owns a '50 Studebaker, and Jan and Max Miller were welcomed. All acknowledged the fine job Ron Leone did in providing for and planning the May 25<sup>th</sup> Rodeo.

Cliff Williams, Vice President, again thanked Ron for the Rodeo and mentioned the St. Amrose Fair; St. Paul's Fish Fry April 21 was advertised. The COA needs help. Most people have their name tags; soon there will be a .25 fine.

Minutes as sent to membership accepted; Treasurer, Tuni Weiss, gave report; accepted.

Bill Soman reported that we got a refund from one our scholarship recipients.

Mark Young, Show Chairman reported that we are moving along. Shirts from Queensboro.com are being ordered and we are taking orders; call Mark to place your order.

Kathy Young, Newsletter Editor, reports that she has enough for this month's edition, especially from John Guarnieri and Dewey Porter.

Bill Soman, Membership Chairman, reported 43 memberships; new members are coming, too. He has received 3 letters so far for the scholarships well recommended by teacher.

Charley Williams, Activities Chairman, listed the upcoming activities. See the activities report for details.

Bob Barton requested that all support the Cruise In on the Second Saturday night of each month at Steak 'n' Shake.

The next "eat out" is at Yamoto Steakhouse on April 26, 6 p.m. Dick Sherrod won the 50/50--\$42.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Quackenbush, Secretary

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